



46th Annual Education Conference
Ontario Convention Center, Ontario CA
October 16-18, 2015
General Session & Workshop Descriptions

Friday, October 16, 2015

Friday Opening Session (4:30pm-6:00pm)

How Fitness and Nutrition Impact Preschool Children

Michele Silence MA, President of Aerobic Fitness Consultant (Kid-Fit)

Are your children building healthy minds and bodies? Update yourself with current research on health, obesity, brain development and curriculum structure necessary to develop healthy, happy children. Experience KID-FIT, a preschool physical education class designed to address this critical issue.

Target Audience: Everyone Welcome

1. PACE Teacher's World Café

Early Care & Education Facilitators

Join us for roundtable discussions and experience learning through conversations with other professionals in our industry. Attendees will rotate to three different topics.

1. Simple Techniques of Science Fun in Your Classroom
2. Bringing More Music & Storytelling to Your Circle Time
3. Effective Communication and Problem Solving With Adults
4. Dealing with Challenging Behaviors in Your Classroom
5. Effective Classroom Management
6. Effective Tips to Finding a Work Life Balance
7. Transitions
8. Math Projects
9. Parent Communications
10. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
11. How to Show your Credit Score

Target Audience: All Teachers

2. PACE Administrator's World Café

Business and ECE Experts Facilitators

Join us for roundtable discussions and experience learning through conversations with other professionals in our industry. Attendees will rotate to three different business topics.

1. New Sick Leave Law 2015
2. Safety Tips in the Workplace
3. Labor Management
4. Employment Issues
5. Community Care Licensing Discussion with Your Advocate
6. Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS): What Does it Mean to you?



7. Creating a Safe and Nontoxic Center
8. Nutrition and Allergies
9. How to take Advantage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Target Audience: Owners, Directors & Administrators

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Saturday Morning General Session (9:00am-10:00am)

Wake-up and Get Moving with Nick and Jen's Interactive Music and Movement

Nick Young and Jen Stillion-Young of the Young Music Company

Renowned children's music educators, Nick Young and Jen Stillion-Young take you on a magical adventure into interactive music and movement in their General Session Presentation. Participants will be captivated and inspired by Nick & Jen's infectious energy as they experience a Kids Music Enrichment group first hand. Moving and singing along with the activities is strongly encouraged!

Target Audience: Everyone Welcome

3. Dangers Lurk Under Your Feet

John Hibben, Loss Control Director, Everest National Insurance

A leading cause of long term injury to childcare employees is falling or slipping while interacting with children. This presentation will cover several key factors and offer non-cost solutions to help avoid these costly and personally intrusive accidents.

Target Audience: Owners, Directors & Administrators

4. Employment Law Issues

Phillip Cunningham, PACE Attorney

In this workshop, we will cover employment law issues that affect your center(s). Come join us in this interactive workshop where you are free to ask questions about employment law.

Target Audience: Owners, Directors & Administrators

5. Be the Change You Wish to See in the World

Jayanti Tambe, Executive Director of Early Care and Education, UCLA

This highly interactive workshop is designed to provide leadership training to develop and enhance skills of leaders in times of rapid change in the field of early childhood education.

Target Audience: Lead Teacher/Mentors

6. Infant and Toddler Language Development

Crystal Coleman, Regional Coordinator, PITC Partners for Quality, WestEd, Center for Child and Family Studies

In this session we will explore the importance of meaningful experiences in early language and literacy. We will also discuss how the care teachers contribute to young children's learning by responding naturally and how that connects with the quality of care provided.

Target Audience: Infant/Toddler Teachers



7. **Control the Environment, Not the Child**

Leah Rosenthal-Kambic, Owner/Director Kid Time, Inc.

In this workshop, we will be using classroom management techniques to distress your day and bring more fun into your classroom.

Target Audience: Preschool/PreK Teachers

8. **Drama Environment**

Marilyn Rugar-Dubner, Director of Confetti Theatricals

This engaging workshop is designed for every grade level. You will learn creative new ways to connect with your students' families, encourage your students' families to connect with you, and to appreciate the value of both.

Target Audience: School Age Teachers

9. **Social Emotional Development-Redirecting Challenging Behavior**

Joshua Alvarez, Education Consultant/Territory Manager, Kaplan Early Learning Company

In this interactive workshop, attendees will learn new innovative ways of redirecting challenging behavior and will understand the importance of how the behavior is not the issue, but how we deal with the behavior is what is important.

Target Audience: Everyone Welcome

Saturday Luncheon General Session (12:30pm-1:15pm)

Bringing Positive Energy to Your Classroom and Leadership Roles

Julie Bartkus, Founder Child Care Business Success

Imagine knowing how to turn your mood around in spite of what others around you are doing, or saying. Imagine sustaining that motivation throughout the day so you leave work feeling energized instead of drained. There are three secrets every child care professional should know in order to keep their passion for the child care industry alive!! You'll leave knowing the secrets and armed with the magical ability to transform a bad day into a good day. If you have a desire to feel more appreciated and motivated on a daily basis you don't want to miss Julie Bartkus and this presentation.

