



NURTURING THE YOUNG CHILD CONFERENCE Session detail
Western State Colorado University Center- Prosser Theater entrance

FRIDAY November 7, 2014

3:30 – 4:00 pm Registration/Check-in

4:00-5:50pm

Colorado Shines: The New Early Childhood Quality Rating and Professional Development System in Colorado -*Kathleen DeVries, Early Childhood Professional Development Information System Manager; Matthew Hebard, Early Childhood Systems Manager; Margaret Wacker, MPH Gunnison-Hinsdale Early Childhood Council Coordinator*

Join the Early Childhood Council and state-level early childhood professionals as we explore the nuts and bolts of the new systems going into effect this year. You will get relevant information on the new Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) and the new Professional Development Information System (PDIS) straight from the designers themselves, who are joining us from the Colorado Department of Human Services and Colorado Department of Education.

4:00-4:50

Creating Kid Friendly Literacy Rich Environments on a Budget! - *Kimberly McNamara, MLS Gunnison Public Library Child Literacy Specialist*

This interactive early literacy workshop will introduce fun ways to help children get the early literacy skills they need to be successful in school. Participants will be introduced to six essential early literacy skills (print awareness, letter knowledge, phonological awareness, vocabulary, narrative skills and print motivation) and learn how to encourage these skills through singing, reading, writing, talking and of course play!

5:00-5:50

Curriculum Development in an Infant Classroom – Mathematics and Infants –*Holly Harmon, MA*

Visually stimulating, interactive presentation will provide participants with a fresh perspective on infants, toddlers, math and curriculum development and delivery. If you think math is hard, boring or are unsure of its place in an infant or toddler classroom this presentation is for you! If math or babies aren't your thing come anyways – you'll leave with ideas on environment design, parent communication, and incorporating community into your classroom.

6:00-8:00

Session 7 Pyramid Model Training Supportive Environments: Physical Environment

- Carie Mitchell, Certified Pyramid Plus Coach and Jane Moloney, MA ECSE, Certified Pyramid Plus Trainer

Participants will learn the relationship between environmental variables and children's social emotional competence and behaviors. Participants will receive practical strategies to develop supportive physical environments for young children and learn how to create and facilitate the development of responsive and supportive environments for children birth through 5 years.

6:00-7:00

Universal Precautions-Brenda Ryan, RN

A class that gives guidelines recommended by the CDC for disease control and prevention for reducing the risk of transmission of pathogens from blood and body fluids.

This is the only class that can be taken without registering for the entire conference; there is no fee to take the class. *This class does not count towards training hours for early childhood teachers, but meets another requirement.

7:00-7:30pm

Vaccinations- Brenda Ryan, RN

Flu- \$25 / Tdap- \$14.00 (contains tetanus and pertussis, also known as whooping cough)

Both can be billed to insurance instead of paying, please bring a copy of the front and back of the card. Checks are accepted, make out to GCPH (Gunnison County Public Health). Exact dollar amount is appreciated.

7:00-8:00

"The Star In You" - Phillip Virden, BA

Astronomy is a great "gateway" to learning and exploring the natural world and science in a fun and exciting manner. "The Star In You" will give tools and ideas for a teacher to incorporate reading, writing, art, math, science, and experiential instruction for their students.

5:50 Dinner/ Pizza will be available (North Ballroom) to take into next sessions for conference participants.

8:00 – 8:30pm Certificate for Continuing Education Training Hours - Margaret Wacker, Coordinator of the Gunnison-Hinsdale Early Childhood Council will distribute in North Ballroom.



9:00-10:50

Session 8 Pyramid Model Training Supportive Environments: Schedules & Routines

- *Carie Mitchell, Certified Pyramid Plus Coach and Jane Moloney, MA ECSE, Certified Pyramid Plus Trainer*

Participants will learn the importance of responsive schedules and routines for very young children as well as (when it is appropriate) how to implement management techniques to assist children in their learning environments.

