

Session Overview

	SESSION I	SESSION II	SESSION III	LUNCH	SESSION IV	SESSION V
	8:00 - 9:10 am	9:20 - 10:35 am	10:45 - 12:00 pm	12:00 - 1:15 pm	1:15 - 2:30 pm	2:45 - 4:00 pm
Auditorium I	<i>Say, Sing & Sign! How American Sign Language Combined with Music Benefits Infants and Toddlers</i> Georgia & Ken Frawley	<i>Play-Along Songs - Movement, Music and ASL Learning to Support Learning Core Concepts</i> Ken & Georgia Frawley	<i>How Child Care Investigations Ensure the Safety for Children</i> Elaine Gatewood	Luncheon Session: Igniting the Fire for Social-Emotional Learning Corey Garza	<i>Child Care Regulation Background Checks</i> Emily Kopplin	<i>Nature Matters - Outdoor Nature Play and Child Development</i> Amy Musick
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For the Love of Children



Child Care Regulation Annual Early Childhood Conference

February 24, 2024

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

United Way of Greater Houston



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Greetings!

On behalf of Child Care Regulation, we want to thank you for attending our 2024 Annual Conference “For the Love of Children.” We are excited about the tremendous lineup of speakers we have in store for the day, as well as the many opportunities to learn, share, network and have FUN! Your career in working with young children and families is an extremely important one and we cannot thank you enough for all of your hard work and dedication to your profession. If you have any questions or needs throughout the day, please do not hesitate to let us know! Enjoy the conference!

— For the Love of Children Conference Planning Committee



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Exhibitor List



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Houston Community College



Lakeshore Learning



PALS - Physical & Academic Learning Services



TECPDS



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WorkForce Solutions - Early Education Quality Services

CHILD CARE REGULATION? WHAT HAPPENED TO CHILD CARE LICENSING?

Most of you know us as Child Care Licensing (CCL), but in 2017 due to legislative mandate we were moved from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to Health and Human Services (HHS) under the regulatory division. We are now known as Child Care Regulation (CCR) in line with our regulatory responsibilities.



We share a common goal with child care providers, which is to reduce the risk to children, by ensuring a safe and healthy environment for children in out-of-home care. We hope that this conference provides you with helpful resources that equips you to continue accomplishing this shared goal!



THANK YOU TO OUR LUNCH SPONSOR!



Say, Sing & Sign! How American Sign Language Combined with Music Benefits Infants and Toddlers

Auditorium I

This fun, hands-on ASL workshop teaches over 10 songs and activities to use with infants and toddlers. You will also learn how to adapt songs to be developmentally appropriate. No previous singing or signing experience necessary - just a lot of enthusiasm.

Georgia Frawley & Ken Frawley

Outdoor Adventures

Auditorium G

Learn the importance of having centers on the playground. Outdoor play is essential for children to develop not only physical strength but also communication skills. Natural playgrounds stimulate children's imagination and creativity, help develop motor skills, improve their social skills, and provide an opportunity for nature study. Come and see how you can get started in this adventure.

Tammy Davis



Strategic Enhancement of Childcare Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging (DEIB) Initiatives: A Human Resources Hiring Approach

Room A

Optimize your childcare business with our training on strategic DEIB initiatives. Explore Human Resources-driven hiring approaches, tackle challenges, and create an inclusive environment. Gain practical skills and develop a tailored action plan for a more diverse, equity and inclusive childcare workplace.

Kharaven Guevara

Updates to Child Care Regulation Account and Search Texas Child Care Site

Room C

Join Child Care Regulation Director of Field Operations, Rachelle Daniel for an overview of the updated Child Care Regulation Account (Provider Portal) and Search Texas Child Care site. She will highlight new features and ensure you know where to find resources to help you use them.

Rachelle Daniel

How to Keep the FUN in Learning: Sing and Read Together Every Day

Room E

According to research a child-centered classroom is filled with FUN by first reinforcing memory, processing information, strengthening attention span while increasing dopamine levels which make learning feel good. In this session, come to increase your awareness, participate in engaging demonstrations of resources/materials that promote FUN in learning.

Dr. Beverly Ashley

Play-Along Songs - Movement, Music and ASL Learning to Support Learning Core Concepts

Auditorium I

This fun, hands-on workshop teaches songs using American Sign Language to teach core concepts (ABCs, numbers, opposites, etc) and activity songs that encourage creativity to use with preschoolers. No previous singing or signing experience necessary - just a lot of enthusiasm.

Ken Frawley & Georgia Frawley

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly in Child Care

Auditorium G

The role of a childcare professional has its ups and downs. This session will demonstrate some of the good, bad and the ugly sides to it. Being an effective leader for your staff is very important. Learn to be an effective leader and role model to your staff and your parents.

