



Little Rock 2018 Conference Schedule—Thursday

7:45 Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:30 General Session-

“Hats off to Early Childhood Professionals” Shaniel “JP” Yarbrough

9:40 Breakout Session

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

10:50 Breakout Session

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

11:50 Lunch in Sanders Hall/Networking 12:50 Breakout Session

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

2:00 Breakout Session

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3:00 Snacks Available in Hallways 3:10 Breakout Session

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Little Rock Conference Schedule—Friday

7:30 Doors Open

8:00 Breakout Session

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

9:10 General Session

“From Tantrums to Teachable” Peggy Osborne

10:20 Breakout Session

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

11:30 Breakout Session

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Little Rock 2018 Breakout Descriptions

Taking It All In: Observation in the Classroom

Presenter: Diana Courson

In a busy classroom, it's easy to be on autopilot, moving from one child to another, scanning the room to be sure everything's okay. Slowing down just a little bit can help you become a more powerful teacher.

What Does Children's Literature Tell Us About Being a Good ECE Advocate?

Presenter: Geania Dickey

Advocacy is *necessary* to promote optimal outcomes for children, families, and our profession. This session uses the wisdom of children's literature to guide our work toward positive change.

Why Do They Yell at Us About Missing Hairbows?

Presenter: Geania Dickey

We love and care for their children so, why do parents sometime yell at us about (insert item here)? Join us to explore the complicated relationship we have with families and leave with ideas to foster those relationships. Everyone is welcomed but this session may be particularly helpful to ECE professionals who work with infants and toddlers.

When Can Being "Selfish" Be a Good Thing?

Presenter: Geania Dickey

Join us to explore the necessity for self-care and why it should be a professional requirement for anyone who truly cares for others.

Free Art

Presenter: Shirley Forrest

Inspiring preschoolers to be creative using different types of materials. Inspiring them to think out of the box and for themselves. A tree doesn't always have to be green and brown. This class will be very hands-on!

Five Steps to Responsive Care

Presenter: Lisa Gaddy

Five steps to ensure you are doing the most to build the brains of our youngest children.

Baby Doll Circle Time

Presenter: Lisa Gaddy

Building brains and connections with infants and toddlers.

Daily Transitions

Presenter: Melissa Halter

Help with transitions throughout the preschool day.

Baby Steps

Presenter: Melissa Halter

Important ways to go beyond the basics to elevate the quality of childcare for our youngest children.
Why this is critically important.

Science is Not a 4 Letter Word

Presenter: Cyndia Ham

So many people hear the word “Science” and immediately are turned off whether from fear or not feeling knowledgeable enough. Join us as I show you how you can implement simple, yet fun science activities in your classroom.

Outdoor Play

Presenter: Mary L. Horton

Benefits of physical activity

Trash to Treasures

Presenter: Joan Hubbard

Economical ways to make developmentally appropriate resources!

Staff Appreciation: Bring It On

Presenter: Molly Ipsen

Need new ideas on how you can show your staff you appreciate them? This session will give you many new ideas.

Truth on the Go!

Presenter: Andrea Lennon

We are busy and pulled in many different directions. Yet Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” In our fast-paced lives, how do we know and apply God’s Word? Come and learn foundational truths that will position you to experience God’s hope, peace, and power right in the middle of your day!

Preschooler’s Temperament: What Is It and Why It Matters

Presenter: Carolyn McMurray

Understanding the different temperaments of the children in our care will help us plan classroom strategies to nurture each child’s temperament.

KEYNOTE: From Tantrums to Teachable

Presenter: Peggy Osborne

Keynote: Friday

What is the most successful process to use when a child melts down? How can I begin to lay a new neural pathway in the child’s brain so that they will have acceptable options to express their emotions when the world does not go their way? Does the Bible say anything about our emotions and give us any guidance? Join us as we discuss these and other questions!

I'm Sorry or I Was Wrong...Which is Best? A Workshop on Conflict Resolution with Little Ones

Presenter: Peggy Osborne

What is the best way to lay a foundation in conflict resolution when they are young so that they can have deeper, more long-lasting relationships when they are older? Have you ever thought about it? Maybe we all struggle in this area because we were never taught the skills! Join us for the discussion!

Healthy Hearts

Presenter: Hannah Perry

This class explores how living a healthy lifestyle helps individuals have a greater impact on the lives of the children they touch through nutrition education and wellness tips.

Bringing the Bible to Life

Presenter: Shelli Perry

Exploring the bible with children bringing it to life with music, puppets, books and drama. Teaching children principles of the bible through stories we all know and love. Children get excited and learn to love them too!

Workforce Wellness: Taking Care of the Teacher

Presenter: Michelle E. Pounds

We spend so much time tending to others that we forget one very important person – OURSELVES! This session will help you identify your priorities and goals, as well as provide tips for creating a more balanced, less stressful life so you can be your best you!

Planning with a Purpose

Presenter: Kimmie Sims and Stephanie Clawson

Teachers will be led through the lesson planning process. Presenters will use Adventures in Learning, but the process can be applied to any curriculum. Content will include understanding learning goals, planning whole group and small group instruction, and integrating the weekly topic into centers.

