

Quest for Quality



EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE



Sponsored By:
The Children's Council of Watauga County



April 25, 2015

Reich College of Education,
Appalachian State University

Registration Information:

- Early bird \$35.00
March 13th-27th
- Regular \$40.00
 - March 28th-April 10th

Registration and Conference Information

- Please return all registrations and checks payable to:
 - The Children's Council 225 Birch Street, Suite #3 Boone, NC 28607
- **Registration and fee must be received no later than Friday April 10th, 2015**
- Doors open at 7:30 a.m. First session begins at 8:30 a.m. Pick up conference information and socialize.
- Questions? Please call: Lee Marshall at 828-262-5424, ext. 206

Other Information about the Conference

Participants will receive 1.5 training credits for each session attended for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

- Register early to guarantee your first choice!
- Registration fees are non-refundable.
- Registration will not be accepted at the door.
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- Child care will NOT be available. Please make alternate child care arrangements.



DIRECTIONS:

The building is located at the corner of College and Howard streets.

- Reich College of Education is located on the campus of ASU near the First Baptist Church of Boone.
- Free parking is available in the parking deck directly across the street from the building.
- Enter at the entrance on that

LUNCH and Keynote speaker:

From 12 to 1:30

If you have other needs that we should be aware of, please indicate on your registration so that we can make this conference pleasurable for everyone.

How to Register:

- Go to our website, <http://www.thechildrenscouncil.org/trainingevents-calendar.html>
- Click on the event and follow the prompts on Eventbrite. Pay by credit card, or check.

Quest for Quality ~ Session 1

8:30 to 10:00

1. Get Ready To Explore STEM with Curious George

Children are naturally curious, just like Curious George. They like to explore the world around them. Participation in this hands-on science workshop will equip you with the skills that you need to provide exciting science activities aligned to the NC Foundations document for your young curious learners. Come join us as we explore ways of enhancing science in your classroom environment.

Presenter: Sabrina White~ UNCTV Trainer



2. Conscious Discipline: Creating a School Family

Conscious Discipline is a social-emotional curriculum and classroom management program that teaches conflict resolution, social skills, and character development by creating a caring School Family. **Presenter: Angi Kornhouser ~ Kindergarten**

Teacher Assistant



3. Professionalism in Early Education

Our early morning greetings with parents, supporting children through the day and cooperating with co-workers --- all make a difference in how we feel on the job and how we project ourselves as professional leaders in this field. Your attire, demeanor, classroom environment, communication, and follow through make a difference in how parents (and children) view and respect you!

Presenter: Mary Kidder ~ Director of Wrap Around Program Services



4. Supporting Staff in Learning and Utilizing Best Practices

In this presentation, we will focus on how administrators can support staff in learning and utilizing best practice. Using the North Carolina Early Learning Standards as a basis, we will explore how directors can train staff in best practice. We will also explore how directors can support staff in implementing the Standards in their planning.

Presenters: Cindy McGaha ~Associate Professor/Curriculum Director and Andrea Anderson ~ Director of Lucy Brock Laboratory Program



Administration



School Age



Pre-K



Infant/Toddler



All

Quest for Quality ~ Session 1 (continued)

8:30 to 10:00

5. Sing & Dance for fun & Fitness (Physical Activity—Curriculum)

How can we help our children focus and build self-esteem? Come sing and dance songs that are or may become the children's favorites. Let's engage in some and dance that encourage children to have fun and celebrate fitness. The children will feel the rhythm, gain coordination, do exercise, have social interaction build self-esteem and especially have fun—plus be ready to learn. **Presenter: Jan Peterson ~ Happy Voices**



6. Creating Outdoor Learning Environments for Infants and Toddlers: It's Not Called a "Playground" Anymore (PART 1)

"Going Outside" is not just about *what's* out there but *what you do* when you're out there. It's in the news almost weekly; America's children are not getting enough exercise. The First Lady has taken on this cause because it has become a serious issue for our children today. This training will help participants understand the benefits of taking children outside daily and provide suggestions on how to create spaces for infants and toddlers outside that support all areas of learning and introduce them to the natural environment. Finally, participants will be giving ideas on what activities can be included in their outdoor spaces. This training provides information that supports ITERS-R subscales: Space and Furnishings, Personal Care Routines, Activities and Interactions.

Presenter: Alicia Shell ~ Region 9 Infant/Toddler Specialist



7. Let's Be Active

Get moving with Be Active Kids, a signature Blue Cross Blue Shields program that is dedicated to improving the health of North Carolina children. **This session is geared to participants who teach 0-2 year-olds.** In this session, you'll learn some key knowledge about physical activity and motor development, including an overview of developmental milestones, best practices and the core fundamental motor skills. Come learn some strategies and ideas to reach some of the Health and Physical Development goals from NC Foundations. Put some physical activity into your day as you practice activities from our Movement Guide.

Presenter: Keelin Schneider ~ Be Active Kids Program Manager



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Quest for Quality ~ Session 2

10:15 to 11:45

1. Access Higher Learning Opportunities through the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project Scholarship

This presentation is designed to educate the child care community about early care and education scholarship opportunities available through the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project scholarship. Attendees will learn about the various scholarship opportunities available to those working in licensed child care facilities or on behalf of young children to assist in the matriculation process through the community college and university. Attendees will be able to determine which scholarship option best meets their educational needs and understand the process of applying and what it means to be a T.E.A.C.H. recipient or a T.E.A.C.H. recipient sponsor.

