

PTAC DAILY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021

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 — Dr. Rick Chromey

Dr. Rick Chromey has equipped leaders to lead, trainers to train and teachers to teach for over three decades. He's a popular author on leadership, culture, human motivation and faith, penning twelve books, including three best-selling titles. Dr. Chromey has written for leading periodicals on children, youth and family and travels widely to speak at conferences, conventions and other leadership events as "the Original Edu-trainer!" It's a title that fits him perfectly because audiences rave about his ability to create smiles while blending in powerful insights and amazing ideas.

*****There will be no Footnote Speaker for this day. Instead, we are offering an EXTRA session full of classes!**

Session 1 Workshops Tuesday, July 27, 2021 9:30 - 10:20 am

<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Workshop Leader</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Location</i>
Toddler Power Struggles & Challenging Behavior* (1,4)	Christi Priddy	MDO	C145
A Day in the Life of a Toddler* (1,3)	Kara Gore	MDO	A120
The Benefits of Music with Infants & Toddlers* (1,4)	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
Tips for Teaching Tots* (1,3)	Karl Bastian	MDO	Summit
ROBO's Rising: Understanding America's Youngest Generation	Dr. Rick Chromey	MDO/PRES	A126
Sensory Processing Disorders in Young Children	Natasha Harris	MDO/PRES	M105
Fun With Physics: Super Sound & Fun-tastic Flight!* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth
Learning Math Through Play* (1,3)	Julie Hamilton	PRES	C127
Just Add Glitter. . . * (1,4)	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey
Unclaimed Blessings: Realizing Every Child's Worth	Albert Wright	PRES	F110
The Thing About Gossip. . . * (1,4)	Lori Buxton	PRES	C150
These Are a Few of My Favorite Things* (1,2)	Diane Havens	PRES	M106
Scripture Memory for Preschoolers * (1,4)	Darlene Abbott	PRES	M103
What Gets Your Goat?	Casey Casteel	PRES	M104

Session 2 Workshops Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:30 - 11:20 am

<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Workshop Leader</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Location</i>
Temper Tantrums 101* (2,6)	Christi Priddy	MDO	C145
SIDS, Shaken Baby Syndrome & Early Brain Development* (2,5)	Kara Gore	MDO	A120
Music Makers: Toddler Music Time* (2,5)	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
Talk to the Hand — Puppetry Made Easy! * (2,5)	Karl Bastian	MDO	Summit
Reaching the iTech Family: Understanding Millennial Parents	Dr. Rick Chromey	MDO/PRES	A126
Exploring Science Through Nature	Natasha Harris	MDO/PRES	M105
Fun With Physics: Super Sound & Fun-tastic Flight!* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth
Dollar Store Fun: Is Your Budget Tight?	Julie Hamilton	PRES	C127

Session 2 Workshops (continued) Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:30 - 11:20 am

<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Workshop Leader</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Location</i>
Write. . .Write. . .and Write Some More* (2,5)	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey
The Basics of Behavioral Disorders* (2,6)	Albert Wright	PRES	F110
Classroom Management: What It Is & Why It Matters* (2,5)	Lori Buxton	PRES	C150
These Are a Few of My Favorite Things* (1,2)	Diane Havens	PRES	M106
Movin' and Groovin'* (2,5)	Darlene Abbott	PRES	M103
The Power of Play Therapy* (2,5)	Casey Casteel	PRES	M104

Session 3 Workshops Tuesday, July 27, 2021 11:30 am - 12:20 pm

<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Workshop Leader</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Location</i>
Lunch #1 is served during this session			
Support & Development from Birth to Three* (3,5,6)	Alba Bunnell	MDO	C114
A Day in the Life of a Toddler* (1,3)	Kara Gore	MDO	A120
Tips for Teaching Tots* (1,3)	Karl Bastian	MDO	Summit
Learning Through Play: Centers & Circle Time* (3,5,6)	Leisha Davis	MDO/PRES	M105
STEM Supersized — The PE Way* (3,5)	Stella King	MDO/PRES	M106
Fun With Physics: Super Sound & Fun-tastic Flight!* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth
Learning Math Through Play* (1,3)	Julie Hamilton	PRES	C127
Why Self Care Isn't Selfish!	Albert Wright	PRES	F110
Understanding Anxiety in the Early Childhood Classroom* (3,6)	Casey Casteel	PRES	M104

Session 4 Workshops Tuesday, July 27, 2021 12:30 - 1:20 pm

<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Workshop Leader</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Location</i>
Lunch #2 is served during this session			
Toddler Power Struggles & Challenging Behavior* (1,4)	Christi Priddy	MDO	C145
The Benefits of Music with Infants & Toddlers* (1,4)	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
Teaching With Style	Dr. Rick Chromey	MDO/PRES	A126
Just Add Glitter. . . * (1,4)	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey
The Thing About Gossip. . . * (1,4)	Lori Buxton	PRES	C150
Scripture Memory for Preschoolers * (1,4)	Darlene Abbott	PRES	M103
Not Your Average Art	Jessica Salas	PRES	Summit

Session 5 Workshops Tuesday, July 27, 2021 1:30 - 2:20 pm

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Support & Development from Birth to Three* (3,5,6)	Alba Bunnell	MDO	C114
Potty Training 101	Christi Priddy	MDO	C145
SIDS, Shaken Baby Syndrome & Early Brain Development* (2,5)	Kara Gore	MDO	A120
Music Makers: Toddler Music Time* (2,5)	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
Talk to the Hand — Puppetry Made Easy! * (2,5)	Karl Bastian	MDO	Summit
GenTech: How Technology Shapes Generational Personalities	Dr. Rick Chromey	MDO/PRES	A126
Learning Through Play: Centers & Circle Time* (3,5,6)	Leisha Davis	MDO/PRES	M105
STEM Supersized — The PE Way* (3,5)	Stella King	MDO/PRES	M106
Fun With Physics: Super Sound & Fun-tastic Flight!* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth

Session 5 Workshops (continued) Tuesday, July 27, 2021 1:30 - 2:20 pm

Class Title	Workshop Leader	Audience	Location
Loose Parts: What Are They, Why Are They Important, & What Do I Do With Them?	Julie Hamilton	PRES	C127
Write. . .Write. . .and Write Some More* (2,5)	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey
Building Relationships with Parents — The COVID Edition	Albert Wright	PRES	F110
Classroom Management: What It Is & Why It Matters* (2,5)	Lori Buxton	PRES	C150
The Character of Habits: The Habits of Character* (5,6)	Rev. Kevin Rudolph	PRES	A124
Movin' and Groovin'* (2,5)	Darlene Abbott	PRES	M103
The Power of Play Therapy* (2,5)	Casey Casteel	PRES	M104

