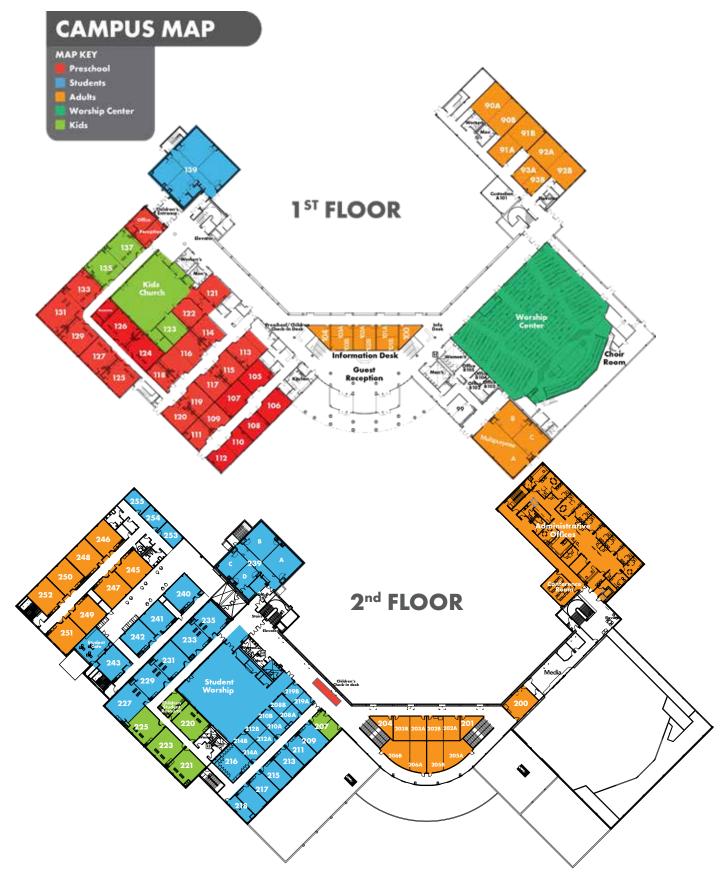
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First Baptist Church, Rogers July 21, 2023

Location Information

The General Sessions, Breakfast, and Lunch will be in the Student Worship Room. The Kids Church Area is located directly below the Student Worship Room. Restrooms are located outside the Student Worship Room and the Kids Church Area.



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To help ensure a productive and enjoyable experience, please be mindful of the considerations provided in this program.

Schedule

The schedule and course descriptions will guide you in choosing breakout sessions. Plan a second choice for session times. If the "Session is Full" sign is on the door, please select another option.

Considerations •

Please be mindful of others and our host church throughout the day. In the Student Worship area, please sit at your center/organization assigned tables. During the sessions, please silence your cell phones. If you need to take a call, please step outside of the room before answering.

Food Services•

Coffee, juice, and a light breakfast will be served from 7:45-8:15 AM in the Student Worship area. Lunch and snacks will be served in this area during the specified times in the program.

Documentation •

You will find a training documentation form and certificate at the back of the program book. These forms are provided for attendees who need a record of their attendance for professional development training hours. In order to receive credit for your training hours, please have your center director submit your training documentation to the ABSC office by September 1, 2023. To receive credit for attendance in a session, participants must be present for the entire 1 hour session and include on your document the correct code word provided by the presenter at the end of the session.

Evaluations •

At the end of the conference, place your EVALUATION FORM in the designated box by the registration area as you leave. We appreciate your thoughts and opinions.



We would like to thank Pastor Wes George, April Brown, and the entire staff of First Baptist Church Rogers for their hospitality and assistance in preparing for this conference.

Schedule•

7:45 AM	Registration/Breakfast in Student Worship Area
8:30 AM	General Session in Student Worship Area Fine-Tuning Your Teacher SuperpowerMark Jones
9:45 AM	Breakout Session 1 1st Choice:
	2nd Choice:
11:00 AM	Breakout Session 2 1st Choice:
	2nd Choice:
12:00 PM	Lunch & Networking in Student Worship Area
12:45 PM	General Session in Student Worship Area Let's Get Musical: The Benefits of Music & MovementShaneil PJ Yarbrough
1:55 PM	Breakout Session 3 1st Choice:
	2nd Choice:
2:55 PM	Snacks Available
3:00 PM	Breakout Session 4 1st Choice:
	2nd Choice:
4:00 PM	Dismiss

Notes•

- The breakout schedule is located on the next page.
- A facility map is located at the front of the program to help you.
- The "target age" refers to the age-group focus for the session.
- An "X" in the column under the session time indicates the times the session is offered.
- If a session is filled when you get there, please be ready to make another selection.