Target Audience: Everyone Welcome

10. **How to Save Your School Money by Understanding and Utilizing Financial Reports**

Cheri Irwin, Owner of Focused Business Solutions LLC; Leah Rosenthal-Kambic, Owner/Director of Kid Time, Inc.

Learn how to understand the financial reports you receive from your accounting professional and use that information to save your school money. Know when you can safely bonus employees, purchase a large piece of equipment, or plan a special event for your students.

Target Audience: Owners, Directors & Administrators



11. Out with the Old, In with the New: Why You Need to Keep Your Employee Handbook Current

Karen Alary, Managing Partner, The Personnel Perspective

A well written employee handbook conveys important policies as well as culture unique to your company. It communicates management's expectations and provides much-needed guidance to employees. This workshop addresses the importance of keeping your handbook current and relevant, and why it's important to adhere to the published policies. Core policies will be defined and discussed. Finally, we will give you pointers on how to successfully launch your new handbook.

Target Audience: Owners, Directors & Administrators

12. An Infant/Toddler Story from the Field. A Partnership Journey Toward Excellence

Connie White, Regional Coordinator and Monica Hernandez, Infant Toddler Specialist, West Ed, Program for Infant toddler Care, Partners for Quality

An overview of the CA Infant/Toddler Learning & Development System will set the stage for engaging with the Infant Toddler Program Guidelines. Facilitated small group discussions will support programs to reflect on their personal journeys toward quality improvement.

Target Audience: Infant/Toddler Teachers

13. Full Steam Ahead! (Science Math & Sensory Play)

Anna Reyner MA, ATR, MFT, Art Therapist /Marriage, Family & Child Therapist, Director of Training, Discount School Supply

Learn how to facilitate math and science learning with messy art materials and sensory play. This is a "high-touch" hands-on workshop where you will interact with sensory art and science materials as the instructor demonstrates how to use these simple art supplies to teach early math and science foundations. Adding art to math and science engages active learners and brings us "full steam ahead" in our capacity to learn.

Target Audience: Preschool/PreK Teachers

14. ABC & XYZ's of Gross Motor Skills

Carrie Flint, Elementary & Adapted PE Specialist, Owner of Musical PE Plus

In this workshop, you will learn a multi-tasking and multi-sensory approach to teaching and bringing academics to life. Creative ideas for thematic lessons incorporating music and age appropriate gross motor skills.

Target Audience: Preschool/PreK Teachers

15. Communicating with Families

Kristin Heaton, Trainer California School-Age Consortium (CalSAC)

Communication and positive relationships with families improve when program staff recognizes family members as partners. Staff can benefit from acknowledging their feelings about families, identifying how those feelings help or hinder working with families.

Target Audience: Everyone Welcome



16. **Children Natural Musicians**

Nick Young, Founder & CEO of the Young Music Company

Noted early childhood music educator, Nick Young, invites you to experience his high energy, interactive music program for kids. With twenty five years leading preschool music groups, Nick's approach to early childhood music education is second to none. You will be invited to participate as the children do with creative movement, interactive songs, hand percussion instruments and musical storytelling. Get ready to be inspired!

Target Audience: Everyone Welcome

17. **Five Simple Steps To Help You Manage, Motivate and Retain Great Staff**

Julie Bartkus, Founder Child Care Business Success

Wouldn't it be nice if someone said: Here's your step-by-step plan of action to help you manage, motivate and retain great staff? And what if they also told you that this plan of action will not only help you cultivate a positive workplace culture in record time but will also leave you feeling happy, inspired and motivated? Attend this workshop and discover a transformational plan of action that Julie Bartkus has developed and has been sharing with child care leaders for over 16 years. She'll reveal what staff motivation is and reveal what traditional methods of staff motivation don't work. Additionally you'll discover what the number one component to motivating staff is. The answer may surprise you! Her plan will help you eliminate turnover, absenteeism, tardiness and the destructive communication patterns (such as gossip and drama) that keep your team stuck.

Target Audience: Owners/Directors & Administrators

18. **Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) from the Provider's Perspective**

Julie Lowen, Executive Director of Children's Paradise

This workshop will provide you with an overview of Children's Paradise experience with QRIS and the path in becoming a successful tier five center.

Target Audience: Owners/Directors & Administrators

19. **Infant and Toddler Culturally Responsive Care**

Linda Drew, Director, Teddy Bear Tymes, Infant Toddler Specialist, PITC Partners for Quality

In this session we will discuss the role of culture on the identity formation of infants and toddlers. We will also explore the importance of supporting the child's cultural connections to family and community and how that connects with the quality of care provided.

Target Audience: Preschool/PreK Teachers

20. **Building A Bridge Between Home and School**

Susan Stone Belton, Coach Speaker and Author

This interactive and engaging workshop is designed for every grade level. You will learn more new creative ways to connect with your student's families, to encourage your student's families to connect with you and to appreciate the value of both.

