

PTAC

July
26, 27, 28, 2022

Preschool Teachers Adventure Conference

Workshops for

Early Childhood Educators,
Mother's Day Out Providers,
Preschool Teachers,
Directors & Administrators



Sponsored by

The Adventure Preschool at Windwood Presbyterian Church 10555 Spring Cypress Road, Houston, TX 77070

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PRE-CONFERENCE

CPR/First Aid SIDS/Shaken Baby Course

Add to your professional training by attending this informative class. By attending this class you will become certified by the American Heart Association in both CPR and First Aid.

When: Monday, July 25, 2022

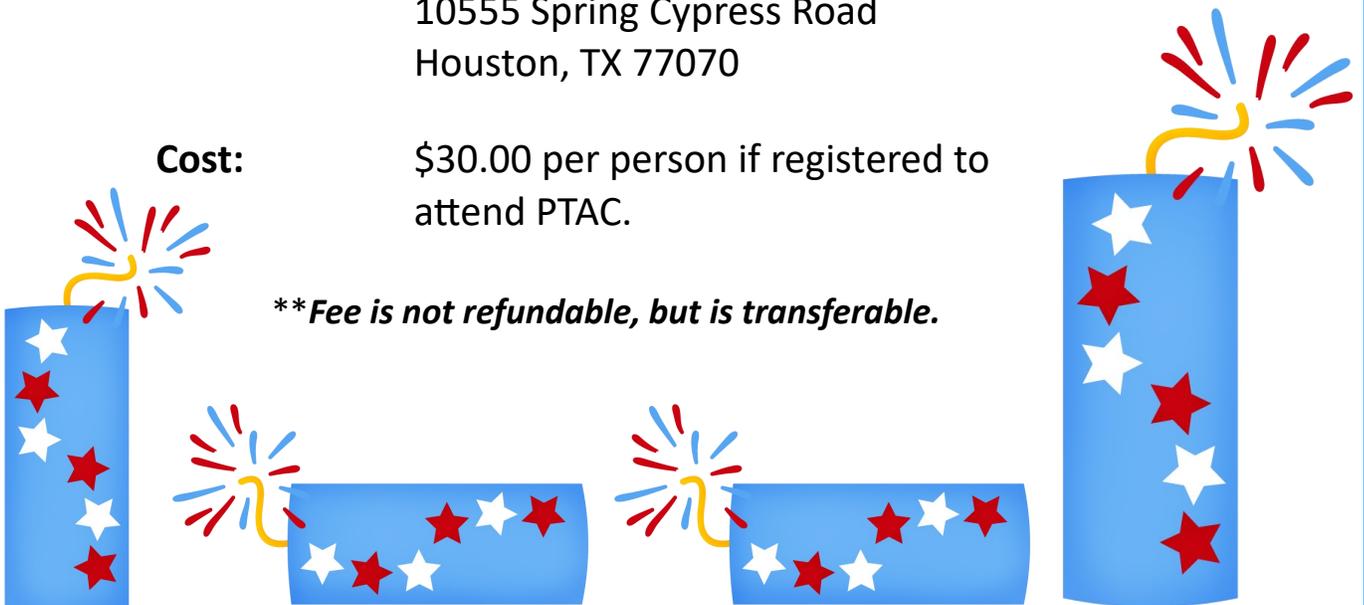
Time: 9:00 am until 12:00 noon

Location: Windwood Presbyterian Church
Worship Center

10555 Spring Cypress Road
Houston, TX 77070

Cost: \$30.00 per person if registered to
attend PTAC.

****Fee is not refundable, but is transferable.**





General Information

The Adventure Preschool would like to take the opportunity to invite you to the **25th Annual Preschool Teachers Adventure Conference** to be held July 26, 27, and 28, 2022. We have evolved from a small conference for MDO and Preschool teachers into a conference that now serves over 650 Early Childhood Professionals and Directors per day! We have nationally acclaimed speakers, along with practical and imaginative workshops, where you will find opportunities to be trained, encouraged, and motivated!

Our Speakers

Each day, we will take the opportunity to start the day together in our Worship Center and our 'satellite' rooms, while we enjoy various nationally recognized speakers and performers of interest to all. We meet again for an afternoon speaker after the last workshop session.

Conference Workshops

Each workshop is 50 minutes long and will have open seating on a first-come, first-served basis. We have special workshop sessions for those involved with Mother's Day Out and/or Preschool — each session has many workshops to choose from! Directors can choose from workshops designed specifically for them.

We will have the conference/presenter handouts available ONLINE for you to print out BEFORE you arrive. Workshop notes/handouts will be posted (www.ptacconference.org) as they become available.

Start/End Times

Registration begins at 7:30 am, followed by Praise and Worship from 7:50 to 8:05 am. Keynote Speakers run from 8:10 am until 9:00 am each day, with conference workshops starting immediately thereafter. We have an Afternoon Presenter from 2:35—3:30 pm each day.

Cancelled or Full Sessions

Last minute cancellations will be posted outside the session rooms and highlighted in our morning announcements. It is unavoidable that some of your chosen sessions will be full, but be aware that some of the workshops will be repeated. Workshops that repeat on that day are noted at the end of the workshop description.

We recommend that you have at least two alternates chosen in advance for each session time. In fairness to all participants, saving more than one seat in a session will not be allowed. Please respect "Session Full" signs, as sitting on the floor is a violation of Fire Safety Codes.

What Your Fees Include

Your fees include admission to speakers and workshops, continental breakfast and a catered lunch each day.

Cost & Registration Deadlines

The earlier you register — the less expensive attending PTAC is! Seating is limited, so we recommend that you register as soon as possible!

Regular Registration — Now through June 30th
1 Day = \$125 2 Days = \$250 3 Days = \$325

Late Registration — July 1st
1 Day = \$150 2 Days = \$275 3 days = \$350

Training Hours

In accordance with the standard for training, for each FULL day that you attend PTAC, you are eligible for 6 clock hours. If you attend all three days (including speakers) of PTAC you will be eligible for a total of 18 clock hours. Certificates for training hours will be provided with your registration materials.

Refund Policy

Registration fees are **non-refundable**, but are transferable to another early childhood professional. Should we reach capacity and are unable to accommodate you, your registration fees will be refunded.

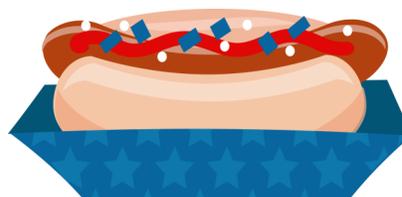
No Children Allowed

PTAC has no childcare available on the premises. **Children cannot attend PTAC or be on the premises at any time during the conference.**

Questions?

Should you have any questions about PTAC, please call The Adventure Preschool at 281-378-4080.

Extra forms and workshop handouts can be downloaded at: www.ptacconference.org



Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Registration: 7:30 am

Praise & Worship: 7:50—8:05 am

Welcome: 8:05—8:10 am

Keynote Speaker: 8:10—9:00 am



Keynote Speaker — Steve Spangler

Steve Spangler is a best-selling author, STEM educator and business leader branded by TIME Magazine as one of their “most influential people of the year” because of his passion to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. With more than 1,300 television appearances and multiple Emmy awards to his credit, Steve is also a regular guest on the Ellen DeGeneres Show where she dubbed him America’s Science Teacher. Steve’s catalog of videos featured on YouTube have more than 400 million views, and his books and online experiments are widely used by parents and educators to increase student engagement and inspire young scientists to learn more about STEM-based careers.

Footnote Speakers — David & Teesha Laflin

David and Teesha Laflin are internationally recognized Christian illusionists that have entertained and inspired audiences all across the United States and in several foreign countries since 2002. More than simply entertainers, David and Teesha are also gifted speakers. They are quick to point out that everything they do is simply an illusion. Only God can do real miracles. Through their illusions, the reality of the love of God is revealed in a way that people of all ages connect with. Even while sharing the message of Jesus Christ through the art of illusion on a full-time basis, David and Teesha continue to devote time and resources each year to missions in foreign countries.



Session 1 Workshops

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

9:30 am - 10:20 am

Director Track

Stinking Thinking: What It Is, What It Does, & How We Can Change It!

If you have ever said to yourself, “I knew the better way, why didn’t I choose that?” and followed it up with a good old-fashioned beat yourself up session, congratulations! You are officially a human being? We have knowledge, skills, and great intentions and then life happens. Our intentions join a long, but distinguished list I often refer to as my “Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda List”. Sometimes it is the realities of life that disrupt our plans, and we have to adjust. Sometimes, however, it is stinking thinking! In this session, we will unpack what stinking thinking is, what it can do to our leadership, and how we can, with simple shifts and techniques, bring our thinking back in line with our values, goals, aspirations, and dreams.

Speaker: Lori Buxton

FA: Effective Organization

How to Maintain Quality Staff & Reduce Turnover Time

One of the most important indicators of a high quality childcare is represented by quality staff, satisfied and motivated employees. In this session, participants will learn the indicators of quality staff, turnover issues, how to recruit, develop, and retain high quality staff. Participants will learn better hiring and staffing practices; improve new hire orientation; reduce cost of turnover; retain your best employees; and effective leadership skills.

Speaker: Keith Scott

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MDO/Preschool Track

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Speaker: Diane Havens

FA: Music & Movement

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young children. This interactive learning experience promotes all 5 Central Learning Domains for young children. Journey into language by joining us to learn how to enhance our youngest children’s communication, language, and literacy skills, cognitive, and physical development.

Speaker: Lillian Hubler

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Toddler Power Struggles & Challenging Behavior

When you’re faced with difficult toddler behavior in your classroom — it can be painful! You simply want to move forward with your day, yet one (or more!) of your students is digging in their heels or throwing a tantrum. This session will focus on positive strategies that will help mitigate meltdowns and willfulness. Sessions 1 & 5.

Speaker: Christi Priddy

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

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Visual Interactive Learning:

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Sign Language for Children Birth to Three Years

This session teaches American Sign Language (ASL) to caregivers of

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Speaker: Barbara Cargill

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

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Don't Burn the Bacon

Cooking in the early childhood classroom is fun for our students and fosters STEM learning by young children, but many teachers don't know where to begin! Participants of this workshop will be able to identify the safety issues of cooking with young children, benefits of classroom cooking, learning objectives that can be implemented through cooking, and examples of how to successfully implement projects in the classroom.

Speaker: Marlyn Kramer

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Preschool Discipline & Guidance: Creating Environments Where Children (and Teachers) Can Be Happy & Healthy

PRES

Why are they running the classroom? Pinching during circle time? Bored during read-alouds? In this interactive session, we'll learn how to adjust the environment to head off challenging behaviors before they start, use children's literature to initiate conversations about social and emotional development, and identify and document developmental red flags.

Speaker: Dr. Carrie Cutler

FA: Child Growth & Development

Diversity in the Classroom: Children with Special Needs

MDO/PRES

Childcare today is becoming more diversified and it is essential for childcare providers to receive all the information and updates necessary to provide quality care for our children. The purpose of this session is to discuss Autism and Sensory Processing Disorders signs and symptoms, classroom and schedule management, identification of symptoms and ways to teach to enhance child growth and development.

Speaker: Natasha Harris

FA: Care of Children with Special Needs

Teaching With Style

PRES

Everyone teaches with personality. . . The question is — which one are you? In this insightful and resourceful workshop, you will discover your natural teaching style and how it impacts learning in your classroom. If your teaching needs a lift — this workshop will help you fly! *Sessions 1, 4.*

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Professional Development

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Speaker: Kristin Miller

FA: Math & Science

Learning Through Play — Centers & Circle Time

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Let's share our ideas and inexpensive ways to motivate young learners and let them have fun while doing it! *Sessions 1, 2, 4, 5.*

Speaker: Leisha Davis

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Positive Preventive Skill Building Activities for Young Children

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Enhance Center playtime by teaching your children to self-regulate, develop perseverance, and problem solve. These social-emotional skills are the necessary stepping stones to boost your children's academic and, ultimately, life success. Participants will learn how to incorporate social and emotional learning through play in Caring Centers — including gardening, doll care, puppy care — reinforced by teacher-led interactive storytelling, using signs, songs, games and activities for play in your classroom. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Dr. Michael Hubler

FA: Child Growth & Development

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Speaker: Dr. Marianne Gibbs, OT

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Science on a Shoestring

PRES

Is your science center stocked with a few rocks, a magnifying glass and a dead insect or two? Are you stumped about how to make your science center more inspiring and impactful? Come learn how to build your science center with 10 inexpensive and easy to find items. Then, discover the many activities you can do with these items!

