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2020 CHILD CARE CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020
7:30 AM - 1:00 PM

THE CONNECTOR BUILDING

Camden County College, Blackwood Campus
200 College Drive, Blackwood, NJ 08012

EVERYTHING STARTS WITH OUR BABIES: BUILDING MINDFUL BRAINS THROUGH SCHOOL-AGE

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Lori Sullivan
Montclair State University

- > *4 Professional Development Hours*
- > *Breakfast - Door Prizes - Resources - Vendors*



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REGISTER TODAY Deadline: March 16, 2020

For more information contact Ester Falcone at Ester.Falcone@CamdenCounty.com

SESSION A - 9:45AM - 11:15AM

A1 - What About Us? How Reflective Practices Can Support Caregivers

This workshop will provide an introduction to Reflective Practices for staff (caregivers and supervisors) who work with young children and their families. We will explore the intense emotions that are stirred up when our work involves forming relationships with young children and their families.

Dr. Lori Sullivan, Assistant Director for Curriculum & Training Center for Autism & Early Childhood Mental Health, Montclair State University

A2 - A Classroom View of Mental Health and the Inclusion of Infants and Toddlers

This workshop is an interactive approach to understanding the importance of the behaviors of Infants and Toddlers, as they use their environment to develop mentally, socially and physically. Participants will dramatize some of their challenges as seen in their learning environment. Participants will also make and take an activity as a reminder of some useful strategies to help when needed.

Dr. Connie F. Smith, Consultant for NJ Inclusive Child Care Project

A3 - Math Experiences Add Up! Why Math Matters for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschool Age Children

Dive into developmentally appropriate math practices in the early childhood classroom. This hands-on workshop will take a look at easy-to-implement math activities for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The early years are a critical time for brain development, and math experiences beginning in infancy help to lay a strong foundation for complex math concepts that follow in the primary years.

Lisa Duffield, Pre-K Teacher, Independent Learning Consultant

A4 - Creating a Culture of Safety; Systematic Practices that Ensure Children's Safety

Children's safety and well-being is a priority. Safe practices to prevent injuries including recognizing and eliminating hazards are vitally important in early care and education settings. Active supervision, environmental security and safety measures, modeling safe behaviors and engaging families in learning about safety risks are discussed in this program. Evidence-based resources will be provided to help teachers and families keep children safe.

Dianne Burdette, MSN, RN, CCHC, Child Care Health Consultant, Central Jersey Family Health Consortium, Inc.



A5 - Linking Science and Literacy Together in the Early Childhood Classroom

Participants will look at utilizing standard based science concepts and how those concepts can be related to children's books with a science theme. The focus will be on incorporating informational types of books and creating hands on, standard based learning tools centered around those concepts set forth in the NJ Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards.

Jason Verdone, Early Childhood Specialist-LRC-S at Rowan University

A6 - Uno, dos, tres: ! Ven a contar con migo!

Los participantes podran aprender los componentes de matematicas y investigaran actividades para apollar el desarrollo.

Carmen Davis, Early Childhood Consultant

A7 - School Age - Hurry Up & Wait...

Waiting for the bus? The other kids to finish up in the gym? Take out your "Hurry Up & Wait..." toolkit of activities for anytime your group has some unscheduled time on its hands. This hands-on workshop introduces activities that keeps school age groups positively engaged even during the most unexpected times so that everyone's having fun instead of hurrying up & waiting.

Dagmar Wojcik, NJSACC Quality Coach & Technical Assistance Specialist

Nazirah Abdullah, NJSACC Quality Coach, Southern Region



A8 - Directors Forum (Part 1): The A, B, C's of Rating Observations

Administrators, Directors and Managers will focus on how classrooms are assessed using the environmental rating scales: ITERS, ECERS and FCCERS. Ratings are a high priority in quality care and early learning environments serving young children. Participants will leave the session with a greater sense of preparation and knowledge.

Dee Bailey-Gittens, Each One Teach Consulting

SESSION B - 11:30AM - 1:00PM

B1 - Put a Bounce in Your Step! Improved Teacher Self-care Can Enhance Quality in Infant/Toddler Care

Early care educators who are healthier and less stressed are better able to provide high quality care that promotes children's optimal development. This workshop will explore the causes and effects of chronic stress on physical and emotional health. Additionally, it will address strategies to enhance self-care and build resilience in teachers that will benefit themselves and the children they care for.

