



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

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

Pieces (Peace) to the Leadership Puzzle

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

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

Little Chefs, Big Lessons: Cooking to Support Early Learning

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

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 Guide to Healthy Eating

Ways to Incorporate Engaging Math Activities in the Classroom

Curriculum

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 Children's Achievements in Early 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

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

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

Professional Development

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