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## THE CONNECTOR BUILDING COLLABORATORS:

# LEADERSHIP FROM WITHIN: CARE, CONNECT, CULTIVATE

## CHILD CARE CONFERENCE SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018

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512 Lakeland Road  
Blackwood, NJ 08012-2946

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Leadership is a recent focus for professional development of both early childhood directors and practitioners. In this keynote address, Dr. Zeynep Isik-Ercan will describe a framework for growing leadership abilities for caregivers and leaders in any early childhood context by caring for self, connecting with others and cultivating growth in people you work with.

### Keynote Presenter Bio

Dr. Zeynep Isik-Ercan is an Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education. She also co-leads Early Childhood Leadership Institute, an initiative to support the region's early childhood workforce in professional development and coaching. Previously, she served as an elementary education teacher, field coach for pre- and in-service early childhood teachers, liaison for university-early childhood center partnerships, and program director for a teacher preparation program in early childhood. Her research focuses on culturally and linguistically diverse children and families, best practices in curriculum and instruction of young children such as science and technology integration, and professional development of practitioners and leaders in the field of early childhood education. Her research regularly appears in national and international scholarly publications and conferences. She is the recipient of Wall of Fame award for teaching and advising from Rowan University (2017) and Hoosier Educator Award for Higher Education (2014) from Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children for her contribution to the growth of early childhood educators.



### Schedule:

Registration and Breakfast	7:30 am to 8:30 am
Welcome and Keynote	8:30 am to 9:45 am
Session One	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Break	11:30 am to 12:00 pm
Session Two	12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 1, 2018

## REGISTRATION

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Staff Position/Classroom Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mark the choice that best describes you.*

Child Care: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Care: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Community Member: \_\_\_\_\_ FFN/Approved Home Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Workforce Registry ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Choose your workshops:  
*Please pick a 1st and 2nd choice for each session.*

Session A: 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Session B: 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee:** \$20 per person

**Please make checks payable to:**  
Camden County Treasurer

**Mail registration form and payment to:**  
Department of Children's Services  
C/O Ester Falcone  
512 Lakeland Road, Suite 200  
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Please contact Ester Falcone at  
(856) 374-6027 if you have additional questions.

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# SESSION A

## 10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

### A1 Tools of the Trade:

What's in your toolbox? Get an overview of the early learning resources that have been identified by the State of NJ to improve quality of early childhood education and the tools that are used statewide to measure quality improvement efforts.

*Paula Hartley, NJ First Steps Infant Toddler Specialist*

### A2 What Makes a Quality Early Childhood Program?

"Q" is for quality! In today's day and age, the call for quality early childhood programming is of the utmost importance. This workshop will look at all the facets of a quality program and how important it is for our nation's youngest children. Quality programming, program assessments and teaching with intention will be included in our session.

*Jason Verdone, Early Childhood Specialist*

### A3 Empowering Providers

In this session practitioners will have an opportunity to assess current practices and their professional growth through self-reflection and identify resources that can help them grow, regardless of where they are within their careers. Participants will leave re-energized and motivated to reach new goals, face challenges, advocate for quality programs and become a powerful voice in the field.

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# SESSION B

## 12:00 PM TO 1:30 PM

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*Lauren Schiavo, Lead Trainer, Department of Children's Services*

### A5 La Familia En español!

Únete a mí para explorar cómo colaborar y apoyar la participación de la familia en tu programa.

*Carmen Davis, Early Childhood Consultant*

### A6 Power of the Brain

Knowledge is power. This workshop will take a brief look at brain development and why your interactions with the children in your classrooms are so important. Let's connect theory and practice.

*Casey Orlando, Quality Improvement Specialist,  
Department of Children's Services*

### A7 Supporting Bilingual Young Children and Families in the Early Childhood Classrooms

In this workshop, participants will learn and be able to practice strategies and tools to support young bilingual and bicultural learners and their families

*Dr. Zeynep Isik-Ercan, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education*



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### B5 Profesionalismo Mantener un Programa ético: En español!

Los participantes aprenderán a distinguir entre conductas profesionales y no profesionales para construir un entorno con equidad.

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