Session 6 Workshops Tuesday, July 27, 2021 2:35 - 3:30 pm

Class Title	Workshop Leader	Audience	Location
Support & Development from Birth to Three* (3,5,6)	Alba Bunnell	MDO	C114
Temper Tantrums 101* (2,6)	Christi Priddy	MDO	C145
Communication & Connecting With Families	Kara Gore	MDO	A120
Motivate Me: Creating a Positive & Productive Learning Experience	Dr. Rick Chromey	MDO/PRES	A126
Learning Through Play: Centers & Circle Time* (3,5,6)	Leisha Davis	MDO/PRES	M105
Fit & Fun for Everyone!	Stella King	MDO/PRES	M106
Art + Science = Fun!	Jessica Salas	PRES	Summit
Nursery Rhymes Matter	Julie Hamilton	PRES	C127
The Basics of Behavioral Disorders* (2,6)	Albert Wright	PRES	F110
Helping Children Manage Feelings	Lori Buxton	PRES	C150
The Character of Habits: The Habits of Character* (5,6)	Rev. Kevin Rudolph	PRES	A124
Singing & Programs for Preschoolers	Darlene Abbott	PRES	M103
Understanding Anxiety in the Early Childhood Classroom* (3,6)	Casey Casteel	PRES	M104

Notes

- Each workshop is 50 minutes long and will have open seating on a first-come, first-served basis. We ask that you not save more than one seat in a particular workshop. ***Be aware that some workshops repeat throughout the day — those workshops are annotated with numbers showing the sessions that they are available.***
- We recommend that you have at least two alternates chosen in advance for each session time, in case your first choice is full.
- ***Please respect the Room Monitors. They will let you know if a session is full and can help direct you to another workshop. Room Monitors cannot allow you to sit on the floor because it is in violation of Fire Safety Codes.***
- Disclaimer — The opinions expressed by presenters and/or exhibitors are their own, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Conference Planning Committee, The Adventure Preschool, or Windwood Presbyterian Church. The Conference Planning Committee does not officially endorse any particular product, program, teaching method, activity or handout presented at this conference.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021

Art + Science = Fun!

Art can be more than crayons, paint, and paper! Explore different ways to combine science and art. Turn boring science experiments into FUN art!

Speaker: Jessica Salas

PRES

FA: Math & Science

real people to relate when parenting challenges arise. Let's talk about the benefits of connecting with families!

Speaker: Kara Gore

FA: Parent Communication

Dollar Store Fun: Is Your Budget Tight?

PRES

Come to this workshop and learn about great dollar store finds that can be used to teach math, science, fine motor, literacy, etc. Join us for some great ideas that can be used in all areas of your curriculum!

Speaker: Julie Hamilton

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

A Day in the Life of a Toddler

MDO

Toddlers are interesting, unique, & fun little people! They are experiencing difficult physical challenges & important developmental milestones. Additionally, they lack crucial social skills & need extremely specific environments! Through humor & hands-on fun, we will put ourselves in their shoes. Get ready to be 2 years old — again! *Sessions 1, 3.*

Speaker: Kara Gore

FA: Child Growth & Development

Exploring Science Through Nature

MDO/PRES

The greatest science lesson is all discovered in nature. Get outside, play in the dirt, pull some grass, count rocks, measure sticks. . . So many wonderful tools for learning and discovery in your own backyard! We will discuss nature, rocks, math, counting, science projects, and more activities for your classroom.

Speaker: Natasha Harris

FA: Math & Science

The Basics of Behavioral Disorders — ADHD

PRES

Engaging children in your class that have behavior disorders can seem like a daunting task. This workshop will define and describe typical and atypical ADHD behaviors and how they can be misconstrued. Children with behavior disorders can appear defiant, but sometimes just need to be motivated and engaged in a different way. We will discuss strategies for engaging children in our learning environment and how to promote inclusiveness. *Sessions 2 & 6.*

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Care of Children with Special Needs

Fun with Physics: Super Sound & Fun-tastic Flight!

PRES

This session introduces teachers to the wonders of physics through sound and flight. What are vibrations? How do they help us hear? Sound cups, tuning forks, and sound hoses bring understanding about sound. Participants will also do attention-getting experiments such as using a ping pong ball and blow drier to teach about air pressure. Adding a little toilet paper to the experiment brings shouts of excitement! Gravity centers give fresh ideas on using ramps and racing tubes. Straw rockets and floating feathers make learning about flight fun-tastic! *Sessions 1, 2, 3, 5.*

Speaker: Barbara Cargill

FA: Math & Science

The Benefits of Music with Infants & Toddlers

MDO

Studies have shown that early musical training benefits children even before they can walk or talk. Your infants and toddlers that participate in interactive music classes will smile more, communicate better, and show earlier and more sophisticated brain responses to music. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Brooke Wright

FA: Music & Movement

GenTech: How Technology Shapes Generational Personalities

MDO/PRES

We are not Boomers or Xers, Millennials or Gen Z. We are framed by the technology that emerged in our "coming of age" years. We are the Radio or Television generation. We are Space or Gamer generation. We are the Personal Computer-Cell Phone or Net Generation. In this fascinating, fun romp through history, you'll learn a fresh perspective and a new way to view American generations (since 1900).

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Professional Development

Building Relationships with Parents — The COVID Edition

PRES

Building relationships with parents is a huge part of an educator's job, but dealing with difficult parents can seem impossible at times, especially when they aren't allowed in the building anymore because of a global pandemic. This training will show you how to take on the idea of co-parenting even with individuals that seem impossible to get along with.

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Parent Communication

Just Add Glitter. . . .

PRES

This session invites participants to learn ways to add art to teach and reinforce learning. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Chris Smith

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

The Character of Habits: The Habits of Character

PRES

Helping children be formed into the people God intended them to be, is more about formation (or transformation) than just imparting information. How is this done? Some studies estimate that 40% of what we all do every day is not by deliberate decisions, but by habit. We form our habits, and then our habits form us. We will be looking at how habits are formed, changed, and how they form us, our students, and our classrooms!

Speaker: Rev. Kevin Rudolph

FA: Professional Development

Learning Math Through Play

PRES

Math is an important part of STEAM. In this session, you will learn many ways to incorporate math into your day in ways that children will enjoy and learn. It is important to be intentional, but the students don't have to know that they are learning through play all day! *Sessions 1,3.*

Speaker: Julie Hamilton

FA: Math & Science

Classroom Management: What It Is & Why It Matters

PRES

Classroom management is a hot-button issue with most teachers that I spend time with and it was an issue I wrestled with when I was teaching. It is a quality of life issue. . .for you and for the children you care for. If you get it right, the world of preschoolers is a beautiful place, but if you get it wrong, it can make the work a miserable, stressful place for EVERYONE! So, where do you start? *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Lori Buxton

FA: Professional Development

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 3,5,6.*

Speaker: Leisha Davis

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Communication & Connecting with Families

PRES

Parents and their children come to your program with various personalities, habits, unique family culture, and life experiences. Parents need something to believe in, tips on appropriate developmental issues and

Loose Parts: What Are They, Why Are They Important, & What Do I Do With Them?

PRES

You will leave this session with a long list of loose parts to use in your own indoor and outdoor classrooms. Come participate in discussions about storage, how to incorporate loose parts into your classroom, where to find loose parts, and much more!

Speaker: Julie Hamilton

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS—CONTINUED

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021

Motivate Me:

MDO/PRES

ROBO RISING:

MDO/PRES

Creating a Positive & Productive Learning Experience

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!