Speaker: Kendolyn Pope

FA: Math & Science

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Director Track

Lighting Their Fire: Knowing & Growing Your People

You have to know them before you can grow them! This is true about the children in our classrooms and it's equally true about the grown-ups you lead in your program. Relationship equity has to be established before you can begin the journey of growth and development. Join Lori as she shares her heart and her strategies for growing loyal, productive, inspired, and invested team members through knowing them!

Speaker: *Lori Buxton*

FA: *Effective Organization*

Business Management Skills on Maintaining an Effective Child Care Center

Training will consist of the latest research and best practices on business management skills for Child Care Administrators. The focus will be on maintaining an effective child care center based on 6 critical business management and leadership areas for having a quality child care center: Overall Business Management & Operations, Leadership, Human Resources, Staff Motivation & Retention, Teamwork, and Customer Service.

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FA: *Effective Organization*

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Speaker: *Diane Havens*

FA: *Music & Movement*

Temper Tantrums 101

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Come learn how to decipher why a child tantrums, what is normal behavior and how to help a child overcome tantrums before they become a distraction in the classroom.

Speaker: *Christi Priddy*

FA: *Behavior & Guidance*

Fostering Communication:

MDO

Signing Language to Enhance Language & Literacy

Participants will learn to teach basic signs and phrases to promote and enhance early childhood functional communication, which, in turn, creates the foundation of all learning — both academic and behavioral. Discover how sign language benefits young children's learning and development, along with fun and engaging songs, games, activities, and stories for immediate use in the classroom.

Speaker: *Lillian Hubler*

FA: *Teacher-Child Interactions*

The Ultimate Transitions Training

MDO

Transitions can be stressful for children, especially when they seem abrupt. We will discuss the best ways to ease your way into and out of a transition into the next activity. This session will show how to use transitions effectively, and what to expect at each developmental level for your children during transitional times.

Speaker: *Albert Wright*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

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FA: *Child Growth & Development*

Handle the Hard to Handle

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This session will teach the 7 needs of a human in order to have participants understand the origin of all behavior — especially difficult behavior. Participants will be encouraged to view discipline as need fulfillment and self care as the first step in managing difficult behavior. Of course, it will be fun and interactive! *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: *Tom Wilbeck, MA, LPC*

FA: *Behavior & Guidance*

Gather Round: It's Circle Time!

MDO/PRES

Circle time is an important part of the day in the early childhood class-

room. This special time, however, can often be challenging. How do we keep the children engaged? What activities are the most effective? How can we manage behaviors and disruptions? How long is too long? This session will answer these questions and more!

Speaker: *Marlyn Kramer*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Classroom Management & Organization

MDO/PRES

Busy children, cramped spaces, too many supplies, etc., what is a teacher to do? In this session, we will discuss classroom management, organization, structure, and how to create the atmosphere you desire for yourself and the children.

Speaker: *Natasha Harris*

FA: *Professional Development*

Creating Your Own "Gab-A-Teria"

PRES

This "hands-on," "minds-on" workshop will serve up ideas to create a center that powerfully promotes language development through natural social interaction and get your children "gabbing"! Visit the Puppet Place, Whisper Window, and the Calling Corner! *Sessions 2 & 5.*

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Superior Circle & Sensational Calendar: Simple Adjustments**For Getting the Most Out of Whole Group Instruction**

PRES

Learn tips, routines, songs, and fingerplays for taking circle time from boring and tedious to engaging and meaningful! We'll talk about scheduling, pacing, ensuring participation, even seating! In addition, we'll discover ways to update calendar time to make it developmentally appropriate. Learn how to build children's number sense, counting, patterning, listening, attention, and more. Don't wait! Make circle time great!

Speaker: Dr. Carrie Cutler

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

based learning activities for participants to take and use with their students. Together, we will learn how to make learning time meaningful and engaging for the children that we teach! Sessions 2 & 5.

Speaker: Kristin Miller

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Motivate Me: Creating a Positive & Productive**Preschool Learning Experience**

PRES

Deep down everyone hungers to learn. The problem is educators prefer shortcuts that short-circuit inner motivation in the classroom. It's easier to use incentives and even punishments to motivate a learner. The problem? Study after study shows that the use of behavioral incentives to modify behavior fail to provoke long-term results. Is there a better way? Absolutely! Just feed the NEEDS. Or, as we call'em...the GROWLS...and watch'em learn! Sessions 2 & 5.

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Teacher-Child Interactions

Enhancing Behavior & School Readiness Through Social and Emotional Learning

PRES

Participants will learn to flip all of the classroom misbehaviors into opportunities to provide positive reinforcement necessary to eliminate future misbehavior. Learn how to teach your student to problem solve for themselves and to deal with situations that cause them frustration and result in errant behavior. Participants will walk through the social-emotional behavioral process that teaches children the necessary skills to interact and assist other children in dealing with classroom conflict. Sessions 2 & 5.

Speaker: Dr. Michael Hubler

FA: Behavior & Guidance

Cognitive Learning Games in the Preschool Classroom

PRES

During this session, participants will gain insight and identify scenarios on incorporating play-based games throughout their preschool program, environment, and routines. We will have fun together creating game-

Why Not Worksheets?

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While worksheets offer an easy opportunity to fill time during the day, are they really developmentally appropriate for preschoolers? Let's discuss why they many not be appropriate in the preschool classroom and learn how to create truly authentic hands-on experiences that teach the same concepts.

Speaker: Kendolyn Pope

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Session 3 Workshops

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

11:30 am - 12:20 pm

Director Track

Pivot, Shift, Shuffle, Repeat

"She stood in the storm and when the wind did not blow her away, she adjusted her sails." — Elizabeth Edwards The ability to bend, stretch, re-imagine, and reinvent in one of the greatest skills you can possess as a leader. Join Lori for this transparent conversation of how this superpower has served us through the pandemic and how we can use it to see us through whatever comes our way!

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Math is all around us — even in the pages of favorite books like *Good-night, Gorilla* and *Scaredy Squirrel*. Join us to learn how to make more math moments in your classroom by integrating math with literacy. You can count on 20+ books with accompanying lesson ideas. More reading + more math = success for all kids!

Speaker: Dr. Carrie Cutler**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****Hands-On Math Across the Ages****PRES**

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Speaker: Kristin Miller**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****Session 4 Workshops****Tuesday, July 26, 2022****12:30 pm - 1:20 pm****Director Track****Preschool/Church Relations**

Is your preschool one of the primary ministries of your church, or the one at the bottom of the list? It's no secret that many preschools have a challenging relationship with their church. As a director/teacher can you *really* do anything to improve that relationship? The answer is, YES! In this session, we will discuss the challenges you might face with your church, but we'll also give you practical advice and hope so that you can begin building mutually beneficial bridges and relationships for the benefit of all!

Speaker: Andrew Keyes**FA: Business & Operation Management****Creating & Maintaining Dynamic Work Teams**

The key to having a successful child care center is to have a dynamic team of employees that display competent and cooperative teamwork. In this session, participants will learn team building skills that get results, keeps employees engaged and satisfied. We will learn how effective teams work together and help each other in creating a quality child care center; learn specific team building techniques and best practices for assessing and improving teams.

Speaker: Keith Scott**FA: Effective Organization****MDO/Preschool Track******LUNCH #2 IS SERVED DURING THIS TIME****Alakazam, You're Instantly a Better Teacher!****MDO**

It would be nice to say a magic word and have all the skills you need. Rub a genie bottle and you'll have a class of angels. But there are some things that you can do that mainly require a new way of thinking, rather than purchasing gadgets! Let's go through 10 small tweaks that will instantly make you a better teacher! *Session presented via Zoom.*

Speaker: Tina Houser**FA: Professional Development****Potty Training 101****MDO**

Come learn the ins and outs of potty training! Learn how to read a child's cues to know when they are ready to conquer potty training and how to partner with parents to make this transition easy and exciting!

Speaker: Christi Priddy**FA: Child Growth & Development****Sign Language for Classroom & Behavior Management****MDO**

Participants will learn common sign phrases for use in controlling the classroom quietly, teaching children self-regulation and about children's communication languages, establishing routines, picture schedules, visual classroom rules, and how to use music, games that provide a powerful foundation to enhance children's learning readiness, and pre-literacy concepts.

Speaker: Lillian Hubler**FA: Teacher-Child Interactions****I'm Supposed to do What with these Infants?****MDO**

Infant teachers are more than babysitters and play a vital role in the earliest education of young children. Come to this workshop to learn how to build positive routines, implement age appropriate activities and track the development of the littlest learners. Participants will also explore the developmental milestones of the infant period by examining

the Ages & Stages Questionnaires for this age group.

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Speaker: Tom Wilbeck, MA, LPC**FA: Professional Development****Ouch! That Hurts!****MDO/PRES**

Although hitting, biting, kicking, etc. is normal behavior for young children, it is NOT okay. Through fun, hands-on activities, this session delves into some of the underlying reasons behind aggressive behavior in young children, appropriate responses to the behavior, and what teachers can do to reduce it! Come join me and together we discover how to rid our classroom of actions that hurt!

Speaker: Marlyn Kramer**FA: Behavior & Guidance****Natural Learning: The Benefits of an Outdoor Classroom****MDO/PRES**

In early childhood setting, natural elements are an important part of creativity and free expression for children. The use of nature, while educating children on science, will allow them the freedom to explore while building greater language development, social skills, and sensory engagement.

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MDO/Preschool Track

Handwriting Prerequisites & Scissor Skills Sequenced for Success

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Informative discussion-based session identifies, analyzes, and explains facilitation of the 12 key components determining handwriting readiness in young children. This extended session also highlights the important topic of scissor skill development and how to facilitate. Enhance parent conference interactions and your professional articulation of student progress with objective, meaningful information learned in this session. **This is a 2-session workshop — be prepared to stay for both sessions 4 & 5.**

Speaker: Dr. Marianne Gibbs, OT **FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum**

Are You Ready to Add Motor Skills to Your Classroom Schedule?

PRES

This session will show ways to purposefully add motor skill engagement in your classroom in a developmentally appropriate way! *Sessions 4 & 5.*

Speaker: Alba Bunnell **FA: Advance Physical Competence**

Teaching With Style

PRES

Everyone teaches with personality. . . The question is — which one are you? In this insightful and resourceful workshop, you will discover your natural teaching style and how it impacts learning in your classroom. If your teaching needs a lift- this workshop will help you fly! *Sessions 1,4.*

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey **FA: Professional Development**

Positive Preventive Skill Building Activities for Young Children

PRES

Enhance Center playtime by teaching your children to self-regulate, develop perseverance, and problem solve. These social-emotional skill are the necessary stepping stones to boost your children's academic and, ultimately, life success. Participants will learn how to incorporate social and emotional learning through play in Caring Centers — including gardening, doll care, puppy care — reinforced by teacher-led interactive storytelling, using signs, songs, games and activities for play in your classroom. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Dr. Michael Hubler **FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum**

Session 5 Workshops

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

1:30 pm - 2:20 pm

Director Track

So You Have to Teach Math: Setting Up For Math Success

Blocks, cubes, and bear counters! Oh my! Join us for Preschool Math Bootcamp! Learn what materials are essential, how to organize the math period, tips for integrating math with other subjects, and more! Don't let math intimidate your teachers. Set them up for success!

Speaker: Dr. Carrie Cutler

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

How to Run Your Child Care Center as a Business

In this session, participants will learn the fundamentals of running a successful business, how to boost their bottom line, utilize creativity in operations, and what resources are available to them in this effort. Participants will start the process of creating a business or strategic plan that can assist with running a quality operation/child care center.

