

Preliminary Conference Sessions

Administrative/Leadership

A Case Study on the Role of Storytelling in Social-Emotional Learning: Insights from a Nigerian Early Childhood Classroom

Administrators, You are NOT in this Alone!

Advocacy of Avenues: Navigating Routes of Advocacy in a Changing Climate and Through Uncertain

Building Strong Foundations: Mentoring Early Childhood Educators for Success

Carpe Diem: Managing Time with Purpose

Celebrating Cultures and Families: Building Bridges for Young Learners

Conscious Discipline: Grab Your Shades

Creating a Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Program

Effective Social Media Marketing Strategies for the Child Care Industry Effective Strategies for Staff Retention Elevating Leadership: Building Staff Success with Intention and Purpose How to Get it All Done? Creating Systems that Work

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Integrating Media and Technology in Early Childhood Education

Mentoring for Mental Wellness and Professional Growth in Early Childhood Education

More than a Title: Rethinking Leadership in Early Childhood

Nature-Based Preschools? Sharing Conclusions of a Visioning Process to Formalize the Status of Nature-Based Early Childhood Programs

No More Quiet Corners: Reclaiming Your Voice in Early Childhood Spaces

TEAMS: Creating A Team Environment Through Leadership

The I Got this Mindset: From Daily Chaos to Confident Control

Working Smarter, Not Harder!

Child Development

A Multi-Faceted Approach to Improving Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments Active Play in Cold Weather: Supporting Outdoor Play in ECE Settings

All Are Welcome: Tools to Foster a Sense of Belonging

Beyond Labels: Understanding and Affirming Neurodiversity in Young Children

Celebrating Childhood through Loose Parts Play

Communicating and Correcting: Supporting Young Children with Challenging Behaviors

Cracking the Code: Identifying the Functions of Behavior

"Crayons, Paper, and Beyond: Oh the Places We Can Go!" Planning Creative Learning Experiences in Early Childhood Education

Critical Connections

Emergent Writing

Empowering Young Minds: Advancing Early Childhood Development with Executive Function and Cutting-Edge Teacher Strategies Foundations and Activities for Self-Regulation

From Anecdotes to Action: Using Observations to Celebrate Growth and Strengthen Family Partnerships Infant and Toddler Development: Magda Gerber's Educaring Approach Listen with Your Eyes: Understanding the Communication Behind Preschool **Behavior**

Little Scientists, Big Imaginations: Exploring Science Through Creative Play

Look Who's Talking/ Focus on Communicating with Infants, Speech and Language Skills is Associated with Success in Developing Reading, Writing, and Interpersonal Skills. Nature Play for the W.H.O.L.E. Child: **Outdoor Learning Across Domains** Playing with Questioning and Questioning While Playing

Puppetry as Empowerment: Providing Opportunity for Every Child's Voice to Be Heard

Purposeful Play: Selecting and Creating Materials with Skill-Building in Mind

Supporting Early Language and Brain Development in Young Children

The Gifts of Imperfection: A For Guide Childcare Provider

Theory-Informed Practice: Understanding, Observing, and Designing Experiences for Young Learners

Tiny Tummies, Big Impact: A Providers Children's Achievements in Early Guide to Healthy Eating

Ways to Incorporate Engaging Math Activities in the Classroom

Curriculum

Apples, Alligators, and All That! The Importance of Literacy Experiences Author Studies: Beyond Storytime Context, Content, and Conversations with Read Alouds

Core Vocabulary: Supporting **Functional Communication Skills for** Young Children

Creating Science Experiences for Little People: What Do I Do?

Fun with Phonemes

If the Earth Was a Cookie ... Hands-on **Environmental Education for Young** Learners

Nutrition in Action: Tailoring and **Evaluating Family-Centered Activities**

Penning Playfully: Sparking Literacy in Preschoolers Through Shared and Interactive Writing

Planting Seeds of Sustainability: Cultivating Life-Long Skills in Early Childhood Education

Songs & Rhymes for Little Minds Stories of Play: Using Observation and Documentation to Assess Learning and Development

The Intermingled Curriculum There is Power in Numbers

Tools from the Toolbox- A Brain -Based Approach to Child Guidance

DEIB

Emotion Monsters: Teaching Regulation Skills Let's Celebrate!: Recognizing Childhood Education SECA Conversations for Change United We Play and Learn

Family Child Care Homes

ENGAGE Building a Mentorship Program for Family Child Care **Providers**

Self Care: Prioritize Now or Burnout **Tomorrow**

The Garden Club: Growing Together in Family Child Care

Mental Health

Beneath Your Scars, A Warrior Rises Building Resilient Minds: Tools for Emotional Well-Being Coaching Children Through Big **Emotions**

FLIP IT: Strategies for Transforming Challenging Behaviors

Intentional Wellness through Rest and Self Compassion

Maternal Depression and the Effects on Children. Camden's Story

My Feelings Toolbox: Tools to Empower Emotional Regulation in Little Learners

You Can't Pour from an Empty Cup: **Understanding Emotional Literacy**

Professional Development

Artful Observations Building a School Family Coaching Infant and Toddler Educators to Support Children's Approaches to Play and Learning Equity on the Down Low Family Engagement, a Love or Hate Relationship How to Integrate Literacy & Math in

your PreK Classroom

Inclusive Practices for Engaging Multilingual and Multicultural Families

Move, Play, Learn: Empowering **Educators with Physical Activity**

Rediscover Your Spark: Play as a Tool

for Teacher Renewal