Alma Johnson

Keeping Child Passengers Safe on the Road

Room A



In the U.S. and Texas, child traffic fatalities continue to be the leading cause of death for children ages 5-14 and the second leading cause of death for children under 5. Learn the most up-to-date child passenger safety recommendations based on a child's age, size, development, and mode of transportation. The session will highlight child transportation safety regulations from the Minimum Standards for Childcare Centers.

Marissa Rodriguez & Emily Thurman

Mini Minimum Standards Training

Part 1

Room E

Please join our caregiver focused mini session covering the hot topics of safety, supervision, ratios and well-being of our children in care.

**This is 1 of 2 parts session and attendees will need to attend both sessions.*

Child Care Regulation Staff



Nature Matters - Outdoor Nature Play and Child Development

Auditorium I



Outdoor nature play is essential to child growth and development but is often overlooked in child care centers. Rising summer temperatures and lack of safe space for independent nature exploration are only two of the many barriers limiting the time we spend outdoors. Learn strategies to combat the increase of child anxiety, ADD/ADHD, and sensory processing disorders in your classroom by increasing quality outdoor engagement.

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Rachele Daniel

Room Effective Communication Practices: Treat Teachers the Same Way You Expect Teachers to Treat Children

Room C

With so many demands and limited time, being an early childhood program leader is more challenging than it's ever been. This session will cover current research and best business practices blended with theory and practical strategies that can be implemented immediately to strengthen the relationship and communication between administrators and their staff.

Dr. Beverly Ashley

The Mess is Worth It! The Importance of Sensory Play in Child Development

Room A

When teachers hear the words "Sensory Play", the visual thought of a chaotic, unruly mess comes to mind. However, incorporating sensory play into your everyday routine can be a perfect way to help young learners engage in their environment, expand their creativity, and help build their social skills. This training will explore these and other key benefits to sensory exploration and also provide ideas and activities that will help you keep your sanity for sensory!

Delicia Parker



Encore Presentation Mini Minimum Standards Training Part 2

Room E

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Child Care Regulation Background Checks



Auditorium I

Join the Director of CCR's Centralized Background Check Unit, Emily Kopplin to learn about the different required background checks, background check processing time frames, the answers to frequently asked questions and tips and tricks to navigating the background check process.

Emily Kopplin

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Early Childhood Literacy & Brain Development

Room A

The audience will gain more insight on how to properly educate parents on developmental milestones and early interventions. In addition learn how to identify signs of delayed growth. Participants will be able to provide the proper care for children who are developmentally delayed.

Latrenda Bailey-Rush, Ed.S.



Encore Presentation

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How Child Care Investigations Ensure the Safety for Children

Auditorium I

In this training you will learn about the program "Child Care Investigations under DFPS" and how this program is responsible for conducting the abuse/neglect/exploitation investigations in regulated and unregulated daycares. In addition you will learn how we work with Child Care Regulation to ensure the safety of children while they are in our care.

Elaine Gatewood

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Alma Johnson

Creating Connections with Compassionate Conversations

Room C

Create connections through communication! Difficult conversations with parents about behaviors, learning needs, developmental delays and even daily classroom events can be stressful and challenging at times. Through communication strategies we will identify how to make these conversations smoother for staff and families. Learn ways to help support and de-escalate difficult conversations and open up opportunities to collaborate with families to support children's classroom needs.

Casey Casteel



Corey Garza

Igniting the Fire for Social-Emotional Learning

Auditorium I

In contributing to a GREAT conference, I hope each of you will join me for a quick look at Social-Emotional Learning and its concepts via Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL). This will include group activities and a few anecdotes to remind us how important these concepts are to our children and our personal lives.



Please pick up your lunch at the end of the hallway and return to Auditorium I for our Lunch Keynote presentation

LUNCH TIME!



CERTIFICATE INFORMATION - PLEASE READ! Set Up Your TECPDS Account for Conference Certificates

You will have a hard copy of your certificate prior to the start of the conference and can collect stickers in each session to add to your certificate. We will also award certificates through the Texas Early Childhood Professional Development System (TECPDS), which will be sent directly to the "Conference" section of your TECPDS profile as well as to your email address!

We encourage you to set up your TECPDS account prior to sessions if possible if you are interested in using TECPDS for certificates. QR Codes will be available through the stickers given at each session to allow you to track sessions attended. **See below or visit the TECPDS table in the hallway if you need to create a TECPDS Account.**

I Need to Create a TECPDS Account

All early childhood professionals can register for a free TECPDS Account, regardless of their role in the sector in which they work. A TECPDS Account can help you keep track of your professional development; creating and updating your professional development profile enables you to view your professional development report and link to your center/facility of employment.

VISIT THE TECPDS BOOTH IN THE HALL IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT!



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