•Breakout Schedule•

SESSION TITLE	ROOM	TARGET AGE	9:45	11:00	1:55	3:00
Early Intervention for Young Children with Autism Karan Burnette	242	Directors, Toddlers, 2's & 3's		X		
Inclusion: Benefits for Children With & Without Disabilities Karan Burnette	242	All			x	
Using Visual Strategies to Support Children Karan Burnette	242	All				X
Connection Strategies to Build Relationships & Increase Cooperation Carol Evans	240	Infants, Toddlers, 2's, & 3's	X		x	
Strengthening Attunement and Connection Skill with Baby Doll Circle Time Carol Evans	240	Infants, Toddlers, 2's, & 3's		X		
Make Bible Story Time Come ALIVE for Toddlers Ally Freeman	247	Infants, Toddlers, & 2's		X		X
Sunshine, Rainbows, & Butterflies - A Happy Toddler Classroom Ally Freeman	247	Infants, Toddlers, & 2's	Х		x	
Emotion Coaching Lindsey Harrison-Bixler	241	Directors, 3's, PreK, K, & School Age		X	X	
Fostering Teamwork Lindsey Harrison-Bixler	241	Directors, 3's, PreK, K, & School Age	X			
How Your Personality Type Matters Beth Hollingshead	245	All		X	X	
Easel Activities, Fun File Games, & Easy Touchables Joan Hubbard	243	Directors, 2's, 3's, & PreK	x			X
Learning Centers that Make You a Star Teacher Mark Jones	Student Worship	All		X		
Leading Preschoolers with Teacher Expectations Mark Jones	Student Worship	All			X	
Teaching Sign Language to Preverbal Infants Mark Jones	Student Worship	Infants & Toddlers				X
No Boo-Boos! Safety Aids for Inside & Outside the Classroom Emily Smith	246	All	x			
Growing Young Artists Marcy White	239	All		X		X
Rethinking Math Marcy White	239	2's, 3's, & PreK	x		x	
Directors Roundtable Shaneil 'PJ' Yarbrough & Melissa Smith	139	Directors		X		
1, 2, 3Eyes on Me! Shaneil 'PJ' Yarbrough	Kids Church	All	X			
Reshaping Young Lives: What Happened to You? Shaneil 'PJ' Yarbrough	Kids Church	All				X

Breakout Descriptions

Descriptions are listed alphabetically by presenters' last names.

•Karan Burnette, Executive Director, Partners for Inclusive Communities

Early Intervention for Young Children with Autism: Medicaid Waiver Program

This session will provide information on a program available in Arkansas called the Arkansas Autism Partnership, an in-home, intensive intervention program for children with autism between 18 months and 8 years. The presentation will outline eligibility criteria and the process for application. It will share success stories reflecting the life changing progress of children who have received services.

Inclusion: What the Research says about Benefits for Children With and Without Disabilities

This session will provide information on the Joint Policy Statement issued by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services promoting inclusion. It will also provide information on the lifelong impact quality inclusion has on the lives of children all the way into adulthood. Information will be provided on activities underway through the Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to facilitate quality inclusion in their preschool programs.

Using Visual Strategies to Support Young Children

This session will discuss the benefits of integrating visual prompts into the routines for young children. Visual strategies such as schedules, task sequences, emotion cards, escape cards, choice cards, etc. will be discussed with examples shared. Considerations for selection of the type of visual cue including age of the child, level of abstraction mastered, audience targeted, etc. will be discussed along with resources for accessing visuals.

•Carol Evans, Project Program Specialist, A-State Childhood Services

Connection Strategies to Build Relationships and Increase Cooperation

We are social beings! Children are coming to childcare and preschool without the skills to be in relationships. They just don't know how. Based in Conscious Discipline we will discuss how to meet the children with the skills they bring, and teach them to cooperate with teachers and peers. Join us to learn how to set children up for success.

Strengthening Attunement and Connection Skill with Baby Doll Circle Time

Early caregivers and teachers set the foundations for future relationships. Come learn ways to embed meaningful moments that instill respect and empathy for others while teaching pre-academic concepts in fun interactive ways. We will learn and practice strategies to connect with infants, toddlers and their families using I Love You Rituals and Baby Doll Circle Time from Conscious Discipline.

•Ally Freeman, Family Minister, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith

Make Bible Story Time Come ALIVE for Toddlers

Littles have wiggles. Learn how to establish a routine and have successful Bible time for Toddlers.

Sunshine, Rainbows & Butterflies - A Happy Toddler Classroom.

Practical tips for routine, behavior, and toddler life struggles; discipline, separation anxiety, biting, and sharing.