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Teacher-Child Interactions

Understanding America's Youngest Generations

Born since 2000, America's youngest generations are growing up in a 3D H.A.I.R.Y. cyber culture that's primed with social media, clouds and streams, and hyper-sensory media. In this insightful session, you'll discover how the iTech and Robo Generations will reimagine how we educate, worship, socialize, entertain and purchase. You'll also learn how holograms, artificial intelligence and robotics will define their lives for the next quarter century.

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Professional Development

Movin' and Groovin'

PRES

Scripture Memory for Preschoolers

PRES

Music is a great way to feed the brain. But — it can always enhance classroom activities, transition from one to another, and simply to make things more fun! Learn how to use music and movement throughout the day. Be ready to move! *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Darlene Abbott

FA: Music & Movement

Can preschoolers really memorize scripture? Yes, they can! Explore games and activities that put scripture memory in your class and God's word in your preschoolers' hearts. *Repeats Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Darlene Abbott

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Music Makers: Toddler Music Time

MDO

So you want to run a music class, but you have no idea what to do? This session is perfect for you! Most of our students at this age are happy to make a joyful noise, but we can be far more effective when we have a plan in place and know exactly what we are trying to teach, and why. This module will go over key points and teach you how to run a toddler music class, and in the process — create little music-makers! *S. 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Brooke Wright

FA: Music & Movement

Sensory Processing Disorders in Young Children

MDO/PRES

Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) is a common disorder with many children. In our classrooms, the 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

Not Your Average Art!

One of the greatest things about preschoolers is their creativity! Art is one of the best ways to showcase that creativity. Using hand-on techniques, learn some different ways to have fun with art!

Speaker: Jessica Salas

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

SIDS, Shaken Baby Syndrome & Early Brain Development

MDO

This training may be required annually for caregivers, but that doesn't mean it has to be boring or monotonous. Let's talk "REAL" about these subjects, share stories and discuss the latest research. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Kara Gore

FA: Health, Safety, & Nutrition

Nursery Rhymes Matter

PRES

Nursery rhymes are a great way to develop pre-reading skills while building confidence and having fun! Come learn some nursery rhymes and discover the importance of nursery rhymes in this interactive workshop. Your students will really feel like they matter when they can recite so many rhymes!

Speaker: Julie Hamilton

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Singing & Programs for Preschoolers

PRES

Come and experience game and program ideas — learn ways to get the gospel into the student's homes. Turn any musical program into an outreach!

Speaker: Darlene Abbott

FA: Music & Movement

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

STEM Supersized — The PE Way!

PRES

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!

Speakers: Stella King FA: Advance Physical & Intellectual Competence

The Power of Play Therapy

PRES

Come learn about the power of play therapy! See how play therapy concepts can help support students in the classroom, and help teachers recognize the need for intervention. Identify play themes and their meanings and how to allow for expression through play in the classroom. *S. 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Casey Casteel

FA: Teacher-Child Interactions

Support & Development Birth to Three

MDO

This workshop will cover ages and stages of child development and how early childcare providers can support the learning of the children in their care.

Speaker: Alba Bunnell

FA: Child Growth & Development

Reaching the iTech Family:

Understanding Millennial Parents

MDO/PRES

The Millennials are having babies and how they parent is much different than their Gen X and Boomer mom and dads. In this session, you'll hear the latest research on Millennial parents and discover how to better reach them.

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Professional Development

Talk to the Hand — Puppetry Made Easy!

MDO

Learn the basics of puppet ministry — especially the art of solo puppetry. Ventriloquism is NOT needed in order to use a puppet to introduce your lessons with a puppet as your teaching assistant. Learn how to create countless voices, a unique personality, and how to make a puppet seem like a real character to kids! Puppets are incredibly effective — when done well! So, learn the secrets to being a master puppeteer. It's not as hard as you think! *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Karl Bastian

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Teaching With Style

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 your fly!

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey

FA: Professional Development

MDO/PRES

Unclaimed Blessings: Realizing Every Child's Worth

PRES

Children are indeed a blessing from the Lord, but sometimes when we get stuck in our every day routine, we forget to view them as such. This workshop will remind us how God has given us the responsibility of claiming these children as valuable and seeing them as blessings in our lives — sent straight from the Lord! Every child needs to be reminded of their worth in order to see themselves as valuable. This workshop will help us reclaim the true mantle of our profession.

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Professional Development

Temper Tantrums 101

MDO

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

These Are a Few of My Favorite Things

PRES

Get ready to move and indulge your silly side! How many times can you actually use, instantly, at least 8 songs on a CD? This is one of those times! *Repeats Sessions 1 & 2.*

Speaker: Diane Havens

Tips for Teaching Tots

MDO

Learn the secrets for making your class time a T.R.E.A.T. You'll gain insights into teaching our youngest learners. From learning styles to relational strategies, discipline secrets, classroom management — this class covers the basics, but includes tips that you may have never heard before — from someone who has been teaching children since he was ten years old! *Sessions 1 & 3.*

Speaker: Karl Bastian

FA: Teacher-Child Interactions

The Thing About Gossip. . .

PRES

Gossip is a destructive weed in our garden, maybe the most destructive, and it grows best when we can't or won't deal with it. In this very transparent session, we will discuss what gossip is, how it spreads, and how we can get rid of it so that our team and program is healthy, happy, and productive. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Lori Buxton

FA: Professional Development

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 & 4.*

Speaker: Christi Priddy

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Understanding Anxiety in the Early Childhood Classroom

PRES

Anxiety in children and parents has increased and escalated beyond the expected separation anxiety of early childhood. Learn how to proactively support anxious student and parents and recognize behaviors related to anxiety. Understanding childhood anxiety can help support students, families, and the entire classroom. *Sessions 3 & 6.*

Speaker: Casey Casteel

FA: Teacher-Child Interactions

What Gets Your Goat?

PRES

Dealing with challenging behaviors can be frustrating, but developing an awareness of what behaviors are most bothersome to you can help you most effectively address those challenges. Understand how co-regulation can help with some of your most challenging behaviors and how important perception, response, and awareness can be to managing class behaviors.

Speaker: Casey Casteel

FA: Professional Development

Why Self Care Isn't Selfish!

PRES

Learning to take care of your own needs isn't selfish, it's essential! We want to give the kids in our care every bit of ourselves, but our own health and mindset is our number one asset. As educators, we often take our mental and physical health for granted, but if we are pushed to the brink, we will not be able to give the children in our care everything that they need and deserve. The work we do is hard and emotionally taxing, but with proper self care, we can be effective and live-giving educators — instead of just trying to get through the day! This workshop will show tangible steps to put into place to practice mindfulness and self reflection.

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Professional Development

Write. . . Write. . .and Write Some More

PRES

This session will delve in to ways to add writing for communication to the early childhood classroom. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Chris Smith

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

PTAC DAILY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021

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 — Karl Bastian

As the founder of Kidology, Karl Bastian is a follower of Jesus Christ, the lucky husband of his best friend Sara, and the proud father of Luke. When he isn't with his family, or hurrying back to them, his second favorite thing is to creatively minister to kids, and to equip and encourage others who share that passion. Karl has been a thought leader in children's ministry for years. In 2010, Children's Ministry Magazine named him as one of the Top 20 Influencers in Children's Ministry. In 2019, Karl made 4 of the Top 100 lists in Kidzmatter Magazine.