Speaker: Keith Scott

FA: Effective Organiza-

MDO/Preschool Track

From Stale to Fresh!

MDO

We (teachers) want fresh ideas! To the kids, it's not stale, but when we don't add new ideas, it gets moldy to us. Teaching is not as fun or exciting or engaging when we do the same things over and over. There's something about trying something new or thinking up something fresh! Join us to add some spice here and there! *Presented via Zoom.*

Speaker: Tina Houser

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

children achieve these milestones through interactive play. Suggestions are given to help the children who are behind in their developmental skills. This is imperative information to communicate to a child's progress to parents.

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Observation & Assessment

Toddler Power Struggles & Challenging Behavior

MDO

When you're faced with difficult toddler behavior in your classroom — it can be painful! You simply want to move forward with your day, yet one (or more!) of your students is digging in their heels or throwing a tantrum. This session will focus on positive strategies that will help mitigate meltdowns and willfulness. *Sessions 1 & 5.*

Speaker: Christi Priddy

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Taking the Classroom Outside

MDO

Learning experiences shouldn't be restricted to the four walls of a classroom. There are so many wonderful opportunities for exploration and discovery for children and adults alike outside! This fun and creative session will inspire you to expand your horizons and bring a fresh new richness to learning in your classroom!

Speaker: Lori Buxton

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Sign Language to Enhance Brain Development through Kinesthetic Play

MDO

During this session, participants will learn how to use sign language and other techniques to bring our children out of their emotional brain and into their logical brain, in time producing better self-regulation skills. Participants will learn fun and revolutionary practices on how to connect with children using their communications languages.

Speaker: Lillian Hubler

FA: Teacher-Child Interactions

Handle the Hard to Handle

MDO/PRES

This session will teach the 7 needs of a human in order to have participants understand the origin of all behavior — especially difficult behavior. Participants will be encouraged to view discipline as need fulfillment and self care as the first step in managing difficult behavior. Of course, it will be fun and interactive! *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Tom Wilbeck, MA,LPC

FA: Behavior & Guidance

Minimum Standards

MDO/PRES

Whether you are new to child care or consider yourself a veteran, we are all Texas State Licensed. This means that we all have to follow the state minimum standards. This session will cover all of the primary rules that you need to know and help you feel more confident as an early childhood professional.

Speaker: Marlyn Kramer

FA: Professional Development

Documenting Children's Growth

MDO

Learn the reasons and techniques of documenting milestones that children achieve every day! Knowing the appropriate age-level milestones is essential. Through the use of samples, the teacher can become aware of developmental stages of children. They also show different ways to help

MDO/Preschool Track

Sensory Processing Disorders in Young Children

MDO/PRES

Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) is a common disorder with many children. In our classrooms, sensory activities will assist children with their needs. We will explore the difference between hypo and hyper sensitivity and examine all six senses based on the developmental needs and domains in children.

Speaker: **Natasha Harris**FA: **Care of Children with Special Needs****Creating Your Own "Gab-A-Teria"**

PRES

This "hands-on," "minds-on" workshop will serve up ideas to create a center that powerfully promotes language development through natural social interaction and get your children "gabbing"! Visit the Puppet Place, Whisper Window, and the Calling Corner! Sessions 2 & 5.

Speaker: **Chris Smith**FA: **Age Appropriate Curriculum****Learning Through Play — Centers & Circle Time**

PRES

Let's share our ideas and inexpensive ways to motivate young learners and let them have fun while doing it! Sessions 1, 2, 4, 5.

Speaker: **Leisha Davis**FA: **Age Appropriate Curriculum****Handwriting Prerequisites & Scissor Skills**

PRES

Sequenced for Success

Informative discussion-based session identifies, analyzes, and explains facilitation of the 12 key components determining handwriting readiness in young children. This extended session also highlights the important topic of scissor skill development and how to facilitate. Enhance parent conference interactions and your professional articulation of student progress with objective, meaningful information learned in this session. **This is a 2-session workshop — be prepared to stay for both sessions 4 & 5.**

Speaker: **Dr. Marianne Gibbs, OT**FA: **Age Appropriate Curriculum****Cool Critters & Creepy Crawlies!**

PRES

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Speaker: **Barbara Cargill**FA: **Age Appropriate Curriculum****Are You Ready to Add Motor Skills to Your Classroom Schedule?**

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Speaker: **Alba Bunnell**FA: **Advance Physical Competence****Motivate Me: Creating a Positive & Productive****Preschool Learning Experience**

PRES

Deep down everyone hungers to learn. The problem is educators prefer shortcuts that short-circuit inner motivation in the classroom. It's easier to use incentives and even punishments to motivate a learner. The problem? Study after study shows that the use of behavioral incentives to modify behavior fail to provoke long-term results. Is there a better way? Absolutely! Just feed the NEEDS. Or, as we call'em...the GROWLS...and watch'em learn! Sessions 2 & 5.

Speaker: **Dr. Rick Chromey**FA: **Teacher-Child Interactions****Cognitive Learning Games in the Preschool Classroom**

PRES

During this session, participants will gain insight and identify scenarios on incorporating play-based games throughout their preschool program, environment, and routines. We will have fun together creating game-based learning activities for participants to take and use with their students. Together, we will learn how to make learning time meaningful and engaging for the children that we teach! Sessions 2 & 5.

Speaker: **Kristin Miller**FA: **Age Appropriate Curriculum****Enhancing Behavior & School Readiness**

PRES

Through Social and Emotional Learning

Participants will learn to flip all of the classroom misbehaviors into opportunities to provide positive reinforcement necessary to eliminate future misbehavior. Learn how to teach your student to problem solve for themselves and to deal with situations that cause them frustration and result in errant behavior. Participants will walk through the social-emotional behavioral process that teaches children the necessary skills to interact and assist other children in dealing with classroom conflict. Sessions 2 & 5.

Speaker: **Dr. Michael Hubler**FA: **Behavior & Guidance****Connecting Our Favorite Stories with Math & Science**

PRES

Story time is often a teacher's favorite time of the day, and science or math might be a least favorite. Learn how to extend classic stories into simple math and science lessons that can be taught quickly with minimal prep and supplies. Favorite stories can be wonderful starting points for lessons across the curriculum!

Speaker: **Kendolyn Pope**FA: **Math & Science**

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Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Registration: 7:30 am

Praise & Worship: 7:50 —8:05 am

Welcome: 8:05—8:10 am

Keynote Speaker: 8:10—9:00 am



Keynote Speaker — Tina Houser

Although Tina has worn the title of children's pastor, editor, curriculum writer, speaker, trainer for professionals and volunteers. . . Her favorite title is Silly Grandma to 3 incredible kids — a set of 12 year old twins and a 5 year old named Lucy, who daily provides her with insight into a preschooler's mind and heart. Tina's 20th idea book is set to release in October of 2022. Her writing is the result of her daily challenge to see everything through the lens of being a potential learning experience for kids. Even though her pursuits have often been interrupted by one of her 66 surgeries and a leg amputation, there is no doubt that God remains her source of joy! *Via Zoom.*

Footnote Speaker — Jana Alayra

Jana Alayra is an artist with whom many can identify. She is a wife, mother, and friend, busy with the daily routine of tending to the lives of her three daughters and producer husband, Ron. Together, Ron and Jana also answer the call to a unique ministry of leading worship, both to adults and children. Whether leading a small group with her guitar, or singing for a thousand children and their families, Jana's enthusiasm and love for Christ are evident, sincere and inspiring. Jana shares openly about the pain and sorrows in her life, as well as Christ's victory through it all. Her humor and hope are truly encouraging. To know her story and to watch her lead people in praise is a true testimony of God's power and faithfulness.



Session 1 Workshops

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

9:30 am - 10:20 am

Director Track

Customer Service

Customers (parents) are key to generating revenue for your program. Parents must feel that they can come to you with a problem and that you will listen to their concerns. This is important for them to keep coming back because they know that you are interested in them and their children. Parents need to feel that they have a voice and that you care. This workshop will help you achieve this.

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Business Operations & Management

Building Stronger Programs: Relationships are the Key!

When you prioritize a strong web of relationships among children, staff and families, you are providing a foundation for the very best high-quality care and education. Learn how each of these relationships benefits everyone in your program and come away with practical strategies to make them your top priority!

Speaker: Diane Goyette

FA: Professional Development

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Simplify: Practices that Unclutter Your Life & Soul

So much noise, so many people with competing demands for your time and attention, and so little of you to go around. Sound familiar? This kind of environment is exhausting and sets you up for burnout. In this practical and engaging session, Lori will share easy to adopt strategies for removing the clutter from your mind, your heart, your calendar, and your relationships in ways that allow you to make every investment of your time, talent, and passion count!

Speaker: Lori Buxton

FA: Professional Development

MDO

Developmental Milestones 1.0

This session is an overview of developmental milestones for MDO aged children ages birth through 12 months of age. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Christi Priddy

FA: Child Growth & Development

MDO

Music in the Classroom for the Non-Musician

This presentation will discuss and demonstrate the importance of music in a child's life. Three techniques for using music will be demonstrated: Recorded music (when and how to use it), Rhythm games, and Musical Instruments. Participants will be encouraged to break out of their mold and GET MUSICAL! *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Tom Wilbeck, MA, LPC

FA: Music & Movement

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Signs of Readiness for Toilet Learning: Stay Dry, Don't Cry

This session will focus on recognizing the physical, cognitive/language, and social emotional behaviors that indicate that an older toddler is ready to learn to use the toilet. Ideas for introducing toilet learning, scaffolding early efforts, and coordinating with the home environment will be discussed. Participants will explore useful books and simple songs that reinforce this important accomplishment. *Sessions 1 & 2.*

Speaker: Barbara Lynn

FA: Child Growth & Development

MDO

Let's Talk T.E.C.H.: Reimagining Generations & How Technology Matters in the Classroom

In this workshop, we'll do an overview of generations born since 1990 and discuss how they interact in school. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Behavior & Guidance

MDO/PRES

Developmental Stages of Children—Birth to 3

Each child goes through developmental stages at their own rate. It is important to understand what the 6 basic developmental stages are, what are developmental milestones, how to conduct observation and tips to discuss developmental progress or concerns with parents.

Speaker: Natasha Harris

FA: Child Growth & Development

MDO

Parents & Providers as Partners

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mental ideas to best support, strategize, and implement these elements with in their program. *Sessions 1 & 3.*

Speaker: *Kristin Miller*

FA: *Parent Communication*

I Can Do It Myself!

PRES

Interactive and self-reflective session that focuses on techniques you can use immediately in the classroom to support children's independence skill-building. This session will increase your ability to facilitate self-help mastery and self-efficacy development in your children, which are building blocks for future academic achievement.

Speaker: *Marianne Gibbs, OT*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Science? Magic? Check It Out!

PRES

Can you "Soak It To Me"? Or will you try a "Meltdown"? This session is chockfull of "ooooo's" and "aaaaah's". So come along for a roller-coaster ride of science "quick tricks" and extended units that involve children in exploration and experience. Inquiring minds what to know. . . How about you?

Speaker: *Chris Smith*

FA: *Math & Science*

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PRES

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Speaker: *Barbara Cargill*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

WOW! How Do We Manage It All?

PRES

This session is focused on strategies to help our early childhood classrooms run smoothly! Greeting children at the door to end-of-the-day reflection and everything in between will be discussed and classroom activities and ideas will be shared.

Speaker: *Lynette Tello*

FA: *Professional Development*

Fall Into Christmas

PRES

Come and learn some of my favorite activities for Fall leading into Christmas. Be prepared to think outside the tree! Using props each school

should have, Diane will teach you to rake, paint and blow leaves, squirrel up the tree, round up the reindeer, build and decorate the Christmas tree, wrap the presents, drive Santa's sleigh and so much more! Each activity is education based for all of our kids to learn and have fun! *Sessions 1, 2, 4 & 5.*

Speaker: *Diane Havens*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Why Productive Struggle is Productive to Promote Rigorous Learning

PRES

We were shocked to find that our preschoolers are capable of much more than we gave them credit for. Now we are looking at ways to design and implement lessons that inspire students to think on the highest levels. This session will showcase the fantastic journey our teachers are traveling to find out if students are capable of working with groups of other students and individuals to create, design and problem-solve to make learning in our classrooms more rigorous. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: *Krystal Malichi*

FA: *Advance Intellectual Competence*

Move It On Out!