Math – Hidden in Plain Sight

Presenter: Susie Shumaker

Tips for expanding common classroom routines and learning centers to develop math skills...connecting activities to math standards (AR CDELS).

Safety First

Presenter: Emily Smith

Is your children's area a safe place for preschoolers and children? Safety is more than a great child check-in system with workers who have passed a background check. In this session, attendees will explore the many facets of safety and security in the world of weekday education.

Ask – Listen - Encourage

Presenter: Kathy Stegall

Do you communicate with children in a way that makes them feel supported and heard? This interactive workshop introduces various communication techniques that help you build more supportive, child-centered relationships. We will learn to ask more effective questions, to listen actively to children and offer encouragement rather than empty praise.

Structure and Clear Limits

Presenter: Kathy Stegall

How do you prevent chaos in a school age environment without stifling positive energy? Children need structure and clear limits in order to feel safe. This workshop helps participants analyze the level of structure in their programs and practice identifying and maintaining clear limits.

Clapping 'round the Classroom

Presenter: Kara Stokke

Kids of all ages need to keep moving. Explore how to take a minute here and a minute there throughout the day, in a fun way, to keep moving!

Swingin' and Singin' to Stories

Presenter: Kara Stokke

Bring children's literature to life with music, movement and make-believe. Turn children from spectators into participants when reading a book.

Movin' and Groovin' with Mother Goose

Presenter: Kara Stokke

A child's first language is nursery rhymes. Encourage language development and motor skills by using this natural and easily available medium.

The 3's: How to teach well

Presenter: Dr. Margo Turner

This interactive session will explore how to make the most of before, during, and after teaching.

Know Thy Impact: What your students need from you

Presenter: Dr. Margo Turner

This interactive session will explore how to become a master teacher.

Up-to-date Basics of Brain Development

Presenter: Dr. Margo Turner

This interactive session will explore the current understandings about brain development and offer practical suggestions for those who love on little ones.

Growing Souls

Presenter: Dr. Margo Turner

This interactive session will explore what research on learning and brain development can teach us about cultivating souls that love God.

Toddler Room Arrangement

Presenter: Bebe E. Walton

Participants will learn about some of the basic principles of a quality room arrangement that provides children with an optimal learning environment.

Preschool Room Arrangement

Presenter: Bebe E. Walton

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Full STEAM Ahead in Preschool: Purposeful Science, Technology , Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics with Young Children

Presenter: Marcy K. White

STEAM is a hot topic these days, but are all STEAM activities helpful for children? Come explore common misconceptions and new insights to help ensure that your science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities are purposeful and powerful!

I Can Do It Myself!

Presenter: Marcy K. White

Toddlers and preschoolers grow more independent every day! Emerging self-help skills are linked to the child's sense of competence and confidence. This session will explore ways that child development, adult expectations, and classroom climate contribute to the development of self-help skills such as dressing, learning healthy hygiene habits, and contributing to responsibilities as part of the classroom community.

Babies in the Sunshine

Presenter: Marcy K. White

Taking very small children outdoors to experience and interact with nature can be challenging, but it is wonderfully worthwhile! Come explore the benefits of going outdoors, and discover ways to create simple, exploration friendly environments.

Why Do We Do the Things We Do: Reframing Healthy Habits with Infants and Toddlers

Presenter: Marcy K. White

This highly hands-on workshop will take a light but meaningful look at the "why" and "how" of health practices in group care settings. This session is perfect for anyone who is new to working with infants and toddlers as well as program administrators seeing activities to share with staff.

Let Them Be Creative with the Alphabet

Presenter: Beverly C. Wright

Introduce preschool children to alphabet knowledge through books, including two featured in Creative Adventures with Literature (CAL). Strategies support Emergent Literacy, a CDELS Domain.

Celebrate Childhood with B.A.M.M.M.! Books and Movement a Magical Mix

Presenter: Beverly C. Wright

Learn about B.A.M.M.M.! Books and Movement a Magical Mix, a supplemental curriculum on the Better Beginnings website. Explore some of the books and activities in B.A.M.M.M. that support one or more gross motor skills identified in Physical Development and Health, a CDELS Domain.

KEYNOTE: Hats Off to Early Childhood Professionals

Presenter: Shaneil “PJ” Yarbrough

Keynote: Thursday

This is an interactive presentation showcasing the many “hats” that early childhood professionals wear.

Reducing Stress Without Spending a Dime

Presenter: Shaneil “PJ” Yarbrough

A discussion about how to avoid burn-out and de-stress to better meet the needs of the children in our care.

The Business of Babies

Presenter: Shaneil “PJ” Yarbrough

An overview of the awesome responsibilities of early childhood professional and the “business of babies.”

Laugh, Every Day

Presenter: Shaneil “PJ” Yarbrough

The importance of humor in the early childhood classroom.

Directors Roundtable

Presenter: Molly Ipsen & Melissa Smith

This time is designated for networking, questions and answers, and discussing current topics in weekday education.