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Session 1 Workshops Wednesday, July 28, 2021 9:30 - 10:20 am

Class Title	Workshop Leader	Audience	Location
Developmental Milestones 1.0 (Birth—12 months)* (1,4)	Christi Priddy	MDO	C145
Bringing Worship into the Classroom* (1,3)	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
Sensory, Science & Art. . . Oh My!* (1,3)	Melissa McKenzie	MDO	M104
GenTech: How Technology Shapes Generational Personalities	Dr. Rick Chromey	MDO/PRES	A126
Singing & Programs for Preschoolers* (1,3)	Darlene Abbott	MDO/PRES	M103
Fun with Physics: Super Sound & Fun-tastic Flight!* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth
The Character of Habits: The Habits of Character	Rev. Kevin Rudolph	PRES	A128
If Objects Could Talk. . . They Can!* (1,4)	Karl Bastian	PRES	Summit
This is My Father's Amazing World, Pt. 1: My Listening Ears & Other Senses	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey
The Power of a Story — Emergent Literacy* (1,3)	Kara Gore	PRES	A120
Sensory Play & Learning in Early Childhood Education* (1,4)	Kristin Miller	PRES	F110
Blocks Matter	Julie Hamilton	PRES	M105
Helping Children Manage Feelings	Lori Buxton	PRES	C150

Session 2 Workshops Wednesday, July 28, 2021 10:30 - 11:20 am

Class Title	Workshop Leader	Audience	Location
Developmental Milestones 2.0 (12 months—3 years)* (2,5)	Christy Priddy	MDO	C145
The Healing Power of Music* (2,5)	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
Block Play for Little Ones* (2,5)	Melissa McKenzie	MDO	M104
Motivate Me: Creating a Positive & Productive Learning Experience* (2,5)	Dr. Rick Chromey	MDO/PRES	A126
Classroom Management with Preschoolers* (2,5)	Darlene Abbott	MDO/PRES	M103
Fun With Physics: Super Sound & Fun-tastic Flight!* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth
Making Your Discipline Problems Disappear!* (2,5)	Karl Bastian	PRES	Summit
This is My Father's Amazing World, Pt. 2: All Nature Sings—Exploring Air, Water, Earth & Sky	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey
Communication & Connecting with Families	Kara Gore	PRES	A120
DAP Classroom Environment: Play-Based Centers* (2,5)	Kristin Miller	PRES	F110
Building Connections with Parents* (2,5)	Julie Hamilton	PRES	M105
Back to School: Ready, Set. . . GO!	Lori Buxton	PRES	C150

Session 3 Workshops**Wednesday, July 28, 2021****11:30 am - 12:20 pm**

<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Workshop Leader</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Location</i>
Lunch #1 is served during this session			
Social Emotional Interactions* (3,4,6)	Alba Bunnell	MDO	C114
Bringing Worship into the Classroom* (1,3)	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
Sensory, Science & Art. . .Oh My!* (1,3)	Melissa McKenzie	MDO	M104
GenTeach: Teaching 21st Century Preschoolers in an Environment of Change	Dr. Rick Chromey	PRES	A126
Singing & Programs for Preschoolers* (1,3)	Darlene Abbott	MDO/PRES	M103
Learning Through Play: Centers & Circle Time* (3,6)	Leisha Davis	MDO/PRES	Summit
Fun with Physics: Super Sound & Fun-tastic Flight!* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth
Nursery Rhymes Matter	Julie Hamilton	PRES	M105
The Power of a Story — Emergent Literacy* (1,3)	Kara Gore	PRES	A120
B is for Balance: Managing Work & Life Successfully	Lori Buxton	PRES	C150

Session 4 Workshops**Wednesday, July 28, 2021****12:30 - 1:20 pm**

<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Workshop Leader</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Location</i>
Lunch #2 is served during this session			
Developmental Milestones 1.0 (Birth—12 months)* (1,4)	Christi Priddy	MDO	C145
Social Emotional Interactions* (3,4,6)	Alba Bunnell	MDO	C114
Playing with Your Stools!* (4,5,6)	Diane Havens	MDO	M106
Sensory Play & Learning in Early Childhood Education* (1,4,6)	Kristin Miller	PRES	F110
This is My Father's Amazing World: Pt.3: Of Rocks & Tree — Collecting & Protecting Our Environment	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey
If Objects Could Talk. . .They Can!* (1,4)	Karl Bastian	PRES	Summit

Session 5 Workshops**Wednesday, July 28, 2021****1:30 - 2:20 pm**

<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Workshop Leader</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Location</i>
Developmental Milestones 2.0 (12 months—3 years)* (2,5)	Christy Priddy	MDO	C145
The Healing Power of Music* (2,5)	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
Playing with Your Stools!* (4,5,6)	Diane Havens	MDO	M106
Motivate Me: Creating a Positive & Productive Learning Experience* (2,5)	Dr. Rick Chromey	MDO/PRES	A126
Classroom Management with Preschoolers* (2,5)	Darlene Abbott	MDO/PRES	M103
Fun With Physics: Super Sound & Fun-tastic Flight!* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth
Making Your Discipline Problems Disappear!* (2,5)	Karl Bastian	PRES	Summit
Love Books? Let's Make Some!	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey
Teaching Special Children	Kara Gore	PRES	A120
DAP Classroom Environment: Play-Based Centers* (2,5)	Kristin Miller	PRES	F110
Building Connections with Parents* (2,5)	Julie Hamilton	PRES	M105
Dear God. . .How to Love a Child when the Behavior Isn't Lovable	Lori Buxton	PRES	C150
Block Play for Little Ones* (2,5)	Melissa McKenzie	MDO	M104

<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Workshop Leader</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Location</i>
Partnering with Parents	Christi Priddy	MDO	C145
Social Emotional Interactions* (3,4,6)	Alba Bunnell	MDO	C114
Playing with Your Stools!* (4,5,6)	Diane Havens	MDO	M106
Robos Rising: Reaching the I-Tech Family	Dr. Rick Chromey	MDO/PRES	A126
Movin' & Groovin'	Darlene Abbott	MDO/PRES	M103
The "Super Seven" of Supervision	Kristy Thornton	MDO/PRES	Sanctuary
Learning Through Play: Centers & Circle Time* (3,6)	Leisha Davis	MDO/PRES	Summit
Teaching Special Children	Kara Gore	MDO	A120
Sensory Play & Learning in Early Childhood Education* (1,4,6)	Kristin Miller	PRES	F110
Loose Parts: What Are They, Why Are They Important, & What Do I Do With Then?	Julie Hamilton	RES	M105
Classroom Management: What It Is & Why It Matters* (2,5)	Lori Buxton	PRES	C150
Circle Time Doesn't Have to be a Circle!	Melissa McKenzie	MDO	M104