Dianne Burdette, MSN, RN, CCHC,
Child Care Health Consultant, Central Jersey Family Health Consortium, Inc.

B2 - Screening and Talking with Families

This workshop discusses the process of screening, screening tools available for providers, and tips about what to do when a screening is positive for a developmental concern.

Jamirah Heyward,
*Early Childhood Inclusion Coordinator,
SPAN New Jersey Inclusive Child Care Project*

B3 - Educating Communities for Healthier Eating

Know your resources for free nutrition education programming and food assistance! The Food Bank of South Jersey provides more than just food. Learn how to bring fun and interactive programming like Cooking Matters® to your center. Experience a sample program session and prepare a healthy snack to enjoy. The workshop will discuss available food assistance programs including food pantries, mobile pantries, summer meals and child feeding programs.

Tricia Yeo,
Senior Manager, Health and Wellness, Food Bank of South Jersey

Elena Pedino,
Program Development Manager, Food Bank of South Jersey

B4 - Building Math Brains

This hands-on workshop will look at building on a child's natural curiosity and observations as they grow into confident early mathematicians. This session will look at the basic principles of early childhood math and how those hands-on math experiences can be fun, enjoyable and develop a love of math in the children we work with each day.

Jason Verdone,
Early Childhood Specialist-LRC-S at Rowan University

B5 - !Ambiente Rico de Lenguaje!

Los participantes aprenderán la importancia de tener un ambiente rico de lenguaje para proveer la conciencia fonológica de los niños y la lectura.

Carmen Davis,
Early Childhood Consultant

B6 - School Age - Quality Programming & Team Building

Join NJSACC's team of Quality Coaches to learn more about building the teams within your school age programs to bring out the best in your kids, families, and staff. In this hands-on interactive workshop geared towards directors and site supervisors, we'll explore team building, goal oriented self-assessment, collaboration, reflection, & more!

Dagmar Wojcik,
NJSACC Quality Coach & Technical Assistance Specialist

Ebony Grace,
NJSACC Director of Partnerships and Quality Initiatives

Nazirah Abdullah,
NJSACC Quality Coach, Southern Region

B7 - Games, Games and More Games!

This session will offer some "tricks of the trade" for developing a team spirit and a sense of fair play. Participants will re-capture their child-like spirit through playful, non-competitive games designed for young children. Come prepared to play, learn and have some amazing fun!

Dennis Grooms,
SACC Consultant

B8 - Directors Forum (Part 2) : The A, B, C's of Rating Observations

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KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Dr. Lori Sullivan

Dr. Lori Sullivan is an Early Childhood Special Educator and Infant Mental Health Specialist. She holds a Ph.D. in Infant and Early Childhood Development from Fielding Graduate University. At Montclair State University, she is part of the Socio-Emotional Formation Initiative (SEFI) team within the Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health. The SEFI team supports statewide quality initiatives in childcare as part of Grow NJ Kids. Lori is a member of the Board of Directors of the NJ Association for Infant Mental Health (NJ-AIMH) and the Coalition for Infant Toddler Educators (CITE). She is a NJ-Association for Infant Mental Health endorsed Infant Mental Health Mentor, a Brazelton Touchpoints trainer, and has been a consultant trainer with the ZERO TO THREE national organization.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Cultivating Safety Through Relationships: How Infant and Toddler Teachers Can Protect Against Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Promote Relational Wellness

Participants will learn about the importance of relationships between infants/toddlers and their caregivers as a protective factor against early stress and relational disruption. We will discuss the science of feeling both safe and stressed in the early years of life, and how infant and toddler professionals can use aspects of positive interactions to cultivate a sense of safety and promote a positive future for the infants and toddlers in their care.

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REGISTRATION FORM:

1. Contact Information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

2. Which best describes your role in the community:

- Family Child Care Provider
- Parent/Community Member
- Child Care Center Staff
Name of Center: _____
- Other: _____

3. Workshop Choices:

Session A: 1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____

Session B: 1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____

4. NJ Workforce Registry ID Number:

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HOW TO REGISTER:

Please check which option you are registering for:

_____ **Option 1 - Registration Fee: \$65 per person**
Includes breakfast, 4 professional development hours
and a **1-year membership to CITE South**

_____ **Option 2 - Registration Fee: \$40 per person**
Includes breakfast &
4 professional development hours

Please make checks payable to: CITE South
Mail Registration Form and payment to:

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