



Early Childhood Conference

Saturday, April 24
7:45am - 3:45pm

Monticello
Community Center
Monticello, MN 55362

Registration

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Be sure to circle your 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice for each session.

We fill workshops on a first-come, first-served basis, in the order registrations are received.

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2nd breakout session

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3rd breakout session

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JOIN IF YOU'RE NOT A WCFCCA MEMBER + SAVE!

Postmarked by April 2

\$40 for WCFCCA members
 \$55 for non-members

Postmarked after April 2

\$50 for WCFCCA members
 \$65 for non-members

Please make checks payable to WCFCCA & mail to:

WCFCCA
10134 44th Court NE
St. Michael, MN 55376

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: breakfast, lunch, 6 hours of training, shopping, & raffle.

CANCELLATIONS: No refunds will be given.

PARKING: Allow time for parking; look for signs! Training begins promptly at 7:45 a.m.

CELL PHONES: We ask that all cell phones be turned off or set to "vibrate" during classes.

CHILD POLICY: Children can be a distraction to yourself & other participants, so please make other arrangements for your young children.

TRAINING & CERTIFICATES: All attendees receive a certificate at the end of each training session. All trainings meet Wright County Child Care licensing & CCR&R grant requirements.

BREAKFAST: Croissants, Muffins, Juice, & Coffee

LUNCH: Tequilaberry Salad, Chips & Dip, Chicken Divan Casserole, Italian Pasta, Rolls, cake, & drink.

Please check out www.wcfcca.org/conference.php or call 763-463-5909 for more info, directions, & an up-to-date list of vendors.



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KEYNOTE: “Your Thumb is Greener than You Think”

Denita’s passion for young children to learn & grow is contagious. You will leave with a new appreciation for yourself & a fresh perspective on the important role you play in the lives of young children. You have a green thumb, & Denita will send you home with oodles of ways to use that thumb to plant seeds in the children who spend their days with you.

Planting seeds in young children is what Denita Dinger enjoys the most about being an early childhood professional. She plants seeds that will mature & blossom in their own time, when they are ready. Denita also enjoys planting seeds in early childhood professionals, seeds that will, in turn, be used to create opportunities for young children to learn & grow. Denita is a Family Child Care Provider in Sioux Falls, SD with previous experience as a preschool teacher. Denita makes use of her BS in Eled & Early Childhood Education by providing preschool for the children who attend her program.

Moving to the Beat Makes Learning a Treat (Denita Dinger) – Session 1 A

Participants will leave this hands-on workshop filled with rhythm & rhyme & quick & easy activities that will enhance their curriculum & assist in meeting the Early Learning Guidelines. Using rhythm in the classroom & daycare setting is a fun way for children to use their bodies to experience early math & reading & has a positive effect on brain development.

How to Get the Clients You Want...and How to Keep Them! (Karen Bradley) – Session 1 B

Interviewing is where a successful parent/provider relationship begins - get it started right! Setting the stage, looking for flags, checking for philosophical similarities, & other important parts of interviewing will be covered. Many difficulties with parents can be avoided if providers know what subjects to discuss during the interview; starting out on the right foot is key.

Help! My Own Children are Driving Me Crazy (Barb Wagner) – Session 1 C

Often times our own children can be our biggest challenge in our daycare, causing stress & frustration. In this class you will learn the causes of the behavior & what you can do to stop it.

Eyes-on, Ears-on with Hands-on Science (Denita Dinger) – Session 2 D

All the senses will be on & learning will explode (not your house) when you set up these fun, easy, BRAIN-ON science activities. Enrich vocabularies, improve observation skills, work cooperatively, heighten the senses & most importantly....have fun through science! You will leave this workshop excited for Monday morning!

Get It in Writing (Karen Bradley) – Session 2 E

Your policy & contract are two documents that should be lifesavers: one helps you run the day-to-day operations of your program smoothly, the other protects you legally. Knowing what you need to spell out to your clients in your policy will help you be more organized & consistent. A contract is a legal document, spelling out what each party promises to do. When these two documents are clear, everything goes better!

Socialization and Guidance—PITC (Pat Gentz) – Session 2 F

The ultimate goal of socialization & guidance is to help children feel good about themselves as they gradually learn to behave according to social rules. This lesson addresses appropriate ways to set limits for children & covers key principles in socialization & guidance. There will be further discussion on establishing a relationship of trust with children, preventing discipline problems in advance & using guidance techniques that REALLY WORK!!!

Playing Our Way to Reading Someday!! (Denita Dinger) – Session 3 G

Tired of hearing the same old same old about teaching early literacy skills? This workshop will take the “same old” out & put the creative ideas in. Participants will leave this hands-on workshop anxious for Monday morning! Collect fresh ideas that will help children acquire the early literacy skills they need all while playing & having fun! A handy planning sheet will be used during the workshop that will keep these ideas (& yours) organized & quick to locate! You’ll be moving, doing, sharing & laughing as you experience some fantastic activities & do some creative thinking of your own!

Let’s Talk! (Karen Bradley) – Session 3 H

Communication between parents & providers is the cement that holds their relationship together. There are many ways to express your feelings, share tips, give hints, & come right out & state whatever you need - without saying a word! Karen will share notes, newsletters, email use, & other ideas to get the point across -bring your own to share! Learn to be a strong, confident communicator, a resource for your clients, & a happier, more successful business owner.

Space to Grow: Designing Your Family Childcare Environment—PITC (Pat Gentz) Session 3 I

Does your family child care environment look the same day after day, year after year? This class is organized around two videos; “Space to Grow” & “Many Right Ways: Designing Your Family Child Care Environment,” where we actually go on a tour of several providers homes via video. We’ll be discussing how we can set up a safe, fun & friendly environment for children that promotes exploration & independence. This class presents eight basic concepts related to the environment that support & enrich our children’s growth.