Notes

- Each workshop is 50 minutes long and will have open seating on a first-come, first-served basis. We ask that you not save more than one seat in a particular workshop. ***Be aware that some workshops repeat throughout the day — those workshops are annotated with numbers showing the sessions that they are available.***
- We recommend that you have at least two alternates chosen in advance for each session time, in case your first choice is full.
- ***Please respect the Room Monitors. They will let you know if a session is full and can help direct you to another workshop. Room Monitors cannot allow you to sit on the floor because it is in violation of Fire Safety Codes.***
- Disclaimer — The opinions expressed by presenters and/or exhibitors are their own, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Conference Planning Committee, The Adventure Preschool, or Windwood Presbyterian Church. The Conference Planning Committee does not officially endorse any particular product, program, teaching method, activity or handout presented at this conference.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021

B is for Balance: Managing Work & Life Successfully **MDO/PRES**
“Balance” always looks good on paper, but how in the world do we get to that magical place? Is it real? Is it a mirage that we will chase for the rest of our careers? A balanced life doesn’t have to be a dream. Join us for this important discussion about intentional living. Remember, if you aren’t okay, no one else can be okay!
Speaker: Lori Buxton **FA: Professional Development**

Back to School: Ready? Set. . .GO! **PRES**
What is your current state of “readiness” for the new school year? *Put me in coach! Five more minutes, mom! I’m sorry you have reached a number that has been disconnected or is no longer in service. If you feel you have reached this number in error, please hang up and try your call again.* This fun, interactive session will get your cylinders firing, your blood pumping, and your heart ready for GO time!
Speaker: Lori Buxton **FA: Professional Development**

Blocks Matter **PRES**
Wooden blocks are so important for preschoolers to develop skills in math, cooperation, vocabulary, and much more! In this session, we will talk about the basics of a block center, as well as accessories that can be added to the center.
Speaker: Julie Hamilton **FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum**

Block Play for Little Ones **MDO**
The Block Center is such a versatile center in any early childhood classroom. When we are aware of the developmental stages of block play, we can help infants and toddlers grow and learn as they explore, construct, and deconstruct. Come ready to gain an understanding of the stages and benefits of block play, and how we can enhance the Block Centers in our classrooms. *Sessions 2 & 5.*
Speaker: Melissa McKenzie **FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum**

Building Connections with Parents **PRES**
Parents are the first teacher of our students. Building a positive relationship with our parents is very important. In this session, we will talk about very practical ways that we can talk with our parents about anything from sensitive subjects to random subjects. *Sessions 2 & 5.*
Speaker: Julie Hamilton **FA: Parent Communication**

Bringing Worship into the Classroom **MDO**
Bringing worship into the classroom doesn’t have to be intimidating — but it helps if it can be engaging! Children respond to worship songs that are fun, with movement and dancing. This training will provide a self-evaluation for you to measure if you are bringing worship into the classroom, and to provide an opportunity to see your classroom with fresh eyes. *Sessions 1 & 3.*
Speaker: Brooke Wright **FA: Music & Movement**

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Speaker: Julie Hamilton **FA: Parent Communication**

The Character of Habits: The Habits of Character **PRES**
Helping children be formed into the people God intended them to be, is more about formation (or transformation) than just imparting information. How is this done? Some studies estimate that 40% of what we all do every day is not by deliberate decisions, but by habit. We form our habits, and then our habits form us. We will be looking at how habits are formed, changed, and how they form us, our students, and our classrooms!
Speaker: Rev. Kevin Rudolph **FA: Professional Development**

Circle Time Doesn’t Have to be a Circle! **MDO**
Does the idea of having Circle Time with infants and toddlers make you cringe? Fear no more! This session will help you to breakdown some myths or falsehoods about Circle Time, and free your mind to see the amazing potential of this little moment of the day.
Speaker: Melissa McKenzie **FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum**

Classroom Management with Preschoolers **PRES**
Making a classroom run smoothly takes planning and practice! Discover tactics, skills, and resources to keep your classroom fun, engaging, and running smoothly! *Repeats Sessions 2 & 5.*
Speaker: Darlene Abbott **FA: Supervision & Guidance**

Classroom Management: What It Is & Why It Matters **PRES**
Classroom management is a hot-button issue with most teachers that I spend time with and it was an issue I wrestled with when I was teaching. It is a quality of life issue. . .for you and for the children you care for. If you get it right, the world of preschoolers is a beautiful place, but if you get it wrong, it can make the work a miserable, stressful place for EVERYONE! So, where do you start?
Speaker: Lori Buxton **FA: Professional Development**

Communication & Connecting with Families **PRES**
Parents and their children come to your program with various personalities, habits, unique family culture, and life experiences. Parents need something to believe in, tips on appropriate developmental issues and real people to relate when parenting challenges arise. Let’s talk about the benefits of connecting with families!
Speaker: Kara Gore **FA: Parent Communication**

DAP Classroom Environment: Play-Based Centers **PRES**
The environment that a child learns in should be set up for the success of all levels of development and styles of interest. This workshop will address the importance of, and provide participants with effective tools, for creating developmentally appropriate spaces in the classroom through the use of play-based centers that are accommodating, fun, and effective for all children. *Sessions 2 & 5.*
Speaker: Kristin Miller **FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum**

Dear God. . .
How to Love a Child when the Behavior Isn’t Lovable **PRES**
Life in a classroom is not all rainbows and cotton candy and everything that a young child does and say is not “cute”. Some of it hurts, frustrates, and wrecks our heart. So, how do we love through that? Join Lori for this transparent and empowering conversation about God’s heart for children and His heart for you!
Speaker: Lori Buxton **FA: Teacher-Child Interactions**

Developmental Milestones 1.0 **MDO**
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**

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**

Fun with Physics: Super Sound & Fun-tastic Flight! **PRES**
This session introduces teachers to the wonders of physics through sound and flight. What are vibrations? How do they help us hear? Sound cups, tuning forks, and sound hoses bring understanding about sound. Participants will also do attention-getting experiments such as using a ping pong ball and blow drier to teach about air pressure. Adding

a little toilet paper to the experiment brings shouts of excitement! Gravity centers give fresh ideas on using ramps and racing tubes. Straw rockets and floating feathers make learning about flight fun-tastic! *Sessions 1, 2, 3, 5.*

Speaker: *Barbara Cargill*

FA: *Math & Science*

GenTeach: Teaching 21st Preschoolers in an Environment of Change

PRES

Born since 2010, today's preschoolers will experience a bold new world unlike anything we can imagine. The world is changing fast...and in their lifetime even faster. In this thought-provoking, interactive workshop, you'll discover how American education must radically shift its teaching pedagogy to effectively teach the emerging generations.

Speaker: *Dr. Rick Chromey*

FA: *Professional Development*

GenTech: How Technology Shapes Generational Personalities

MDO/PR

We are not Boomers or Xers, Millennials or Gen Z. We are framed by the technology that emerged in our "coming of age" years. We are the Radio or Television generation. We are Space or Gamer generation. We are the Personal Computer-Cell Phone or Net Generation. In this fascinating, fun romp through history, you'll learn a fresh perspective and a new way to view American generations (since 1900).

