

NE KS Early Childhood Professional Mini-Conference



March 4th, 2017

Welcome to the 26th Annual DCCDA Mini-Conference

The Staff & Board of Directors of the Douglas County Child Development Association hope you have a great day of learning and sharing with other early childhood professionals!

Please take a moment to read this important information regarding specific items in your packet and instructions for the day.

Professional Development Evaluation (Complete One For Each Class)

At the end of each class, you will be given an evaluation form. Please take a moment to give your feedback so that the class may be evaluated and improved for future sessions. When you are finished, give your evaluation to the room monitor as you exit, then you will receive your conference class sticker as proof of credit earned.

Conference Certificate

Your certificate is located on the back of this program. At the end of each class, you will be given a sticker noting the class and session you attended. Be sure to place the sticker on the certificate, and keep the program and certificate intact to retain the session descriptions for your professional development record.

Thank You!

Many thanks to our Presenters, without their willing service and dedication to early education, this conference would not be possible. Thanks to Community Children's Center and staff for hosting this event and providing the wonderful breakfast refreshments. Thank you to Plymouth Congregational Church for allowing us to use their facilities. Many thanks to all those who volunteered their time today. Special thanks to Constructive Playthings, Sunflower School Supply, and Scholastic Books for participating in our event.

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DCCDA's 26th Annual

Saturday, March 4th 2017

8:30 AM — 3:00 PM

Plymouth Congregational Church

925 Vermont Street

Sponsored by the Douglas County Child Development Association



CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND OVERVIEW

8:00 am — 8:30 am

Registration, Book Fair, Raffle

8:30am — 10:00 Keynote Speaker

► Caregiver's Role: Early Childhood Trauma

Marcia Weseman, Ed. D, Trauma Smart Trainer at Crittendon Children's Center

All childcare providers and caregivers confront behaviors that may be a consequence of early childhood trauma. The caregiver's day-to-day interaction with children who have experienced early trauma will impact the child's ability to heal and build resilience to mitigate the negative consequences of early trauma. Trauma informed environments create healthy learning environments for all children. Learn all about it in this training!

KDHE Approved 1.5 hours

Content Area: VI — Interactions with Children — Level 3

10:15am — 11:45pm Session I

► A: Praise vs Encouragement

Erica Ritter, Director of Campus Child Care Center at KCKCC

Attendees will learn and discuss why encouragement is more effective than praise in improving children's self-esteem, as well as learn how to implement a supportive climate in the classroom.

KDHE Approved 1.5 hours

Content Area: VI — Interactions with Children — Level 2

► B: Introduction to Strengthening Families and the Five Protective Factors

Amy Gottschamer, Director and Owner of Googols of Learning CDC

This training will give an overview of the five protective factors and how, from a caregiver's role, to foster those factors for young children and their families.

KDHE Approved 1.5 hours

Content Area: IV — Families and Communities — Level 2

CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND OVERVIEW (continued)

► C: Emotions: Helping Children Identify and Express How They Feel

Amberlee Johns, LMFT, DCCDA Family Resource Team

The identification and expression of emotions is a learned skill. Participants in this training will develop strategies for teaching children about emotions and constructive methods of emotional expression.

KDHE Approved 1.5 hours

Content Area: V— Interactions with Children — Level 3

► D: Engaging Parents, Building Positive Relationships

Tracie Morris, Family Services Coordinator, CCC Head Start Lawrence

This course will provide information and strategies for childcare providers to engage and build positive relationships with families in the care home or facility.

KDHE Approved 1.5 hours

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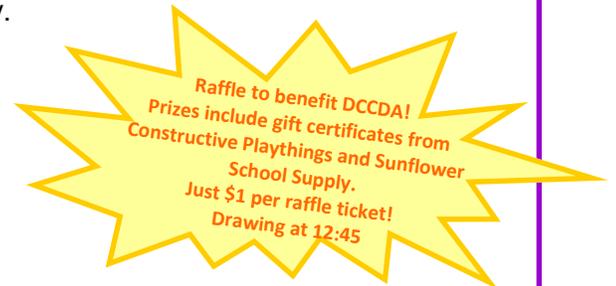
Lunch Break! 11:45 am — 1:00 pm

Visit downtown Lawrence!

Or, if you bring your lunch, a space for eating will be provided.

*Come back early and browse our **Scholastic Book Fair!***

The raffle drawing will be held at 12:45.



1:00 pm — 3:00 pm Session II

► A: Bridging Differences and Maximizing Success

Barbara Clark Evans, Director of KCKCC Intercultural Center

Behaviors impact the success of children and coworkers in a child care setting. In this course, learn how perception of differences is often bias, how biases affect behavior, and how to create action plans and learn skills to bridge differences and conflicts.

KDHE Approved 2 hours

Content Area: VIII — Professional Development and Leadership — Level 1

► B: You Can Serve It, But They Won't Eat It *REPEAT CLASS previously offered to CACFP participants

Lisa Zwiener, DCCDA CACFP Claims Specialist and Home Visitor

A picky eater can be really frustrating. Learn in this course how to respond to a picky eater in a positive way, learn phrases that help not hinder, and how to create an eating environment that encourages healthy eating.

KSDE Approved 2 hours

► C: Taking Care of the Caregiver

Deb Danielson, ChildCare Aware of Kansas

This class covers the topics of stress reduction, management and prevention techniques. How to build a support team to utilize during times of stress will also be addressed.

KDHE Approved 2 hours

Content Area: VIII— Professional Development and Leadership — Level 2

► D: What Does Race Have To Do With It? Building Culturally Relevant Classrooms

**REPEAT CLASS previously offered at the 2016 Mini-Conference*

Marie Taylor, Early Childhood Team Leader, USD 497, and Cara McNorton, 5th Grade Teacher, USD 497

Let's learn how to become self-aware of how race affects teaching in early childhood and brainstorm specific ways to change classrooms so that all children can see themselves in that space.

KDHE Approved 2 hours

Content Area: II — Learning Environment and Curriculum — Level 1

3:00pm — End of Sessions

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Keynote

Session I

Session II