PRES

How high can I swing? Is grass soft or hard? How does mud feel? How do I make my tricycle go faster? The questions go on and on — and being outside is the best way to answer them! Through outdoor time, children have the opportunity to develop large/small motor skills, experience risk-taking, practice problem solving and learn a variety of STEM skills. This fun-filled session will help teachers understand the importance of outdoor time and provide ideas that can be immediately implemented in their classroom to enhance the outdoor experience!

Speaker: *Marlyn Kramer*

FA: *Adv. Physical & Intel. Competence*

Incorporating Sign Language into Your Preschool Program

PRES

Participants will learn sign language basics for the classroom. Learn stories, songs, and activities in a fun environment that promotes retention and recall for use later with your children. Signs include: ABC's to animals, colors, manners, family, food — and more!

Speaker: *Lillian Hubler*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Teaching Social-Emotional Learning to Young Children

PRES

Come play and learn basic signs for pre-literacy concept understanding and social and emotional development through the use of fun stories, songs, and games. Participants will learn about children's social-emotional development and how to use music and games that provide a powerful foundation to enhance children's learning, and pre-literacy concepts. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: *Dr. Michael Hubler*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Director Track

The Ultimate Director's Guide to Team Building

Working as a team is important in the childcare profession. Management and staff who work as a team help provide a comfortable and effective childcare environment. We will identify and role play team building involving subjects such as: Getting to know new workers, building cooperation, and building trust.

Speaker: *Albert Wright*

FA: *Leadership & Development*

Creating a World Where Every Child is Cherished & Nurtured!

Is your program a model for the more inclusive, equitable, and compassionate world we envision for our children? Explore five best practices for center policy, reflecting on your program's mission, vision, and philosophy. You'll leave ready to adjust your policies so they encompass your values, contribute toward your program goals, and guide the roles and responsibilities of your staff.

Speaker: *Diane Goyette*

FA: *Leadership & Development*

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Trauma-Free Transitions

MDO

Getting young children from Point A to Point B is no small undertaking! Some of the most stressful moments of the preschool teacher's day are dealing with transitions, but it doesn't have to be that way! Join Lori for some practical strategies and fresh perspectives that will take the trauma out of your transition time!

Speaker: Lori Buxton**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****Signs of Readiness for Toilet Learning: Stay Dry, Don't Cry**

MDO

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Speaker: Barbara Lynn**FA: Child Growth & Development****Sensory Processing Disorders in Young Children**

MDO

What are sensory processing disorders and what are some of the signs and symptoms? As educators, we care for children facing SPD and we do not always understand how to meet the child's needs. In this session, we will define sensory processing, what the signs and symptoms are and ways to effectively support the child in the classroom by utilizing sensory activities.

Speaker: Natasha Harris**FA: Care of Children with Special Needs****Developmental Milestones 2.0 (12 months—3 years)**

MDO

This session contains an overview of developmental milestones for children aged 12 months to 3 years. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Christi Priddy**FA: Child Growth & Development****Brain Development: Why They Do What They Do**

MDO/PRES

This session will make brain development fun and entertaining. Three regions of the brain will be explored and explained to help participants understand why the developing child acts the way they do. The role of the teacher in each of the stages of development will be discussed to help participants understand why certain teaching techniques work and why some don't. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Tom Wilbeck**FA: Behavior & Guidance****Why Kids (Really) Misbehave**

MDO/PRES

Controlling a classroom is similar to fire prevention and protection. You only have two choices! SNIFF or SNUFF! Smoke detector or fire extinguisher — proactive or reactive. In this insightful workshop, teachers will learn the reason children misbehave & how to respond. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey**FA: Behavior & Guidance****Fostering Staff Mental Well-Being & Avoiding Burn Out!**

MDO/PRES

Are you tired? Are you and your friends burned out? This session will help educators who work in childcare become familiar with the core components of mental health and well-being, learn how to identify areas of strength and weakness in yourself, make connections with staff members, and receive helpful tips and tools to prepare goals for continued professional growth. Join this session to get inspired, be heard, and develop a plan to prevent burn-out! *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Kristin Miller**FA: Professional Development****Check Your Face & Other Body Parts at the Door!**

PRES

Spend this session checking out yourself and how your physical affect and actions may impact the young children you serve. A unique opportunity to reflect on your physical self and how that contributes to building esteem, rapport, and trust in young children.

Speaker: Dr. Marianne Gibbs, OT**FA: Professional Development****"Center"ed On Learning**

PRES

This session is a hands-on, practical guide to setting up centers and "loading" them with dynamite learning skills!

Speaker: Chris Smith**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****Cool Critters & Creepy Crawlies!**

PRES

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Speaker: Barbara Cargill**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****Every Student Can Learn**

PRES

This session will focus on supporting children that have a home language other than English. We will discuss Early Language Learners — it's history, definitions, and practical application strategies for the early childhood classroom.

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Speaker: Diane Havens**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****The Joy: Just Own You In What You Do**

PRES

This session combines storytelling and audiovisual aids to convey the message that teaching requires you to be your authentic self. When navigating the workplace through relationships with staff, administrators, and students in an ever-changing environment, we must find the joy that keeps us coming back so the pursuit to make the grass greener where you are planted is NOT lost! *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Krystal Malachi**FA: Professional Development****Looking at Play a Different Way**

PRES

Research has consistently revealed how important free play is in the development of the young child's brain! This session will discuss how this development takes place and why play is crucial in the early childhood classroom! This is a fun and fast-paced session with hands-on activities that will demonstrate the proven research.

Speaker: Marlyn Kramer**FA: Child Growth & Development****Sign Language for Classroom & Behavior Management**

PRES

Participants will learn common sign phrases for use in controlling the classroom quietly, teaching children self-regulation and about children's communication languages, establishing routines, picture schedules, visual classroom rules, and how to use music, games that provide a powerful foundation to enhance children's learning readiness, and pre-literacy concepts. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Lillian Hubler**FA: Teacher-Child Interactions****100 Easy Ways to Promote Social-Emotional Learning**

PRES

Participants will learn about children's social-emotional development and how to use positive reinforcement, role-modeling, stories, music, and games that provide a powerful foundation to enhance children's learning and behavior.

Speaker: Dr. Michael Hubler**FA: Behavior & Guidance**

Director Track

The Importance of Play: Do We Do What We Say?

We know that play is the optimal mode for learning and supporting children’s development. Do our curriculum design, daily schedules, and program environment reflect that importance? Let’s work together to examine these components to ensure that they prioritize the provision of lots of sustained, open-ended, free-choice, child-initiated play.

Speaker: Diane Goyette

FA: Leadership & Development

MDO/Preschool Track

****LUNCH #1 IS SERVED DURING THIS TIME**

Hand in Hand:

MDO/PRES

Introducing the Bible While Using Motor Skills

Help preschoolers get comfortable with the Bible through active hands-on activities. Why not utilize both fine and gross motor skills, along with number and letter recognition, to familiarize kids with the books of the Bible, chapter numbers, and other aspects of Bible skills? You can do 2, 3, or 4 things at once, and the kids will think they’re playing! How this can work? Join me! *This session will be conducted via Zoom.*

Speaker: Tina Houser

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

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Speaker: Kristin Miller

FA: Parent Communication

Errorless Learning. . . Who Knew?

PRES

This session involves significant self-reflection and interaction using a strategy for reflective learning called Errorless Learning. The session engages learners in a meta-cognitive approach to assessing their own teaching strategies and shares a new way to evoke children’s esteem during the process of acquiring academic mastery.

Speaker: Marianne Gibbs

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

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Speaker: Barbara Cargill

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Let’s LOL: Children Who Laugh Together Learn Together

PRES

Brain research reminds us that pleasurable learning lasts longer. Appropriate opportunities for humor relax our brains and body and relieve stress. This session will focus on discovering books, songs, movement, finger plays, and cooperative games that incorporate humor while teaching preschool children. Learning and laughter go hand in hand!

Speaker: Barbara Lynn

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Tips, Tricks, & Tools for Early Childhood Teachers

PRES

Participants will learn a collection of innovative organizational tips, classroom management techniques, transition activities, behavior management ideas and how to repurpose materials to help facilitate their classrooms. Good for both new and veteran teachers!

Speaker: Marlyn Kramer

FA: Professional Development

Visual Interactive Learning:

MDO

Sign Language for Children Birth to Three Years

This session teaches American Sign Language (ASL) to caregivers of young children. This interactive learning experience promotes all 5 Central Learning Domains for young children. Journey into language by joining us to learn how to enhance our youngest children’s communication, language, and literacy skills, cognitive, and physical development.

Speaker: Lillian Hubler

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum



Director Track

****LUNCH #2 IS SERVED DURING THIS TIME**

Your Attitude Determines Your Altitude

With stress levels in the workplace at an all time high, keeping a positive attitude in all situations is more important than ever. Participants will gain an understanding of how a positive attitude can bring about positive change. This session demonstrates how directors can lead effectively and maintain a positive attitude as well as affect their co-workers by giving a step-by-step process to change everyone’s way of thinking. Participants will learn how to inspire your staff and deal with difficult employees. Attitude is Everything!

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Leadership & Development



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****LUNCH #2 IS SERVED DURING THIS TIME**

Rules of Engagement with an Angry Child

MDO

"The truth about rage is that it only dissolves when it is really heard and understood, without reservation." — Carl Rogers Anger is a legitimate feeling and people of all ages and stages will experience it. The problem isn't the feeling of anger, it's all the decisions that follow. The key to successfully supporting an angry child starts with our understanding and depends on our having a plan. This session will provide teachers with tools that do just that! Anger doesn't have to be public enemy number one in a preschool classroom. It can be the catalyst for growth, development, and relationship building if you are ready!

Speaker: Lori Buxton

FA: Behavior & Guidance

You Are What You Speak: The Power of Words

MDO

As educators, we do not realize that our words are powerful, what we say takes shape in the lives of others. In this session, we will discuss the importance of proper word usage in a professional manner. Many teachers lack the tenacity to utilize words as building blocks and not stumbling blocks. Whether your reach is small or large, the expectation of positive reinforcement when working with children is necessary.

Speaker: Natasha Harris

FA: Professional Development

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This session is an overview of developmental milestones for MDO aged children ages birth through 12 months of age. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Christi Priddy

FA: Child Growth & Development

Music in the Classroom for the Non-Musician

MDO/PRES

This presentation will discuss and demonstrate the importance of music in a child's life. Three techniques for using music will be demonstrated: Recorded music (when and how to use it), Rhythm games, and Musical Instruments. Participants will be encouraged to break out of their mold and GET MUSICAL! *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Tom Wilbeck, MA, LPC

FA: Music & Movement

Let's Talk T.E.C.H.: Reimagining Generations & How Technology Matters in the Classroom

MDO/PRES

In this workshop, we'll do an overview of generations born since 1990 and discuss how they interact in school. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Behavior & Guidance

Preschool/Church Relations

MDO/PRES

Is your preschool one of the primary ministries of your church, or the one at the bottom of the list? It's no secret that many preschools have a challenging relationship with their church. As a teacher can you *really* do anything to improve that relationship? The answer is, YES! In this session, we will discuss the challenges you might face with your church, but we'll also give you practical advice and hope so that you can begin building mutually beneficial bridges and relationships for the benefit of all!

Speaker: Andrew Keyes

FA: Professional Development

Music With Jana!

PRES

Join our Footnote Speaker, Jana Alayra, as she shares her music and techniques for leading children in praise and worship in a helpful and lively way!