Speaker: *Dr. Rick Chromey*

FA: *Professional Development*

The Healing Power of Music

MDO

This session will discuss the true relationship between music, trauma, and coping strategies. Music can soothe the soul, and this is especially true for our classrooms. Come and learn how music can help foster healing and empower you to develop deeper relationships with those hard to reach children. *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: *Brooke Wright*

FA: *Music & Movement*

Helping Children Manage Feelings

PRES

Feelings, feelings fill the air. Feelings, feelings everywhere! Young children are filled to overflowing with feelings and have no idea what to do with them. When the feelings combust, they get all over everyone like silly string without the "sill"; tangling up our feelings, our classroom and our day! Join Lori for real strategies that help children navigate emotions successfully!

Speaker: *Lori Buxton*

FA: *Teacher-Child Interactions*

If Objects Could Talk. . . They Can!

PRES

This is a fun, interactive, objects-in-hand, hands-on workshop. Give ANY object to the Kidologist, and he will instantly create a biblical object lesson from that object — and then show you how to do it too! Discover why teaching with objects is so effective and why Jesus used object lessons when He taught! You will learn how to start with an object and form a spiritual lesson from it, or how to start with a topic and determine what object or visual will best teach it. By the end of this workshop, you will know how to make an object lesson from ANY object, INSTANTLY! *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: *Karl Bastian*

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 3 & 6.*

Speaker: *Leisha Davis*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Loose Parts: What Are They, Why Are They Important, & What Do I Do With Them?

PRES

You will leave this session with a long list of loose parts to use in your own indoor and outdoor classrooms. Come participate in discussions about storage, how to incorporate loose parts into your classroom, where to find loose parts, and much more!

Speaker: *Julie Hamilton*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Love Books? Let's Make Some!

PRES

Are you ready to create an interactive book for children that they will "fall in love" with? Then bring your cutting and gluing skills to the table and join the fun! Children will be able to sing or rhyme or count their way into the pages of your book that will come alive for them over and over again and instantly become an asset to your classroom library.

Speaker: *Chris Smith*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Making Your Discipline Problems Disappear!

PRES

Learn how to PREVENT discipline problems, how to deal with them effectively when they arise, with a special focus on what is going on in the minds and hearts of children when they misbehave — so that you can better understand how to respond and mold them! *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: *Karl Bastian*

FA: *Guidance & Discipline*

Motivate Me:

MDO/PRES

Creating a Positive & Productive Learning Experience

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*

Movin' and Groovin'

PRES

Music is a great way to feed the brain. But — it can always enhance classroom activities, transition from one to another, and simply to make things more fun! Learn how to use music and movement throughout the day. Be ready to move!

Speaker: *Darlene Abbott*

FA: *Music & Movement*

Nursery Rhymes Matter

PRES

Nursery Rhymes are a great way to develop pre-reading skills while building confidence and having fun! Come learn some nursery rhymes and discover the importance of nursery rhymes in this interactive workshop. Your students will really feel like they matter when they can recite so many rhymes!

Speaker: *Julie Hamilton*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Partnering with Parents

MDO

Come and explore ways to partner with parents to help bridge the gap between the classroom and home.

Speaker: *Christi Priddy*

FA: *Parent Communication*

Playing with Your Stools!

MDO

Playing with stools, elastic and plastic with your kids — how fun is that? Come and join the 'hose and noodle lady' — she's back with her healthy stools this time! Diane, with Kids in Action, will teach you fun, innovative and very creative musical activities to jump start your kids into fitness. Start your stool collection NOW! *Sessions 4,5, & 6.*

Speaker: *Diane Havens*

FA: *Music & Movement*

The Power of a Story — Emergent Literacy

PRES

A story can captivate children with fanciful pictures, unbelievable tales and interesting characters! A teacher can use various techniques to bring a book to life for children of all ages. We will discuss how almost EVERY store can enrich your curriculum, engage your children, extend your lessons and most of all — encourage children to develop a lifelong LOVE FOR LITERACY! *Sessions 1 & 3.*

Speaker: *Kara Gore*

FA: *Age Appropriate Curriculum*

Reaching the iTech Family:**Understanding Millennial Parents****MDO/PRES**

The Millennials are having babies and how they parent is much different than their Gen X and Boomer moms and dads. In this session, you'll hear the latest research on Millennial parents and discover how to better reach them.

Speaker: Dr. Rick Chromey**FA: Professional Development****Sensory, Science & Art. . . Oh My!****MDO**

Infants and toddlers need opportunities to explore their world through their senses. Because sensory play often overlaps with science and art, we can create powerfully intentional experiences for these young children. This session will give you easy to use ideas that are safe, developmentally appropriate and fun for our littlest ones! *Sessions 1 & 3.*

Speaker: Melissa McKenzie**FA: Math & Science****Sensory Play & Learning in Early Childhood Education****PRES**

One way children learn is through their five senses. Incorporating sensory play into our children's lives is so important in helping to enhance their growth and development and learning through play-based experiences. Sensory play is a fundamental tool to help children with Sensory Processing Disorder and recognizing how we can accommodate to meet their learning needs, as well. Participants will learn how to implement action plans for developmentally appropriate sensory play strategies within their classroom environments. *Sessions 1, 4 & 6.*

Speaker: Kristin Miller**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****Social Emotional Interactions****MDO**

This session will reinforce ways to regulate and balance social and emotional development for infants and toddlers using adult-child interaction. For success, all we need are ways to recognize how regulation and balance between social and emotional interactions affect early childhood development. *Sessions 3, 4 & 6.*

Speaker: Alba Bunnell**FA: Child Growth & Development****The "Super Seven" of Supervision****MDO/PRES**

Did you know that 40% of all injuries in childcare facilities could have been prevented if the teacher was supervising properly? In this session, we will discuss what Licensing means by "supervising children at all times" — as well as discovering what your responsibility in supervision

really is. Learn the "Super Seven of Supervision," as well as classroom and playground strategies.

Speaker: Kristy Thornton**FA: Safety****Teaching Special Children****MDO/PRES***

Somewhere along the way, many Early Childhood professionals were convinced that they had to have specialized training to positively impact the lives of children who have special needs. This simply is not true! YOU can make a huge difference in the lives of children with all types of abilities and unique needs. Often times, the methods we choose to best support children with special needs end up blessing all of the students in your class! Let's talk and share as we unpack this important topic. **Session 5 — Preschool, Session 6 — MDO.*

Speaker: Kara Gore**FA: Care of Children With Special Needs****This is My Father's Amazing World****PRES****Pt. 1: My Listening Ears & Other Senses**

Children's senses are their first scientific tools for exploring their world. Be prepared to join in the fun as we use those tools to pluck our "ear guitars," "spoon in" for a good look, and "sing a song" to solve a mystery with all of our senses!

Speaker: Chris Smith**FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum****This is My Father's Amazing World****PRES****Pt. 2: All Nature Sings — Exploring Air, Water, Earth & Sky**

Let's set our science centers spinning with units that encourage predicting, observing, recording, and discovery. You will sharpen your own scientific skills by doing hands-on experiments, by constructing mini units, and implementing curriculum imbedded assessments. Fun! Fun!

Speaker: Chris Smith**FA: Math & Science****This is My Father's Amazing World****PRES****Pt. 3: Of Rocks & Trees — Collecting & Protecting Our Environment**

Get ready to go on an action-packed "field trip" that will develop a keen awareness of the environment. Get ready to participate in a variety of activities that may "get your hand dirty" but will help us "clean up" and guide our children to celebrate and preserve the world they have been given to treasure!