Presenter: Kimberly Bynum ~ Child Care Services Association



2. Teacher, Teacher, I can count too!!

Math counts every day – in every way!! Children need hands-on experiences to develop skills and knowledge. In this workshop, participants will get to see an array of math literacy materials and will practice ways to inspire preschoolers to see math as exciting, accessible, and fun! **Presenter: Nannette Ausby ~ UNCTV Trainer**



3. Letting STEM take root in your program

This workshop will present ways to incorporate STEM activities into your everyday program as well as how to integrate STEM into every learning center. Participants will collaborate, engage in discussion, and participate in STEM activities.

Presenter: Billie Lister ~ Administrative Assistant Afterschool Programs



4. Education and Compensation

Come and learn about two statewide programs that support education in North Carolina: Child Care WAGES® Project and Early Educator Certification (EEC). WAGES is an education based salary supplement program available to early educators in 3, 4 and 5 star sites and EEC is a professional certification held by early educators in North Carolina. EEC levels may be used by NC Division of Child Development and Early Education's (DCDEE) child care consultants to document staff education to rate a program from one to five stars. Find out about the simple application process, renewal requirements and get your questions answered. **Presenter: Katherine Brooks: WAGES Manager**



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Lunch & Keynote Speaker:

Deborah Williamson, M. ED.

*Sharing Information with Parents –
The give and take of two-way communication.*

This session will highlight different aspects of communication that can support or block effective discussions with parents. The dynamics of difficult conversations will be presented and strategies for successful conclusions given. In addition, ideas to assist in engaging parents in the child's development and education by a give and take dialog will be shared.



Mrs. Williamson received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and her Master's in Early Childhood Education from Northern Arizona University. With over 30 years of experience in working with young children and their families, she has held supervisory and leadership positions for various programs, including Early Head Start, Head Start, and Migrant Head Start and has taught Early Childhood Education classes in the Maricopa County, Arizona and North Carolina Community College systems. Throughout her career, regardless of position, she has consistently supported families in capacity building through education and advocacy, believing in the strength of parents as their child's first teacher.

Mrs. Williamson has presented at local, state, and national conferences, such as the NAEYC Professional Development Institute, and has provided consultation to numerous early childhood programs. She joined the Family, Infant and Preschool Program (FIPP) in 2011 and currently coordinates the NC TQRIS Family Engagement Standards Project: A Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant Initiative grant. This grant, which FIPP manages in partnership with Alexander County Head Start, provides free training and coaching to child care providers on engaging families in their child's development and education.

Quest for Quality ~ Session 3

1:45 to 3:15

1. "Art with Toddlers. What?!"

When we think of children's art, we see hallway displays of family portraits drawn by young children in crayon or marker. Preschool age children are driven to draw, write and produce products that for gifting and display. But what does art look like for one and two year olds? Can they even produce anything to display or send home? Does that matter? What if I can't draw a stick figure myself? Through a picture journey we will explore some ideas on what art means and looks like in an infant/toddler setting in a Reggio inspired program.

Presenter: Christelle Marsh ~ Infant Teacher at Lucy Brock Lab Program



2. ESL Children in the Child Care Classroom

The preliminary visits have been done and your childcare setting has been chosen as the one a Spanish-speaking family wants to care for their child. You do not speak Spanish, nor do any of your coworkers; how will you communicate with this 2 year-old that has heard only Spanish at home? Presenter will provide suggestions to help bridge this cultural-linguistic gap. **Presenters: Mary Wilkie ~ Staff Psychologist at the CDSA, Hellem**

Quivera ~ Hispanic Parent Educator & Doris Hudspeth



3. It's all fun and games- until they get bored!

This workshop will be active and fun. Participants will engage in indoor, outdoor, and transition games geared toward school-aged children. A games manual will be provided along with tips and strategies for making games successful, integrating into all aspects of your environment, and for collaborative verses competitive. **Presenter: Billie Jo Lister ~ Administrative Assistant After School Programs for Watauga County Schools**



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5. **"It's All About The B.B.A.S.E" (Brains, Bodies + Active Student Engagement)**

This presentation focuses on engaging school age children in after school programs. Come explore some new and fresh ideas as we get our bodies moving with our minds and discover all new possibilities for your after school program. **Presenters: ASU Child Development Students** 

6. **Lettuce Learn to Grow and Eat Healthy Food: Garden-based nutrition & STEAM education in early childhood**

A garden can serve as a platform to teach nutrition, science, technology, engineering, art, and math beginning in Pre-K and beyond. This workshop will provide an overview of the benefits of garden-based learning, examples of successful implementation, and suggestions of how to succeed and will allow participants to practice developing their own ideas to incorporate garden-based learning into their home, center, or school.

Presenter: Courtney Baines Smith ~ Lettuce Learn 



PLEASE REMEMBER TO FILL OUT AN
EVALUATION FORM IN EACH SESSION AND
GET A STICKER FOR CREDIT TO ADHERE TO
YOUR CERTIFICATE.

There is also an overall evaluation that you
can turn as you leave the conference.
We value your thoughts and strive to make
this conference a positive experience.
Thank you!



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Name: _____ Phone #: _____
Email Address: _____ County: _____
Employer: _____ Special needs: _____
Position/Classroom: _____ First time attending Q4Q? ☐ Yes ☐ No
***Please select your 1st and 2nd choice below. See the conference brochure for details of sessions.**

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