Speaker: Jana Alayra

FA: Music & Movement

Do You Ever Wonder Why? (Part 1)

PRES

Do you ever wonder why... A child is angry... Is unkind... Is sad... Is withdrawn? Let's look at trauma, resilience and the amazing power of hope in changing a child's life. Through evaluation with ACES, creating relationship and connection, and explicit instruction in HOPE, we can move in a positive direction towards understanding and successful, fulfilled, joyful children! **This is a 2-part session — please plan to attend BOTH sessions 4 & 5.**

Speaker: Chris Smith

FA: Behavior & Guidance

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Speaker: Lynette Tello

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Fall Into Christmas

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Speaker: Diane Havens

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Why Productive Struggle is Productive to Promote Rigorous Learning

PRES

We were shocked to find that our preschoolers are capable of much more than we gave them credit for. Now we are looking at ways to design and implement lessons that inspire students to think on the highest levels. This session will showcase the fantastic journey our teachers are traveling to find out if students are capable of working with groups of other students and individuals to create, design and problem-solve to make learning in our classrooms more rigorous. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Krystal Malichi

FA: Advance Intellectual Competence

Teaching Social-Emotional Learning to Young Children

PRES

Come play and learn basic signs for pre-literacy concept understanding and social and emotional development through the use of fun stories, songs, and games. Participants will learn about children's social-emotional development and how to use music and games that provide a powerful foundation to enhance children's learning, and pre-literacy concepts. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Dr. Michael Hubler

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum



Some Workshops are Repeated Each Day!

If you have several workshops that you want to go to — but they are all in the same Session — be sure to look for the italicized print after the workshop description. It will show you which other sessions that workshop is scheduled for.



DirectorTrack

Bully Busters

Bullying is such a hot topic and a problem these days! No one wants to be afraid to come to school or be made fun of. This award-winning session will help your facility be on the cutting edge of training. You will learn how to help children cope with being bullied as well as making them feel safe to come and talk about it. You will also learn how to deal with the offender and effectively talk with their parents to resolve this cruel behavior.

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Professional Development

Adults Need Play, Too! Fun Teambuilding Activities for Every Play Personality

Adults benefit from play and being playful just as children do. Learn about the 8 adult play personalities and participate in games for each. You will leave with enjoyable activity ideas that will benefit you, your teachers, and your children. And — you will have had fun, too!

Speaker: Diane Goyette

FA: Leadership & Development

MDO/Preschool Track

Looking Up: The Role of Faith in Teaching

MDO

Future leaders and innovators are sitting in our classrooms. They are depending on us to help them make sense of the world around them and figure out how they fit into it. This God-given responsibility to guide them requires a God-dependent lifestyle. This session will unpack the principles and practices that will best equip you to support the children in your classroom in learning and in life.

Speaker: Lori Buxton

FA: Professional Development

Get Your Grit On!

PRES

Life's high achievements aren't met by those who are innately talented, but by those who persevere, endure, and never give up — that's GRIT! In this session, Dr. Gibbs discusses the What, Why, and How about growing your own grit from the inside out and then educating for grit— helping children develop their own grit potential! Come learn the nitty-gritty about grit and get your grit on for good!

Speaker: Dr. Marianne Gibbs, OT

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Playground Safety & Active Supervision

MDO

Just how safe is your playground safety plan? Many times, we believe our centers are compliant, when in reality, there are so many components lacking to ensure all children are safe and their outdoor play areas are free from harm. In this session, we will explore ways to ensure safety compliance and discuss safety tips for an increase in supervision and safety.

Speaker: Natasha Harris

FA: Health & Safety

Do You Ever Wonder. . . What You Can Do? (Part 2)

PRES

Do you ever wonder why. . . A child is angry. . . Is unkind. . . Is sad. . . Is withdrawn? What can you, as an educator do to help? This session will continue where we left off in Part 1. **This is a 2-part session — please plan to attend BOTH sessions 4 & 5.**

Speaker: Chris Smith

FA: Behavior & Guidance

Developmental Milestones 2.0 (12 months—3 years)

MDO

This session contains an overview of developmental milestones for children aged 12 months to 3 years. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Christi Priddy

FA: Child Growth & Development

Brain Development: Why They Do What They Do

MDO/PRES

This session will make brain development fun and entertaining. Three regions of the brain will be explored and explained to help participants understand why the developing child acts the way they do. The role of the teacher in each of the stages of development will be discussed to help participants understand why certain teaching techniques work and why some don't. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Tom Wilbeck

FA: Behavior & Guidance

Cool Critters & Creepy Crawlies!

PRES

Welcome to the wonderful world of vertebrates and invertebrates in this interactive training! Experiments and activities explore living versus non-living, animal characteristics, habitats, and defenses. Animal scavenger hunts and predator-prey games help children understand characteristics of living things and how they live in the wild. We dive into creative ways to teach about the 5 vertebrate classes — mammals, fish, birds, and amphibians. Pop top ring snakes, animal cracker classification, squirrel tag, a bird sensory bin, and more engage children with vertebrates. Invertebrates are fun too! Sleeping bag metamorphosis, pitfall traps, Roly Poly Palace, and the Bee Waggle Dance add to the fun and nurture children's love for invertebrates! *Sessions 1, 2, 3, 5.*

Speaker: Barbara Cargill

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Why Kids (Really) Misbehave

MDO/PRES

Controlling a classroom is similar to fire prevention and protection. You only have two choices! SNIFF or SNUFF! Smoke detector or fire extinguisher — proactive or reactive. In this insightful workshop, teachers will learn the reason children misbehave & how to respond. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Behavior & Guidance

"I Want to Hold Your Hand"

PRES

Resources to Promote Unity in Preschoolers

The prosocial idea of unity can be modeled, taught, and practiced with our youngest learners. Let's explore quality literature, songs, arts, and cooperative games selected for 3's, 4's, and 5's that introduce and amplify the theme of unity — at school and in our homes. Unity in the world begins with "us"!

Speaker: Barbara Lynn

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Fostering Staff Mental Well-Being & Avoiding Burn Out!

MDO/PRES

Are you tired? Are you and your friends burned out? This session will help educators who work in childcare become familiar with the core components of mental health and well-being, learn how to identify areas of strength and weakness in yourself, make connections with staff members, and receive helpful tips and tools to prepare goals for continued professional growth. Join this session to get inspired, be heard, and develop a plan to prevent burn-out! *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Kristin Miller

FA: Professional Development

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Speaker: Diane Havens

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

MDO/Preschool Track

The Joy: Just Own You In What You Do**PRES**

This session combines storytelling and audiovisual aids to convey the message that teaching requires you to be your authentic self. When navigating the workplace through relationships with staff, administrators, and students in an ever-changing environment, we must find the joy that keeps us coming back so the pursuit to make the grass greener where you are planted is NOT lost! *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Krystal Malachi**FA: Professional Development*****Teaching Early Literacy Through the Use of Golden Books*****PRES**

Golden Books first originated in the early 1940's. They are classic stories with adorable illustrations that young children find delightful; yet tucked inside are timeless moral gems that we all want to instill in our students. Unfortunately, many of these sweet stories have become lost and forgotten over time. This session will introduce the participants to the wonder of Golden Books and provide a variety of fun activities to use in the early childhood classroom that build on the beautiful stories while teaching early literacy, critical thinking, problem solving, and many other skills to the young child.

Speaker: Marlyn Kramer**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum*****Sign Language for Classroom & Behavior Management*****PRES**

Participants will learn common sign phrases for use in controlling the classroom quietly, teaching children self-regulation and about children's communication languages, establishing routines, picture schedules, visual classroom rules, and how to use music, games that provide a powerful foundation to enhance children's learning readiness, and pre-literacy concepts. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Lillian Hubler**FA: Teacher-Child Interactions*****Teaching Young Children About Race & Ethnicity*****PRES**

Participants will learn how to teach young children about race, ethnicity, equality, and humanity through songs, stories, and shows. Children need to learn early to understand and appreciate all of their own and everyone else's uniqueness.

Speaker: Dr. Michael Hubler**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum**

The Outdoor Learning Center

Where the Bible Comes to Life!

While you are here for PTAC, be sure to visit our Outdoor Learning Center! Located on the northwest side of our Children's Building, the Outdoor Learning Center is home to God's Rainbow Promise, Noah's Ark, Jonah's Big Fish — and much more! The area provides a wonderful setting for children of all ages to learn about the Bible — the atmosphere, alive with structure and water features, appeals to all the senses! If you are interested in doing something similar on your own campus — we would be happy to share our experiences with you!



Thursday, July 28, 2022

Registration: 7:30 am

Praise & Worship: 7:50—8:05 am

Welcome: 8:05—8:10 am

Keynote Speaker: 8:10—9:00 am



Keynote Speaker — Charles Clark

Charles Clark is a motivational speaker and the creator of the Thrive Planner. Before becoming an international speaker, Charles was one of the fastest men in the world. He is a 3x NCAA National Championship and USA Track and Field Championships silver medalist. Now, as a mindset expert, Charles shows athletes, entrepreneurs, and companies how to win in life. Today, Charles Clark teaches people how to use adversity to build greater strength, success, and fulfillment.

Footnote Speaker — Cleto Rodriguez

Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, Cleto Rodriguez is living his lifelong dream of becoming an elite stand-up comedian. Rodriguez performs nationwide in comedy clubs, corporations, colleges and churches. He was chosen as the comedian for the 2008 Promise Keepers events in seven U.S. cities. Rodriguez connects with audiences by relating everyday life experiences. Anything and everything is fair game, from marriage mishaps to the challenges of dieting. His comedy is high-energy, observational and hilarious with a brilliant Latino twist.



Session 1 Workshops

Thursday, July 28, 2022

9:30 am - 10:20 am

Director Track

Managing Difficult Conversations: Professional Conflict Resolution

As leaders, conflict is a tool we can use to strategize and encourage peace in difficult conversations. How do we effectively manage professional conflict? Join this session as we discuss effective conflict resolution, personality conflict, difficulties in conversations and communications errors.

Speaker: Natasha Harris

FA: Leadership & Development

Equip To Lead: The Power of Emotional Intelligence for Leading Childcare

This signature program introduces emotional intelligence as a tool to build both professional and personal competencies that lead to a workplace that seeks to support and empower its team members. This also engages both the business and the human component of the workplace.

Speaker: Thecia Jenkins

FA: Professional Development

MDO/Preschool Track

The Baby Dance:

Enhancing Attachment Relationships with Infants & Toddlers

Warm, caring relationships between adults and children are the foundation for children's healthy development, behavior, and health. Learn how to evaluate your relationships and explore strategies to strengthen relationships with every child. This will benefit not only the children, but you, too!

Speaker: Diane Goyette

FA: Teacher-Child Interactions

MDO

Self Care: If You Don't Do It — Who Will?

This session outlines the four types of stress that make stress-related illness the largest threat to our population. We've all had a ROUGH year (+) and we need to be aware of what our bodies, mind, and spirit have to say about it. This session will encourage participants to make self care part of their daily routine at home and IN THE CLASSROOM, as our children are experiencing stress too. Yes, this will be silly & interactive — That's what I do best! Sessions 1 & 4.

Speaker: Tom Wilbeck

FA: Professional Development

MDO/PRES

Looking at Play a Different Way

Research has consistently revealed how important free play is in the development for the young child's brain! This session will discuss how this development takes place and why play is crucial in the early childhood classroom! This is a fun and fast-paced session with hands-on activities that will demonstrate the proven research.

Speaker: Marlyn Kramer

FA: Child Growth & Development

MDO

Building Strong Foundations in Early Childhood

This session will reinforce how your role as an early childhood educator helps infants, toddlers, and preschoolers establish a strong foundation. We will discuss brain development in early childhood, windows of opportunity, as well as the consequences of missing these windows. As the engineers of a child's development, we should take pride in giving their developing brains tools to create a strong foundation. For success, all we need is a clear understanding of our role, knowledge of brain development, and the conviction that what we do daily gives each child a strong foundation for their future.

Speaker: Alba Bunnell

FA: Adv. Physical & Intellectual Competence

MDO/PRES

Jamming Babies

This session will cover infant curriculum, baby massage techniques, lap rides with songs, and the benefits of music with infants and toddlers, language development — and much more! Sessions 1, 2, 4, & 5.