Speaker: Chris Smith**FA: Math & Science**

PTAC DAILY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021

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 — Lori Buxton

Lori Buxton has been involved in early care and education since 1995. She has served children and their families on many levels, including classroom teacher, program director, executive administrator, and training specialist. Lori is a dynamic speaker who encourages, inspires, challenges, and equips; and whose heart is deeply committed to supporting leaders who serve young children and their families. She is the Managing Director of the Association for Early Learning Leaders and speaks/trains regionally and nationally. She has served on many early education advisory committees, including the “Sesame Street” Communities PD Virtual Advisory and has been a featured guest on “Preschool Podcast”.

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. He 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. Cleto 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.



Session 1 Workshops

Thursday, July 29, 2021

9:30 - 10:20 am

<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Workshop Leader</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Location</i>
Teaching Special Children	Kara Gore	MDO	A120
Singing From the Heart: How to Teach a Song to Little Minds* (1,3)	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
More Than Music* (1,3)	Melissa McKenzie	MDO	M104
Effective Communication* (1,3)	Christi Priddy	MDO/PRES	C145
Fun with Physics: Mighty Magnets & Electricity, Cool Color & Light* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth
Scripture Memory for Preschoolers	Darlene Abbott	PRES	M103
Do You Ever Wonder Why?	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey
The Ultimate Transitions Training	Albert Wright	PRES	F110
Bringing Stories to Life!* (1,4)	Karl Bastian	PRES	Summit
Take Back Your Creativity: Curricula Design* (1,4)	Kristin Miller	PRES	C150
What's a Whatzit?*(1,2)	Diane Havens	PRES	M106

Session 2 Workshops

Thursday, July 29, 2021

10:30 - 11:20 am

<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Workshop Leader</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Location</i>
Play According to Paget	Kara Gore	MDO	A120
The Healing Power of Music	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
Circle Time Doesn't Have to be a Circle!* (2,5)	Melissa McKenzie	MDO	M104
Making & Tinkering with STEM* (2,5)	Katie Miler	MDO/PRES	A126
Partnering with Parents* (2,5)	Christi Priddy	MDO/PRES	C145
Fun with Physics: Mighty Magnets & Electricity, Cool Color & Light* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth
Movin' and Groovin'	Darlene Abbott	PRES	M103

Session 2 Workshops	Thursday, July 29, 2021	10:30 - 11:20 am
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Class Title	Workshop Leader	Audience	Location
Do You Ever Wonder — What Can You Do?	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey
A Deeper Look at Behavioral Disorders	Albert Wright	PRES	F110
Secrets of Effective Kid Communicators* (2,5)	Karl Bastian	PRES	Summit
Accommodating Learning Styles* (2,5)	Kristin Miller	PRES	C150
What's a Whatzit?* (1,2)	Diane Havens	PRES	M106

Session 3 Workshops	Thursday, July 29, 2021	11:30 am - 12:20 pm
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Class Title	Workshop Leader	Audience	Location
Lunch #1 is served during this session			
Singing From the Heart: How to Teach a Song to Little Minds* (1,3)	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
More Than Music* (1,3)	Melissa McKenzie	MDO	M104
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Fun with Physics: Mighty Magnets & Electricity, Cool Color & Light* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth
Singing & Programs for Preschoolers	Darlene Abbott	PRES	M103
Making Read-A-Louds ROCK!	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey

Session 4 Workshops	Thursday, July 25, 2019	12:30 - 1:20 pm
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Class Title	Workshop Leader	Audience	Location
Lunch #2 is served during this session			
The Character of Habits: The Habits Of Character	Rev. Kevin Rudolph	MDO	A120
Relationship-Based Teaching	Katie Miler	MDO/PRES	A126
Take Back Your Creativity: Curricula Design* (1,4)	Kristin Miller	PRES	C150
Bringing Stories to Life!* (1,4)	Karl Bastian	PRES	Summit
Building Relationships with Parents — The COVID Edition	Albert Wright	PRES	F110

Session 5 Workshops	Thursday, July 29, 2021	1:30 - 2:20 pm
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Class Title	Workshop Leader	Audience	Location
Second Verse Same as the First	Brooke Wright	MDO	A125
Circle Time Doesn't Have to be a Circle!* (2,5)	Melissa McKenzie	MDO	M104
Making & Tinkering with STEM* (2,5)	Katie Miler	MDO/PRES	A126
Partnering with Parents* (2,5)	Christi Priddy	MDO/PRES	C145
Fun with Physics: Mighty Magnets & Electricity, Cool Color & Light* (1,2,3,5)	Barbara Cargill	PRES	Youth
Classroom Management with Preschoolers	Darlene Abbott	PRES	M103
Making Read-A-Louds ROCK! Part 2	Chris Smith	PRES	Journey
Rough Starts: The Effects of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum & Neurodevelopment Disorders	Albert Wright	PRES	F110
Secrets of Effective Kid Communicators* (2,5)	Karl Bastian	PRES	Summit
Accommodating Learning Styles* (2,5)	Kristin Miller	PRES	C150

Afternoon Speaker	Thursday, July 29, 2021	2:35 - 3:30 pm
<i>Cleto Rodriguez</i>	<i>All Conference Attendees should report to the Worship Center at this time.</i>	

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021

Accommodating Learning Styles

PRES

Based on psychologist Howard Gardner and his theory of nine Multiple Intelligences, educators will learn unique teaching strategies to provide diverse activities to all children. This session will give insight and a variety of “think outside the box” activities to accommodate all children in the developmental area they learn best! The eight areas we will explore are: Creativity, physical, literacy, math, science, social, self, and thinker! S.2,5.

Speaker: Kristin Miller

FA: Professional Development

Bringing Stories to Life!

PRES

There is a reason Jesus used stories in life. Life IS a story. History is HIS Story. Learn the secrets to how to be an amazing story teller and how to have your kids on the edge of their seats when you tell stories! S. 1 &4.

Speaker: Karl Bastian

FA: Professional Development

Building Relationships with Parents — The COVID Edition

PRES

Building relationships with parents is a huge part of an educator’s job, but dealing with difficult parents can seem impossible at times, especially when they aren’t allowed in the building anymore because of a global pandemic. This training will show you how to take on the idea of co-parenting even with individuals that seem impossible to get along with.

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Parent Communication

The Character of Habits: The Habits of Character

PRES

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Speaker: Rev. Kevin Rudolph

FA: Professional Development

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MDO

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Speaker: Melissa McKenzie

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Classroom Management with Preschoolers

PRES

Making a classroom run smoothly takes planning and practice! Discover tactics, skills, and resources to keep your classroom fun, engaging, and running smoothly!

Speaker: Darlene Abbott

FA: Discipline & Guidance

A Deeper Look at Behavioral Disorders

Every center encounters children who have difficult behaviors, but some of these children may show signs of behavior disorders. These situations can be difficult to deal with and even have you questioning your ability. It’s hard to maintain your sense of calmness in situations like these. This module will help teachers discern potential problems early, in order to provide remediation from an early age.