Target Audience: All Teachers



21. Hip Hop Hooray! Creative Movement for Kids

Jen Stillion-Young, The Young Music Company

Jen Stillion-Young, A.K.A. Hip Hop Jen, presents an exciting combination of music and movement with age appropriate dance moves and accessible teaching techniques. Jen's interactive program helps children develop a positive attitude, social skills and a healthy attitude towards movement and exercise while celebrating the joy of dance.

Target Audience: Preschool/PreK Teachers

22. Avoiding Stress – A Strength Based Approach

Steve Erwin, National Early Children Specialist, Kaplan Early Learning Company

Participants will gain an understanding how stress can impact the learning environment for both teachers and children. The presentation will provide strategies to reduce stress and strengthen the protective factors of adults and children.

Target Audience: Everyone Welcome

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23. The Five Profit Killers That Your Security Cameras Will Never Reveal To You

Julie Bartkus, Founder Child Care Business Success

What are the things that every child care leader should know about when it comes to profit killers? How about: What they are!! Then you can decide which ones you're going to eliminate so you can boost your profitability and keep more of what you make. One of the profit killers is turnover, and another is unmotivated staff. During this session you'll have the opportunity to get on your fast path to higher profits by taking a good look at how much of your profits are leaking out of your pocket You'll not only gain this awareness - you'll also gain specific strategies to help you terminate turnover, motivate staff and eliminate all 5 profit killers.

Target Audience: Owners, Directors & Administrators

24. Creating Respect and Safety

Kristin Heaton, Trainer California School-Age Consortium (CalsAC)

This workshop will provide participants the opportunity to explore their own relationship to safety and support, set group agreements for the series, and discover their frame. In this training participants will, reflect on safety and support, set group agreements and identify their frame for exploring the deeper issues of privilege, anti-oppression and ally building.

Target Audience: School Age Teachers



25. **Invitations to Play**

Nicole Steele, Director of Children Paradise

This exciting, hands-on workshop will introduce you to the concept of creating "Invitations to Play" in your classroom. During this workshop you will learn how to create beautiful areas in your classrooms that will engage and excite the children's creativity! By creating an "invitation" we are encouraging children to come explore and play in a way that is meaningful and developmentally appropriate. We will show you exactly how to set up inviting areas, using simple materials you probably have on hand in each classroom. At the end of the workshop you will have the opportunity to create your own "Invitation to Play", and will be able to view several different examples of invitations.

Target Audience: *Preschool Teachers/PreK Teachers*

26. **Renew Your Passion**

Anna Reyner MA, ATR, MFT, Art Therapist /Marriage, Family & Child Therapist, Director of Training, Discount School Supply

It's a pleasure to replenish ourselves when we are challenged by extremely busy lives. Get out of your head and experience the fun of sensory, right brain activities with friends and colleagues. This process oriented art workshop provides a safe, fun and creative environment to get back in touch with your creativity and renew your passion for work and life. Leave the high-tech world behind and indulge your senses in a direct high-touch experience that will nurture and surprise you. Absolutely NO artistic "talent" required, and good times are guaranteed.

Target Audience: *Everyone Welcome*

27. **Are you compliant with the New Sick Leave Laws?**

Deisy Bach, Founder and CEO of HR Ideas

On July 1, 2015, California will become the second state in the U.S. to require employers to provide paid sick leave. California amended the law on July 13th. If that's not enough, Oakland passed a sick leave law as of March 2nd and Emeryville passed a different sick leave law effective July 1st. The laws continues to change and challenge employers. It is expected that California will continue to change this law. Is your business complying with all of these new laws? Have you updated your handbook? Notified employees? Printed balances on paychecks? Posted the required posters? If you still have questions about California and/or local sick leave laws, or fear that you are not compliant, then you should join us for this workshop. We will review all the laws: California, San Francisco, Oakland and Emeryville and provide a chart to help you navigate through this landmine

Target Audience: *Owners/Directors & Administrators*

28. **Professionalism**

Kristin Heaton, Trainer California School-Age Consortium (CalSAC)

Participants will discuss what it means to be professional in the world of early care and education and also how to support the families of the children/youth we share.

Target Audience: *Lead /Mentors Teacher*



29. Get Them Up Moving & Learning

Carrie Flint, Elementary & Adapted PE Specialist, Owner of Musical PE Plus

Research has proven that movement has a direct correlation to learning. This presentation is packed with easy brain breaks and tips to implement them without causing chaos in the classroom.

Target Audience: Preschool/PreK Teachers

30. Setting Up Your Classroom as Your Co-Teacher

Kathy Brenkle, Director of Child Day Schools, Moraga

During this workshop, participants will be presented with guidelines and strategies on how to set-up active learning environments that meet the entire spectrum of children's developmental needs, and the positive effects of arranging these spaces for children and their caregivers.

Target Audience: Preschool/PreK Teachers