Speakers: D. Wenter & T. Bakke

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

MDO

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FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

PRES

Face Painting Made Simple!

Looking to add some FUN and CREATIVITY to your lesson plans? Learn some basic face painting techniques that your students will LOVE! You can practice on a friend, yourself, or practice sheets during this class. Sessions 1, 2, 4, & 5.

Speaker: Jessica Salas

FA: Professional Development

MDO/PRES

MDO/Preschool Track

Sticky Learning

Every teacher must deal with the “new student.” The problem is if a new learner isn’t properly assimilated into the classroom, there can be bigger difficulties, including misbehavior, apathy, and boredom. In this session, teachers will learn the “Rule of 3’s” and what needs must be met, at each step of the way, to create a self-motivated learner. *Sessions 1 & 3.*

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Behavior & Guidance

PRES Handwriting Prerequisites & Scissor Skills Sequenced for Success

Informative discussion-based session identifies, analyzes, and explains facilitation of the 12 key components determining handwriting readiness in young children. This extended session also highlights the important topic of scissor skill development and how to facilitate. Enhance parent conference interactions and your professional articulation of student progress with objective, meaningful information learned in this session.

This is a 2-session workshop — Please stay for both sessions 1 & 2.

Speaker: Dr. Marianne Gibbs, OT

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Heartstrings & Butterfly Wings:**Setting Children Free to be Life Long Learners**

Have you ever done the “Hula Hoop Hop”? Made music with names? Played gobs of games? Or — created a story kit to help a child wiggle their way into a good book? These ideas and more will help to foster a heartfelt love for listening, speaking, reading, and writing. So come join the action — give your children wings!

Speaker: Chris Smith

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

PRES**STEM Supersized — The PE Way!**

Come join us for an interactive outdoor session to learn how to incorporate STEM activities into gross motor/movement activities that you can do in your outdoor space or gym. Combining gross motor development and STEM learning is multi-tasking at it’s finest! *Sessions 1 & 3.*

Speakers: Stella King

FA: Adv. Physical & Intellectual Competence

PRES**Documenting Children’s Growth**

Learn the reasons and techniques of documenting milestones that children achieve every day! Knowing the appropriate age-level milestones is essential. Through the use of samples, the teacher can become aware of developmental stages of children. They also show different ways to help children achieve these milestones through interactive play. Suggestions are given to help the children who are behind in their developmental skills. This is imperative information to communicate to a child’s progress to parents.

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Observation & Assessment

PRES**Incorporating Best Practices in the Dramatic Play Center**

Children learn through the use of their imagination! During free-play centers is an opportunity for young children to increase awareness of their world around them, play creatively, expand thinking skills through imaginary play, and develop social skills while interacting with peers. This session will help educators identify best practices and high quality interactions with our children by implementing a dramatic play area within the classroom setting that is 5-star! We will share ideas, develop themes for our dramatic play areas, and leave with an inspiring mindset after creating goals to better enhance this area of imagination in our classrooms for the students we teach! *Sessions 1 & 3.*

Speaker: Kristin Miller

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

PRES**Stinking Thinking:****What It Is, What It Does, & How We Can Change It!**

If you have ever said to yourself, “I knew the better way, why didn’t I choose that?” and followed it up with a good old-fashioned beat yourself up session, congratulations! You are officially a human being? We have knowledge, skills, and great intentions and then life happens. Our intentions join a long, but distinguished list I often refer to as my “Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda List”. Sometimes it is the realities of life that disrupt our plans, and we have to adjust. Sometimes, however, it is stinking thinking! In this session, we will unpack what stinking thinking is, what it can do to our leadership, and how we can, with simple shifts and techniques, bring our thinking back in line with our values, goals, aspirations, and dreams.

Speaker: Lori Buxton

FA: Professional Development

PRES**Effective Communication**

Communication is key! Effective communication is vital in building relationships with your student and their parents. Join us as we dive in to the in’s and out’s of effective communication! *Sessions 1 & 3.*

Speaker: Christi Priddy

FA: Parent Communication

PRES**Let’s LOL: Children Who Laugh Together Learn Together**

Brain research reminds us that pleasurable learning lasts longer. Appropriate opportunities for humor relax our brains and body and relieve stress. This session will focus on discovering books, songs, movement, finger plays, and cooperative games that incorporate humor while teaching preschool children. Learning and laughter go hand in hand! *S. 1 & 3.*

Speaker: Barbara Lynn

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

PRES

Director Track

Health & Safety Training

This session is based on 746-childcare minimum standards discussing health and safety practices. We will walk through each section and provide a refresher course on health and safety in your program.

Speaker: Natasha Harris

FA: Professional Development

I Matter: Six Strategies to Create Culture of Self-Care

For the last two years, you have been donning your cape, using your x-ray vision to see solutions that are buried under overwhelmed staff, the war of vaccination, staffing shortages, illness; and The Great Resignation. Your role as a leader often calls upon you to make the decision to choose between your needs, your family, and a cause that literally can impact the life of someone. There are people who consider you a hero. So does the hero also get the opportunity to choose to advocate for themselves?

Speaker: Thecia Jenkins

FA: Professional Development

MDO/Preschool Track

<p>Connecting Games to Play With Infants & Toddlers MDO Building strong relationships between adults and children is the most important part of infant and toddler caregivers' jobs. Participants will come away with at least 25 ideas for songs and games to help connect with their young children. Speaker: Diane Goyette FA: Teacher-Child Interactions</p>	<p>Apply (Introducing Change), Retain (Remembering Information), and Nurture (Growing Stronger). <i>Sessions 2 & 5.</i> Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey FA: Adv. Phy. & Intellectual Competence</p>
<p>Minimum Standards MDO Whether you are new to child care or consider yourself a veteran, we are all Texas State Licensed. This means that we all have to follow the state minimum standards. This session will cover all of the primary rules that you need to know and help you feel more confident as an early childcare professional. Speaker: Marlyn Kramer FA: Health & Safety</p>	<p>Come "Calm" With Me PRES Have you ever thought that your children could use a calming moment in the midst of uncontrollable behavior or an anxiety-filled experience? Then let's offer them some "Mindful Moments" that will promote children's calm, improve social skills, and increase the ability to self-regulate. Watch their self-esteem grow and — maybe — just maybe — offer you some calming strategies as well. Speaker: Chris Smith FA: Child Growth & Development</p>
<p>Jamming Babies MDO This session will cover infant curriculum, baby massage techniques, lap rides with songs, and the benefits of music with infants and toddlers, language development — and much more! <i>Sessions 1, 2, 4, & 5.</i> Speakers: D. Wenter & T. Bakke FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum</p>	<p>Playground Supervision PRES Ever wish that you had eyes in the back of your head? With so much activity happening all at once, teachers have an impossible task. There are always blind spots that make it seem impossible to watch everything. But — take heart — there is an answer! In this session, we illustrate how to guard against these blind spots. We will also give you ideas for playground curriculum. Speaker: Albert Wright FA: Health & Safety</p>
<p>WOW! How Do We Manage It All? MDO This session is focused on strategies to help our early childhood classrooms run smoothly. Greeting Children at the door to End-of-Day Reflection and everything in between will be discussed and classroom activities and ideas will be shared. Speaker: Lynette Tello FA: Professional Development</p>	<p>Taking the Classroom Outside PRES Learning experiences shouldn't be restricted to the four walls of a classroom. There are so many wonderful opportunities for exploration and discovery for children and adults alike outside! This fun and creative session will inspire you to expand your horizons and bring a fresh new richness to learning in your classroom! Speaker: Lori Buxton FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum</p>
<p>Going Live In 3 . . . 2 . . . 1! MDO/PRES Take your storytelling skills from ho-hum to hurray! Your children are anxious to hear stories, and it's one of the best things you can do for them. Keep kids wanting more when you present stories in a variety of ways, so learn some new techniques in this session for drawing kids in and making narratives come alive! <i>This is a Zoom session.</i> Speaker: Tina Houser FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum</p>	<p>Handwriting Prerequisites & Scissor Skills Sequenced for Success PRES Informative discussion-based session identifies, analyzes, and explains facilitation of the 12 key components determining handwriting readiness in young children. This extended session also highlights the important topic of scissor skill development and how to facilitate. Enhance parent conference interactions and your professional articulation of student progress with objective, meaningful information learned in this session. This is a 2-session workshop — Please stay for both sessions 1 & 2. Speaker: Dr. Marianne Gibbs, OT FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum</p>
<p>You're a Rock Star! MDO/PRES In this presentation, participants will be inspired by an upbeat, comical comparison of teachers and rock stars — helping teachers to realize and embrace their powerful place on earth and the depth of their impact on the children that they serve. <i>Sessions 2 & 5.</i> Speaker: Tom Wilbeck, MA, LPC FA: Professional Development</p>	<p>Rockin' the Rodeo PRES Come to the Rodeo! Be prepared to YEE HAW with Diane. Each activity is simple and ready to use. Diane will teach you how to make a lasso you can take home, ride and take care of a horse, walk in the rodeo parade with an easy to make flag, clean up after your horse, win at the chuck wagon race, leap over fences, calf scramble and so much more! You will get your rodeo fix with this session! <i>Sessions 2, 4, & 5.</i> Speaker: Diane Havens FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum</p>
<p>Respect Each Other MDO/PRES Participants will evaluate their own biases to help create an environment, relationships, and positive communications where children and families with different cultures are recognized. We will discuss examples of strategies to prevent biases and create a respectful environment. Speaker: Alba Bunnell FA: Professional Development</p>	<p>Hands-On Math Across the Ages PRES In this session, participants will be equipped with fundamental knowledge about the components of math according to NAEYC, how to promote math across all areas of daily learning, and the importance of math in early childhood and how it relates to future successes in our children. You will be engaged in your own learning after being given a variety of accommodating and interactive ways to make math time fun time in your early childhood program! Speaker: Kristin Miller FA: Math & Science</p>
<p>Face Painting Made Simple! MDO/PRES Looking to add some FUN and CREATIVITY to your lesson plans? Learn some basic face painting techniques that your students will LOVE! You can practice on a friend, yourself, or practice sheets during this class. <i>Sessions 1, 2, 4, & 5.</i> Speaker: Jessica Salas FA: Professional Development</p>	
<p>How Preschoolers L.E.A.R.N: PRES The Five-Fold Process for Effective Instruction of Preschoolers This session will explore 5 components for effective instruction of preschoolers: Listen (Gaining Attention), Experience (Creating Emotion),</p>	

Session 2 Workshops**Thursday, July 28, 2022****10:30 am - 11:20 am****MDO/Preschool Track****Partnering with Parents**

PRES
Come and explore ways to partner with parents to help bridge the gap between the classroom and home. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Christi Priddy**FA: Parent Communication****Assuring School Readiness:****PRES****Recognizing Vision, Hearing, & Speech Difficulties in Young Children**

Teachers are in a unique position to notice the earliest signs of visual problems, hearing loss, and speech and language delay in young children.

Discover how to notice these difficulties and direct families to diagnosis and treatment. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Barbara Lynn**FA: Child Growth & Development****Session 3 Workshops****Thursday, July 28, 2022****11:30 am - 12:20 pm****Director Track******LUNCH #2 IS SERVED DURING THIS TIME****Effective Communication: "Do I Mean What I Say?"**

As Directors, we have faced situations in which we spoke hastily. Once the words are released, how do we rectify the reaction? Join this session to discuss communication techniques, communication issues, and ways to effectively respond to difficult conversations.

Speaker: Natasha Harris**FA: Professional Development****What Happened to Them: Trauma Informed Childcare**

The reality is that about one in two children and youth have experienced a traumatic event in their life before the age of eighteen. This session explores the topic of Trauma Informed Response and Adverse Childhood Experience. Attendees will explore what trauma is, how trauma affects people and how they can assist the child and their adult support system.

Speaker: Thecia Jenkins**FA: Professional Development****MDO/Preschool Track******LUNCH #1 IS SERVED DURING THIS TIME****Five Playful Practices That Foster Language and Literacy Development for Infant & Toddlers****MDO**

Playing with infants and toddlers is the best way to support all of their learning and development, including language. Learn five practices that help children develop language and learn literacy skills, and explore playful activity ideas for each. You will leave with ways to support children and have fun doing it!