9:00-9:50

Teachers and Parents... Partners in Education? - *Dr. Linda Williams, MA Ed.D.*

Join the lively conversation regarding teacher/parent relationships! Participants will gain an understanding of the underlying dynamics of these interactions and learn practical strategies to improve relationships and involvement.

10:00-10:50

Cultural Competency

A panel discussion with families from different cultural backgrounds discussing culturally competent early childhood education and steps and big-picture strategies to improve cultural competence in parent/children/teacher relationships.

10:00- 10:50

An Entitled Generation... Can We Stop It? - *Dr. Linda Williams, MA Ed.D.*

This class will be a lively discussion as we learn the signs of entitlement in adults and children! We will learn practical strategies to prevent false entitlement in children.

11:00-11:50

Are You Out of Style? - *Dr. Linda Williams, MA Ed.D*

This class will explore teaching styles and its direct correlation to parenting styles. Participants will discover their “style” of teaching and the implications it has for children.

11:00–11:50

Nourishing students’ minds and bellies! Grow and eat good food with your students!

- *Kirsten Frazee, BA*

Educational programs from Mountain Roots Food Project teach children fun, scientific lessons about growing and eating fresh, nutritious, local foods. In this course, teachers will learn activities that can extend the nutritional and environmental science lessons from the Mountain Roots visits.

11:00-11:50

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction - Mary Burt, BA

The mind is known to be a factor in stress and stress-related disorders, and meditation has been shown to positively effect a range of autonomic physiological processes, such as lowering blood pressure and reducing overall arousal and emotional reactivity. In addition to mindfulness practices, MBSR uses yoga to help reverse the prevalence of disuse atrophy from our culture's largely sedentary lifestyle, especially for those with pain and chronic illnesses. The program brings meditation and yoga together so that the virtues of both can be experienced simultaneously.

12:00-1:00 Lunch at Rare Air Café (full conference participants will find food coupon in registration folder) Many choices will be available for the omnivore, vegetarian, gluten free.

1:00-2:50

Session 9 Pyramid Model Training Supportive Environments: Expectations and Transitions

- Carie Mitchell, Certified Pyramid Plus Coach and Jane Moloney, MA ECSE, Certified Pyramid Plus Trainer

Participants will learn effective ways in giving directions to children and techniques in teaching children expectations. Participants will practice writing scripted stories and learn strategies to support smooth transitions for children across environments.

1:00-2:50

Developmental Milestones - Kari Commerford MA

This course will examine developmental milestones in children ages 2-11. This course is designed to teach parents and educators what is considered developmentally appropriate, what behaviors may be outside of appropriateness, and at what point do behaviors need clinical attention. This course will primarily focus on how certain areas of development are manifested in the classroom and in activities and tips for parents and educators on understanding and managing behaviors.

1:00-1:50

Steam on Ahead! - Kimberly McNamara, MLS Gunnison Public Library Child Literacy Specialist

We will create simple activities that promote reading, writing, math and science skills for young children using the concepts of imaginary play, loose parts play and the art of tinkering. These activities are easy to implement, hands on experiences that will engage young children in fun and creative ways that encourage learning.

3:00-3:50

What? So What? Now What? – Observational Skills and Blending Constructivist, Hawkins, and Reggio Emilia Approaches into Curriculum Development - Holly Harmon, MA

Bring current observations of your student's interest and/or classroom work and leave with tangible ideas on curriculum development, large and small group work, table work, art ideas, parent involvement, and more! Participants will get a brief intro into observation techniques, curriculum development, CDE early learning guideless and academic standards and then will participate in a workshop style session on curriculum development for your classroom!

3:00-4:50

Toddlers and Technology-Do little kids and computers mix?

-Kari Commerford, MA & Kimberly McNamara, MLS Gunnison Public Library Child Literacy Specialist

Technology is an important part of our culture, in this workshop/discussion, we will explore the pros and cons of using technology with children under the age of 5. How much screen time is enough? Television, computers. Ipads, cell phones... will be discussed. Please join us for a lively discussion on this controversial topic and be prepared to share your thoughts on technology and kids. Bring your ipads or smart phones.

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