•Lindsey Harrison-Bixler, Out of School Time Coach, A-State Childhood Services

Emotion Coaching

By building knowledge of emotion coaching, and developing skills that teach young people to identify and safely manage their emotional experiences, youth workers can deepen the meaning

of their work and promote positive skill building with them. In this interactive session, participants explore the ways our culture and personal histories can influence our understanding and interpretation of emotions; identify best practices for facilitating effective emotion coaching; and practice skills that support young people to accurately name and navigate their emotions. Additionally, participants will plan next steps for incorporating these concepts into their work with young people.

Fostering Teamwork

Teamwork – for some of us the word generates excitement, for some of us dread. With time, support, and facilitation youth workers can help young people have both strong team building skills and a sense of trust and group identity. Participants in this workshop will learn and apply group norm building and facilitation techniques. Time will be spent applying and scaffolding techniques to support young people in managing their communication styles and applying reframing conflict skills.

•Beth Hollingshead, Grace Time Ministries

How Your Personality Type Matters

Learn and understand your personality type and how it applies to your work with others. Prayer life, Bible study, and love for God and His children are all connected to your personality type. When you understand all the types, you will find peace and less judgment of others and yourself. Different personality types are better suited in different roles. This class will help Directors assign specific tasks. Teachers will have a better understanding of the children in their classes as well as their co-workers.

• Joan Hubbard, Director of Tender Care Preschool, FBC Siloam Springs

Easel Activities, Fun File Games, and Easy Touchables (some take home) Developmentally appropriate activities that are cost effective.

•Mark Jones, Children's Pastor, Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City | Mr. Mark's Classroom

Fine-Tuning your Teacher Superpower

Teachers have superpowers that really connect with kids, but they have not discovered them yet. Learn the amazing things you can do that will lead kids to better participation and relationships with you and others.

Learning Centers that Make You a Star Teacher

Preschool teachers are always looking for new ideas to offer in their classroom but look no further! I have created and used many fun learning center experiences in my own classroom, and I will load you up on great ideas for every center in your classroom. Other teachers will be jealous!

Leading Preschoolers with Teacher Expectations

It is amazing how such beautiful children can turn into the ugliest faction opposing you at every turn. Learn how to guide the behavior of preschoolers and deal with their bad choices without losing your cool. You can have a happy classroom if you apply these simple principles.

Teaching Sign Language to Preverbal Infants

Infants develop the ability to sign much sooner than speaking. When teachers and caregivers practice these signs in their communication, the child will feel more secure and ultimately learn to speak sooner. Come learn 25 words/ phrases and how to teach them to your infants. Teaching infants to sign has to be one of the great rewards as a teacher.

•Emily Smith, Children's Specialist, Arkansas Baptist State Convention

No Boo-boo's! Safety Aids for Inside & Outside the Classroom

Kids like to wiggle, giggle, and squirm and with this comes boo-boo's. Let's explore safety aids to help keep kids safe inside and outside the classroom so they can wiggle, giggle, and squirm in a kid-safe environment.

•Marcy White, Project Coordinator, A-State Childhood Services

Growing Young Artists

Have you ever heard that art is all about the process, not the product? In this session, we'll take a closer look at how children develop as artists from infancy to middle childhood. We'll also think together about why it matters and consider the educator's role in supporting and extending children's art experiences.

Rethinking Math

This playful session invites us to flip some common math myths as we think together about "mathematizing" our play areas, planned learning experiences, daily routines, and interactions with children!

•Shaneil 'PJ' Yarbrough, Early Childhood Trainer Manager, U of A Early Care & Education Projects

Director's Roundtable

Join this professional community to get support for quality improvement in your day-to-day role as a director. All directors are welcome to participate in this facilitated session to share concerns, engage in problem-solving, and engage in peer learning opportunities and training on topics of mutual interest.

1, 2, 3...Eyes on Me!

Guiding children's behavior is something done throughout the day, not just when a child acts in a way that is unsafe or unacceptable. Let's learn how to guide behavior by establishing predictable routines, setting clear rules with children, and modeling kindness and respect. By using the three simple steps (Triple A – AAA): Attention, Attachment, and Accelerate—we can build strong, caring relationships with children and families more successfully.

Let's Get Musical: The Benefits of Music & Movement

Music and movement activities engage young children in the learning process and help develop things like motor skills, coordination, and balance. They also improve children's language and social-emotional development and promote creative expression. This session explores singing, dancing, and imagination through music and more.

Reshaping Young Lives: What Happened to You?

Let's have a conversation about the importance of knowing, respecting, and honoring the stories of young children and their families. With an understanding of how the brain reacts to stress and early trauma, early care educators have the chance to help children renew personal self-worth and respond differently to relationships, situations, and circumstances.

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