Speaker: Diane Goyette**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum**

some practical strategies and fresh perspectives that will take the trauma out of your transition time!

Speaker: Lori Buxton**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****STEM Supersized — The PE Way!****PRES**

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Speakers: Stella King**FA: Adv. Physical & Intellectual Competence****Every Student Can Learn****MDO**

This session is focused on supporting children that have a home language other than English. We will discuss Early Language Learners — it's history, definitions and practical application strategies for the early childhood classroom.

Speaker: Lynette Tello**FA: Care of Children With Special Needs****Incorporating Best Practices in the Dramatic Play Center****PRES**

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Speaker: Kristin Miller**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****Fascinating Preschoolers****PRES**

The world is new to our littlest ones and everything is fascinating! To witness their discovery wakes up your own sense of wonder. From this session, you'll take away lots of ideas for making your time with preschoolers exciting by exposing them to brand new words and experiences. You'll love fascinating your kids! *This is a Zoom session.*

Speaker: Tina Houser**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****Effective Communication****PRES**

Communication is key! Effective communication is vital in building relationships with your student and their parents. Join us as we dive in to the in's and out's of effective communication! *Sessions 1 & 3.*

Speaker: Christi Priddy**FA: Parent Communication****Sticky Learning****PRES**

Every teacher must deal with the "new student." The problem is if a new learner isn't properly assimilated into the classroom, there can be bigger difficulties, including misbehavior, apathy, and boredom. In this session, teachers will learn the "Rule of 3's" and what needs must be met, at each step of the way, to create a self-motivated learner. *Sessions 1 & 3.*

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey**FA: Behavior & Guidance****Let's LOL: Children Who Laugh Together Learn Together****PRES**

Brain research reminds us that pleasurable learning lasts longer. Appropriate opportunities for humor relax our brains and body and relieve stress. This session will focus on discovering books, songs, movement, finger plays, and cooperative games that incorporate humor while teaching preschool children. Learning and laughter go hand in hand! *S. 1 & 3.*

Speaker: Barbara Lynn**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****Trauma-Free Transitions****PRES**

Getting young children from Point A to Point B is no small undertaking! Some of the most stressful moments of the preschool teacher's day are dealing with transitions, but it doesn't have to be that way! Join Lori for

Director Track

****LUNCH #2 IS SERVED DURING THIS TIME**

How to Guide My Attitude in My Class & My Center

This session will go over strategies to use when communicating and interacting with parents, peers, and staff to foster a positive, professional relationships. Understand your role as a professional in the field of early childhood and how the way you communicate makes a big difference in both personal and professional relationships. Tips and strategies will be discussed.

Speaker: Alba Bunnell

FA: Leadership & Professionalism

MDO/Preschool Track

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Ouch! That Hurts!

MDO

Although hitting, biting, kicking, etc. is normal behavior for young children, it is NOT okay. Through fun, hands-on activities, this session delves into some of the underlying reasons behind aggressive behavior in young children, appropriate responses to the behavior, and what teachers can do to reduce it! Come join me as together we discover how to rid our classroom of actions that hurt!

Speaker: Marlyn Kramer

FA: Behavior & Guidance

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FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

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Speaker: Vickie Maertz, OTR, OTD

FA: Child Growth & Development

Self Care: If You Don't Do It — Who Will?

MDO/PRES

This session outlines the four types of stress that make stress-related illness the largest threat to our population. We've all had a ROUGH year (+) and we need to be aware of what our bodies, mind, and spirit have to say about it. This session will encourage participants to make self care part of their daily routine at home and IN THE CLASSROOM, as our children are experiencing stress too. Yes, this will be silly & interactive — That's what I do best! *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Tom Wilbeck

FA: Professional Development

Preschool/Church Relations

MDO/PRES

Is your preschool one of the primary ministries of your church, or the one at the bottom of the list? It's no secret that many preschools have a challenging relationship with their church. As a teacher can you **really** do anything to improve that relationship? The answer is, YES! In this session, we will discuss the challenges you might face with your church, but we'll also give you practical advice and hope so that you can begin build-

ing mutually beneficial bridges and relationships for the benefit of all!

Speaker: Andrew Keyes

FA: Professional Development

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MDO/PRES

Looking to add some FUN and CREATIVITY to your lesson plans? Learn some basic face painting techniques that your students will LOVE! You can practice on a friend, yourself, or practice sheets during this class. *Sessions 1, 2, 4, & 5.*

Speaker: Jessica Salas

FA: Professional Development

Creating Your Own "Gab-A-Teria"

PRES

This "hands-on," "minds-on" workshop will serve up ideas to create a center that powerfully promotes language development through natural social interaction and get your children "gabbng"! Visit the Puppet Place, Whisper Window, and the Calling Corner!

Speaker: Chris Smith

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Safety & Supervision in the Classroom

PRES

This session demonstrates licensing standards for safety in the classroom. Safety is always a major concern for parents. This session is for all age groups. Knowing that your facility is a safe one is imperative. We will define supervision, as well as discussing ways to maintain proper supervision.

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Health & Safety

More Fine Motor Skills... Write Out of the Box!

PRES

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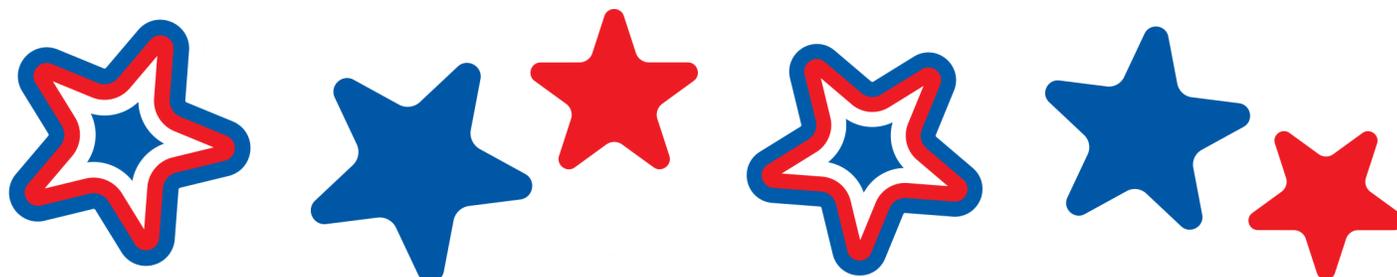
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Speaker: Diane Havens

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum



Director Track

Being Authentic: Reflective Leadership for Directors

Reflective leadership is the Director's ability to lead in the present, to be aware of our reactions, which pave the way to lead others. Taking the time to reflect daily with ourselves helps to gauge our interactions and responses with our staff and others. Directors set the culture for their programs in a positive, professional, and integral way by being authentic & intentional in their interactions.

Speaker: *Natasha Harris*

FA: *Leadership & Professionalism*

20/20 Understanding a Child's Vision

This session will discuss and evaluate ways to see through a child's perspective. We will discuss ways to understand a child's action & behaviors.

Speaker: *Alba Bunnell*

FA: *Professional Development*

MDO/Preschool Track

Tips, Tricks & Tools for Early Childhood Teachers

MDO

Participants will learn a collection of innovative organization tips, classroom management techniques, transition activities, behavior management ideas and how to repurpose materials to help facilitate their classrooms. Good for both new and veteran teachers.

Speaker: *Marlyn Kramer*

FA: *Professional Development*

Connecting Games to Play with Preschoolers

PRES

Warm, caring relationships between adults and children are the foundation for children's development, and connecting games help to create and maintain these relationships. Participants will play at least 25 games that help them connect with preschoolers.

Speaker: *Diane Goyette*

FA: *Teacher-Child Interactions*

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Giving Children Their "VOICE"

PRES

For children to be successful at school, they need to have developed strong language skills. . .so let's give children the tools and explicit instruction they need. . . With activities that are Engaging, Enriching and Exciting! We will explore language that asks questions, provides rich descriptive words, includes language experiences that compare and contrast, and more — using games, drama, songs, art, and read-a-louds! Join in the fun and learn at the same time!

Speaker: *Chris Smith*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Top 10 Reasons to Use Puppets in the Classroom

MDO

This session is focused on how we can use puppets to develop vocabulary, reading, writing and math skills in the early childhood classroom. Ideas and activities will be shared for daily use of a variety of puppets in the classroom.

Speaker: *Lynette Tello*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Rough Starts: The Effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome & Neurodevelopment Disorders

PRES

Children who are born "differently-abled" deserve a learning environment that protects and challenges them as they grow. This session helps to define what children who are born with FAS may behave like in a classroom. Participants will also gain an understanding that differences in learning styles are challenges, not burdens. We will discuss why it is important to focus on a strengths perspective rather than a deficit perspective, as well as acknowledge the benefits of inclusion.

Speaker: *Albert Wright*

FA: *Care of Children with Special Needs*

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Rules of Engagement with an Angry Child

PRES

You're a Rock Star!

MDO/PRES

In this presentation, participants will be inspired by an upbeat, comical comparison of teachers and rock stars — helping teachers to realize and embrace their powerful place on earth and the depth of their impact on the children that they serve. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: *Tom Wilbeck, MA, LPC*

FA: *Professional Development*

"The truth about rage is that it only dissolves when it is really heard and understood, without reservation." — Carl Rogers Anger is a legitimate feeling and people of all ages and stages will experience it. The problem isn't the feeling of anger, it's all the decisions that follow. The key to successfully supporting an angry child starts with our understanding and depends on our having a plan. This session will provide teachers with tools that do just that! Anger doesn't have to be public enemy number one in a preschool classroom. It can be the catalyst for growth, development, and relationship building if you are ready!

Speaker: *Lori Buxton*

FA: *Behavior & Guidance*

What Happened to Them: Trauma Informed Childcare

MDO/PRES

The reality is that about one in two children and youth have experienced a traumatic event in their life before the age of eighteen. This session explores the topic of Trauma Informed Response and Adverse Childhood Experience. Attendees will explore what trauma is, how trauma affects people and how they can assist the child and their adult support system.

Speaker: *Thecia Jenkins*

FA: *Behavior & Guidance*

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PRES Partnering with Parents

Come and explore ways to partner with parents to help bridge the gap between the classroom and home. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Christi Priddy

FA: Parent Communication

How Preschoolers L.E.A.R.N.:**The Five-Fold Process for Effective Instruction of Preschoolers**

This session will explore 5 components for effective instruction of preschoolers: Listen (Gaining Attention), Experience (Creating Emotion), Apply (Introducing Change), Retain (Remembering Information), and Nurture (Growing Stronger). *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Adv. Phy. & Intellectual Competence

Assuring School Readiness:**Recognizing Vision, Hearing, & Speech Difficulties in Young Children**

Teachers are in a unique position to notice the earliest signs of visual problems, hearing loss, and speech and language delay in young children. Discover how to notice these difficulties and direct families to diagnosis and treatment. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Barbara Lynn

FA: Child Growth & Development

Cognitive Learning Games in the Preschool Classroom

PRES

During this session, participants will gain insight and identify scenarios on incorporating play-based games throughout their preschool program, environment, and routines. We will have fun together creating game-based learning activities for participants to take and use with their students. Together, we will learn how to make learning time meaningful and engaging for the children that we teach!

Speaker: Kristin Miller

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

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CHEERS TO * 25 * YEARS!



We can't tell you what it means to have been able to provide training to our area early childhood professionals throughout the past 25 years!

Many of the same folks at The Adventure Preschool, who started the Preschool Teachers Adventure Conference 25 years ago, are still around today — and they still feel as blessed as they did that very first year!

Each year, we have done our best to improve and grow with all of you — through the many changes and challenges. Many thanks to our attendees and speakers — we couldn't do it without YOU!



Workshop Leaders



Taetha Bakke has been working at Kids in Action for over 6 years and is currently working on her CDA. She has been involved in the child care industry for better half of 25 years, starting out as a babysitter, working as a Nanny and then working at child care facilities. Making children happy and taking care of them makes me happy!