Speaker: Albert Wright

FA: Care of Children with Special Needs

Do You Ever Wonder Why?

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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!

Speaker: Chris Smith

FA: Teacher-Child Interactions

Do You Ever Wonder — What Can You Do?

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This workshop is a companion session to “Do You Ever Wonder Why?” and will help you explore what you can do for a child who is angry, un-

kind, sad, or withdrawn.

Speaker: Chris Smith

FA: Teacher-Child Interactions

Fun with Physics:

Mighty Magnets & Electricity, Cool Color & Light

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This session introduces teachers to the wonders of physics through magnets, electricity, and color and light. What is a magnet and what items does it attract or not attract? Learn how to incorporate magnets into a favorite book — like Jack & the Beanstalk. Using magnets for car races are part of the fun! What is electricity and what is a safe way to learn about it? Colorful rainbows, flashlight fun, and shadow puppets round out this hands-on session. Sessions 1, 2, 3, 5.

Speaker: Barbara Cargill

FA: Math & Science

Effective Communication

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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

The Healing Power of Music

MDO

This session will discuss the true relationship between music, trauma, and coping strategies. Music can soothe the soul, and this is especially true for our classrooms. Come and learn how music can help foster healing and empower you to develop deeper relationships with those hard to reach children.

Speaker: Brooke Wright

FA: Music & Movement

Making Read-A-Louds ROCK!

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Together we will explore strategies for creating rich, engaging, and interactive read-a-loud experiences in your classroom that will foster imagination and creativity, exercise the brain, develop language skills and set children up for success. Hands-on activities will accompany the stories to extend the learning and story “treasures” will enhance memory and a love of reading.

Speaker: Chris Smith

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Making Read-A-Louds ROCK! Part 2

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Part 2 will explore more strategies for creating rich, engaging, and interactive read-a-loud experiences in your classroom that will foster imagination and creativity, exercise the brain, develop language skills and set children up for success. Hands-on activities will accompany the stories to extend the learning and story “treasures” will enhance memory and a love of reading.

Speaker: Chris Smith

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Making & Tinkering with STEM

Learn strategies for bringing critical thinking and problem solving skills to the classroom. Repeats Sessions 2 & 5.

Speaker: Katie Miler

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

More Than Music

MDO

Singing, dancing, and moving with infants and toddlers is so much more than just music. We can incorporate language, literacy, and math while we have fun! The more we understand about how their little brains and bodies develop, the more intentional we can be. Get ready to sing, dance, and move as you build a new appreciation for using music as a teaching tool! Sessions 1 & 3.

Speaker: Melissa McKenzie

FA: Music & Movement

Movin’ and Groovin’

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Music is a great way to feed the brain. But — it can always enhance classroom activities, transition from one to another, and simply to make things more fun! Learn how to use music and movement throughout the day. Be ready to move!

Speaker: Darlene Abbott

FA: Music & Movement

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

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FA: Parent Communication

Play According to Piaget

Jean Piaget offered the world of early childhood his powerful and lasting theory on cognitive development. In this session, we will discuss key elements of Piaget's theory and how you as the teacher, can help to facilitate the education of young children more effectively. How can we use his research to improve our teaching methods? What makes his theory relevant and popular among many early childhood programs?

Speaker: Kara Gore

MDO

FA: Professional Development

Relationship-Based Teaching

This workshop discusses how to use guided play to extend children's learning in the early childhood classroom.

Speaker: Katie Miller

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Rough Starts — The Effects of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum and Neurodevelopment Disorders

Children who are born 'differently-abled' deserve a learning environment that protects and challenges them as they grow. This training 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

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FA: Care of Children with Special Needs

Scripture Memory for Preschoolers

Can preschoolers really memorize scripture? Yes, they can! Explore games and activities that put scripture memory in your class and God's word in your preschoolers' hearts.

Speaker: Darlene Abbott

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FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

Second Verse Same as the First

Children learn from the familiar, and educators can utilize familiar music to capture attention, give direction, and promote awareness of correct expectations — all at the same time! Participants will learn why keeping the notes the same and changing the lyrics is a practical strategy that will bring about redirection in an engaging way. This training will demonstrate how being an educator that understands how to use music in an intentional way will lead to more successful outcomes in the classroom.

Speaker: Brooke Wright

MDO

FA: Music & Movement

Secrets of Effective Kid Communicators

What is the difference between a teacher and a communicator? A teacher can change minds, but a communicator can change hearts. Learn the subtle secrets of what gives some teachers that extra edge of effectiveness when they teach. Learn how to engage and inspire those you influence. Develop some often overlooked skills that will give your teaching extra impact! *Sessions 2 & 5.*

Speaker: Karl Bastian

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FA: Professional Development

Singing From the Heart: How to Teach a Song to Little Minds

Most children love to sing, and many of those little music lovers specifically enjoy singing out songs at the top of their lungs when they know the words. Even though toddlers and preschoolers don't have the same reading skills as adults do, this doesn't keep them from memorizing songs. When educators learn how to effectively teach a song to a group of children in a classroom environment, the children use the process of active listening to learn and memorize the songs. To learn the song well, children must concentrate and focus on specific auditory messages, which leads to better listening skills overall and more successful learning in the future! *Sessions 1 & 3.*

Speaker: Brooke Wright

FA: Music & Movement

Singing & Programs for Preschoolers

Come and experience game and program ideas — learn ways to get the gospel into the student's homes. Turn any musical program into an outreach!

Speaker: Darlene Abbott

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FA: Music & Movement

Take Back Your Creativity: Curricula Design

Purchasing and following a pre-planned curriculum as a teacher is what we do — easy, right? Well, here is a challenge for you! Take back your creativity and showcase your passion as a teacher! This is a true hands-on workshop, to motivate early childhood educators and guide them through the step-by-step process of how to create their own curriculum activity plan. *Sessions 1 & 4.*

Speaker: Kristin Miller

FA: Age Appropriate Curriculum

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Teaching Special Children

Somewhere along the way, many Early Childhood professionals were convinced that they had to have specialized training to positively impact the lives of children who have special needs. This simply is not true! YOU can make a huge difference in the lives of children with all types of abilities and unique needs. Often times, the methods we choose to best support children with special needs end up blessing all of the students in your class! Let's talk and share as we unpack this important topic.

Speaker: Kara Gore

FA: Care of Children With Special Needs

MDO

The Ultimate Transitions Training

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 in to the next activity. This training 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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What's a Whatzit?

A 'Funbird' or Giant Shuttlecock is one of the most versatile and safest motor development toys for all ages that we use at Kids In Action. This workshop will cover activities using these inexpensive gadgets. *S. 1 & 2.*

Speaker: Diane Havens **FA:** Advance Physical & Intellectual Competence

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Notes:

- Each workshop is 50 minutes long and will have open seating on a first-come, first-served basis. We ask that you not save more than one seat in a particular workshop. **Be aware that some workshops repeat throughout the day — those workshops are annotated with numbers showing the sessions that they are available.**
- **Please respect the Room Monitors. They will let you know if a session is full and can help direct you to another workshop. Room Monitors cannot allow you to sit on the floor because it is in violation of Fire Safety Codes.**