Alba Bunnell is a Master Registered Trainer in Early Childhood Education with over 27 years of experience dedicated to inspiring educators to develop young minds. She is passionate about understanding brain development in children infant through 12 years old in order to optimize when learning windows of opportunity are present in each child.

Lori Buxton has been involved in Early Care & Education since 1995 & has served children & their families on many levels, including classroom teacher, trainer, children's pastor & executive child care administrator. Lori is the founder of the Gulf Coast Directors Network in southeast TX.

Barbara Cargill, director of Wonders of the Woodlands Science Camp, helps teachers enhance and supplement their science curriculum with fresh, innovative ideas.

Dr. Rick Chromey is the Founder and President of MANNA! Educational Services International, a non-profit organization that creates "training that's curiously Divine!" He travels widely empowering leaders to lead, teachers to teach and parents to parent. Rick lives with his wife Linda in beautiful Boise, ID and in his spare time enjoys St. Louis Cardinal baseball. www.mannasolutions.org.

Dr. Carrie Cutler currently holds the position of clinical assistant professor of elementary mathematics education at the University of Houston. Her new book, *Math-Positive Mindsets: Growing a Child's Mind without Losing Yours*, give practical advice to those who want to help children succeed in math. Dr. Cutler is an expert in developmentally appropriate practice and early childhood topics as diverse as mindful movement, art, STEM, and authentic assessment for young children.

Dr. Marianne Gibbs is an occupational therapist and dynamic, national early childhood educational speaker. In addition, to being the owner of Gibbs Consulting, Incorporated, Dr. Gibbs is also a contributing author to the Frog Street Press Pre-K and Pre-K2 Curricula, as well as Benson Handwriting programs.

Diane Goyette is a Master Registered Level Trainer with the Texas Early Childhood Professional Development System, a Child Development Specialist, & a certified Child Care Health Consultant. She is the owner of Early Childhood Specialties LLC, and serves as adjunct profession at Sam Houston State University.

Natasha Harris is the Founder, Presenter & Executive Owner of Integrity Training & Professional Services. Natasha has always had a love and passion for administration and education. Her goal as a Leadership Developer is to transform business leaders from being average to becoming the best in their industry.

Diane Havens is the owner of Kids in Action in Kingwood.

Dr. Lillian Hubler is the Founder and President of Time to Sign, Inc. Lillian brings sign language into life for visual learning, social and emotional readiness, and classroom & behavior management best practices. Her methods are being used in over 5,200 schools nationwide.

Dr. Michael Hubler, Ed.D. has published over 40 early childhood education books and curriculum as Time to Sign's Director of Research, Training, and Curriculum Development. In addition to his doctorate and masters of administration degree, his drive to change behavioral outcomes led him to continue his education to earn an education doctorate in social and emotional learning (personal growth & development of young children).

Thecia Jenkins is the founder of I Am Bold, LLC, and is a speaker, coach, and author. She holds certifications in emotional intelligence, behavioral consulting, diversity, and mediation.

Andrew Keyes is a husband and father to four young children who has served in two different churches as a Family Pastor for 9+ years. He currently serves as the Assistant Pastor of Children and Student Ministries at Windwood Presbyterian Church. He has worked at churches with school ministries & advocates for churches & schools to be one team and one ministry.

Stella King has been in the recreation field for over 20 years, directing day camps, sleep away camps and special events. She currently teaches Fit & Fun at The Adventure Preschool and ascribes to the motto, "We don't learn to play! We play to learn!"

Workshop Leaders — Continued

Marlyn Kramer has been passionate about children and teaching her whole life! She has a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education, as well as an undergraduate degree in ECE. She currently teaches pre-kindergarten at a private Christian school in Georgetown, TX. Prior to that, she taught hearing impaired in Hays ISD and first grade for Austin ISD.

Barbara Lynn has taught in a variety of settings, including public, parochial, and lab school for over 18 years. She has taught in the Department of Education/Early Childhood at Wharton County Junior College since 2004 and has been Department Head since 2005.

Vickie Maertz holds a Masters and Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. She is a Master Registered Trainer, author, and consultant. She has lectured both in Texas and nationally on the topic of ADHD, Autism, and Sensory Processing Disorder for over 8 years.

Krystal Malichi has been involved in education for the past 20 years. She has worked in both public and private schools and spent 10 year teaching Kindergarten. Krystal is currently in her third year as a Primary Instructional Specialist at Bane Elementary, working with teachers and students from Pre-K to 2nd grade.

Kristin Miller holds a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. She has over 18 years of professional, direct experience in education and is a registered state early childhood professional development Master Trainer.

Kendolyn Pope has worked in the field of early childhood education for over 25 years. She brings her experiences as a nanny, classroom teacher, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction at the Children's Museum of Houston to her current work as Director of Faith Schools.

Christi Priddy is a 2006 graduate of the University of Mary Harden-Baylor. Following graduation, she worked for 8 years as an Early Intervention Specialist before moving into the private classroom setting. Her work history has enhanced her extensive knowledge of child development with a focus on developmental delays & intervention strategies. Christi is currently

the Co-Director of Weekend Children's Ministries and serves as a consultant in the community on appropriate developmental behaviors in children.

Jessica Salas has been a Pre-K teacher for 13 years. She has taught 3 of those years at The Adventure Pre-school. Jessica loves art and always finds fun and creative ways to incorporate it into her lesson plans. She started face painting 7 years ago and loves to practice on her own 3 children!

Keith Scott is a trainer for KAS Consulting Group and is a Master Professional Trainer. Keith has trained over 6,000 child care teachers/providers in both local and national conference over the last 10 years.

Chris Smith is the Early Childhood Consultant for Enid Public Schools in Oklahoma, and a national workshop presenter with over 30 years experience. She combines current brain research and "best practice" strategies to create exciting and innovative learning activities for young children

Lynette Tello taught 12 years with the Houston Independent School District in grades Pre-K to 2nd grade. She is currently an Early Childhood Consultant. Lynette is also a national, state, & local Early Childhood Literacy Trainer, a registered Master Trainer, & a member of the Greater Houston Puppetry Guild.

Debbie Wenter has been a licensed Kindermusik teacher for 28 years. She currently teaches all of the Kindermusik classes open to the public and all of the Kids in Action child care and preschool classes.

Tom Wilbeck, MA, LPC, is also a multi-instrumentalist who pulls audiences in with stories and a multitude of opportunities to join in the fun by becoming part of the show. You can see more of Tom's musical expression in his children's group [Tom's Fun Band](#).

Albert Wright is a Master Level Registered Trainer with over 20 years of experience in the childcare industry. His focus has always been doing what's best for children by training directors and teachers on achievement motivation and how it benefits today's classroom. Albert is the owner of Wright One Training.

Additional Information

- For each day that you attend PTAC you will be eligible to receive 6 clock hours, for a total of 18 clock hours for the 3 day conference. The clock hours certificate will be handed to you at registration. There will be stickers passed out for each workshop that you attend.
- The cost of PTAC includes admission to speakers and workshops, continental breakfast and a catered lunch. Register **EARLY** for the best prices — see the General Information section or the registration page for more information!
- The Director's Track is available **only** to Directors. Workshops will be available for Administrators, Mother's Day Out Providers and Preschool Teachers.
- **We are GREEN!** *You'll be able to download additional brochures, forms, and workshop handouts from our website listed below. Participants will be responsible for downloading and printing the workshop handouts that they want for their personal use.*
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- Our website will also have up-to-date information: www.ptacconference.org

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July 26th, 27th, 28th

Registration Form

2022

Person Completing Registration : _____ Position: _____

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School Address _____

School City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Please note that all communications regarding Summer PTAC will be done via email.

Registration - Now through June 30th: 1 Day = \$125; 2 Days = \$250; 3 Day = \$325

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Director's Name: _____

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Attendees Registered: _____

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Everyone gets a t-shirt to celebrate our 25th Anniversary!
Must register and pay by June 30th.

Send completed forms and make checks payable to:

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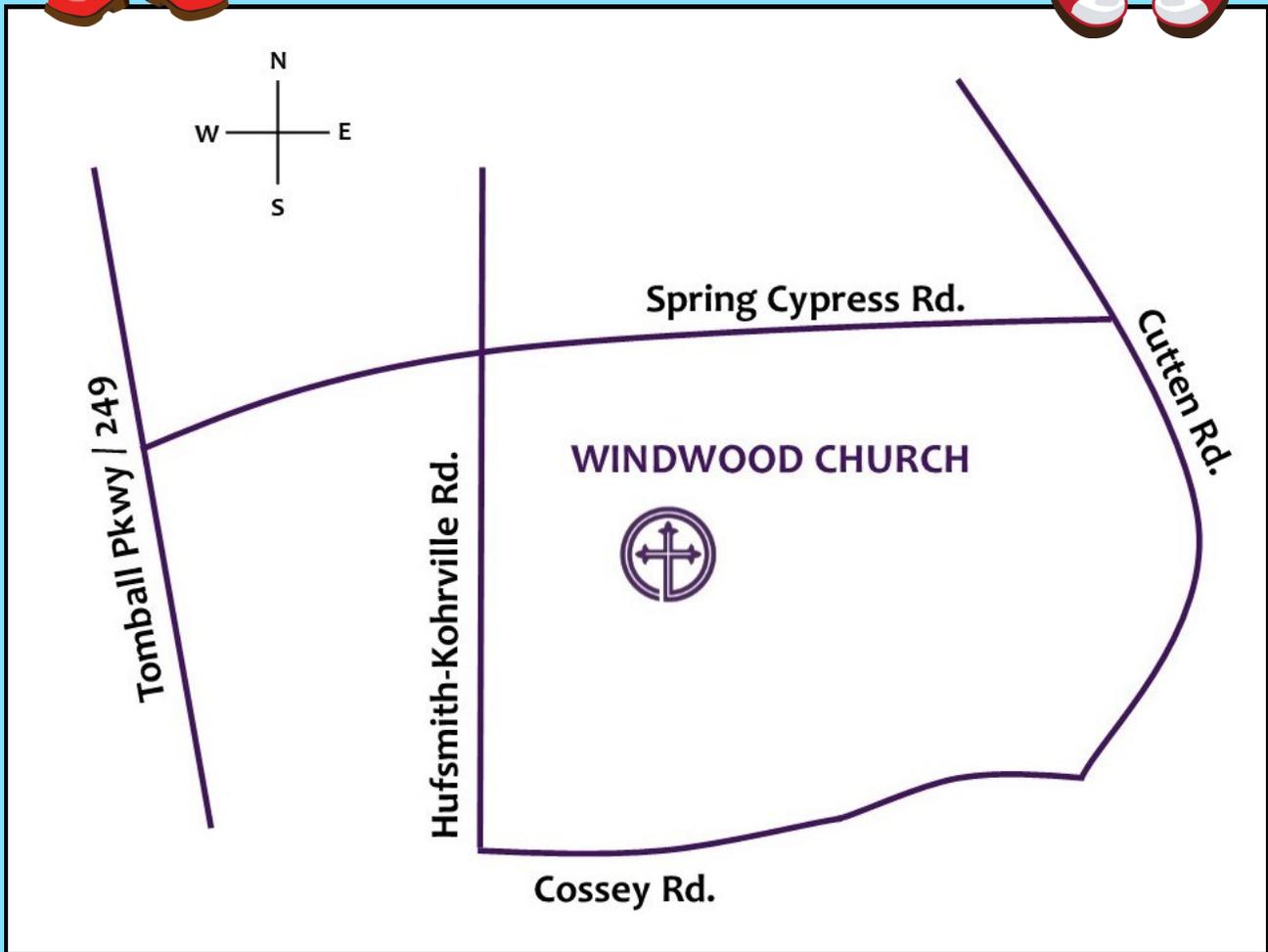




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Directions

The easiest approach to our facility is to follow State Highway 249 (also called the Tomball Parkway) west towards Tomball. Take the Spring Cypress Road exit and turn right on Spring Cypress. Windwood Presbyterian Church is about one mile down on the right.

