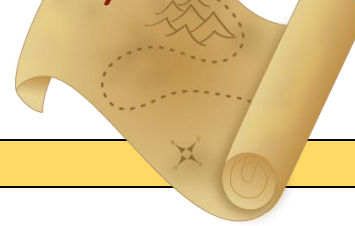


Conference Presentation Details



Friday, April 21		
Pathway to a Successful Business 10:30 Check-In UT Tech Alumni House	<u>Colette Cox</u> 11:00 am <u>Lunch</u> 12:00 <u>Reed Coombs</u> 1:00-3:00	Join us for a special Friday event to gain skills in managing a childcare business including taxes, staff retention, and much more!
Adventures in Play: it's not just for kids! 6:00 pm Check-In UT Tech Education Bldg	<u>Brionne Neilson</u>	We know play is important for children, but it's also good for grown-ups! Research shows that adults who engage in play are better prepared to deal with burnout and have overall better mental health. This evening will be a chance to learn about these benefits, reflect on your own preferences and practices, and engage in some meaningful play together. Come prepared to set aside your cares and join in an adventure!
Saturday, April 22 7-8 am Registration 8-4pm Presentations		
Keynote:		
Always Trust Your Cape	<u>Kristen Peterson,</u>	Play is a right of childhood, but fear holds us back from doing what is right for the children we serve. Kristen will inspire attendees to let children play, release their fears and trust their cape as they head back into the world to care for children.
Sessions 1 & 2:		
YES, YES, YES!	<u>Kristen Peterson</u>	Saying yes can be a lot harder than saying no. However, when you say no, you are taking away valuable learning experiences for the children in your care. Learn why saying yes is important and how to easily flip a NO to a giant YES!
Mediating Screentime: PBS KIDS Digital Media Resources for Early Educators	Annie Frazier & Melanie Pehrson-Noyce <u>PBS Utah</u>	Are screens the babysitter or a teaching tool? Learn about best practices regarding preschoolers using screens and how to optimize screens as a teaching tool. Find out about free resources for teachers from PBS KIDS to support early learning in your classroom.
Outside the Box: Collaborating with Early Intervention (for Infants & Toddlers)	<u>Crystal Ghica</u> <u>Root for Kids</u>	If you have concerns that an infant or toddler is not fitting into the typical development patterns, we can help! Find out answers to these questions. What is early intervention? How and why should I refer? Who is eligible? What services are available? How can early intervention and childcare collaborate?.
Launching Early Childhood STEM into Nature	Dylan & Kayla Kirklin <u>SUU STEM Center</u>	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. How can we effectively take them outside? How can we effectively apply them at an early childhood level? Join us as we discuss and discover launching early childhood learning outside!

Harnessing Children's Power for Good, NOT Evil!	<u>Heidi Petersen</u> <u>The Children's Center</u> <u>Utah</u>	If you dare to attend this presentation, you will leave feeling like a super hero! You will fly away with the knowledge of the possible causes of power struggles and learn how to reduce them. You will be able to deal with power struggles as they are happening while, making children feel powerful.
Intentional Outdoor Play	<u>Ron Mohl</u> <u>Lakeshore Learning</u>	The importance of play for a child's healthy development is grounded in a strong body of research. In this session, we provide a clear understanding of how connecting indoor and outdoor play promotes cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development in children. Through music, art, math, science and more, we will learn how to effectively plan intentional outdoor learning activities to engage children in play to spark their curiosity and engage their senses.
Fabulous Food Adventures for Young Children	<u>Linda Wright</u> <u>Utah Tech College of Education</u>	This presentation will focus on how young children benefit from participating in food experiences and best practices when implementing food experiences in early childhood settings. Food experiences will be demonstrated.
Something for Everyone! Utah's Professional Development Programs	<u>Carrie Stott</u> <u>URPD Director</u>	In Utah, we are fortunate to have Professional Development opportunities for EVERYONE! Come see what could benefit YOU and get all of your questions answered about the Career Ladder, Professional Development Incentives and Scholarships.
Book Talk 8.0: A 'Hen'semble of Eggstra Special Books'	<u>Rea Gubler, Peggy Wittwer,</u> <u>Jamie Hamblin</u> <u>SUU</u>	This workshop provides an overview of new picture book titles to assist in building Early Childhood libraries and collections.

Extended Lunch for Learning Stations & Treasure Hunt

Sessions 3 & 4

Why Attachment Matters: Building a Strong Foundation for Attachment in Caregiver & Child Relationships	<u>Kamie Blake</u> <u>Stepping Stones Child Care</u>	This session will provide an overview of attachment theory, why attachment in the early years is critical to early brain development, relationships, trust, and overall child development. Early childhood educators play a vital role as secondary caregivers in the lives of the children they serve. This session will provide resources and strategies for understanding attachment and how early childhood educators can cultivate and nurture this crucial foundation in the lives of children.
Wild About Writing	<u>Cari Buckner</u> <u>Utah Tech Department of Education</u>	Our youngest students have exciting stories to share. In this breakout session we will explore the wild adventures young children can share while telling stories through squiggles, pictures, strings of letters and addition of words;; becoming oral storytellers; connecting story ideas with literature, and identifying a sense of story. We will explore the writing of 3 year-old, 4- year-olds, 5 year olds, 6 year-olds and 7 year-olds .Developmentally appropriate lesson plans for all ages groups will be shared. Do you have a story to share?
Nature Made	<u>Alisa Petersen</u> <u>SUU ArtsFUSION Director</u>	Experience multiple hands-on artful activities using treasures collected from nature and discuss how to design activities which inspire your students to explore the outdoors creatively.

<p>Understanding Quality and the Personal Perspective of it</p>	<p><u>Crystal Knippers</u> <u>CAC Weber State</u></p>	<p>This session will focus on creating an understanding of quality defined by many factors. Quality and the impact it has on child outcomes and how to find ways to fine tune the different areas of quality you offer in your programs.</p>
<p>Hold on to Your Staff!</p>	<p><u>Dacie Derbidge & Erica Shotwell</u> <u>Little Leapers Child Care</u></p>	<p>This session will provide strategies and suggestions on ways to turn an average program into a highly productive, low-turnover environment where managers can focus on quality — not recruiting and replacing an endless stream of new hires.</p>
<p>Celebrate the Stages: Using the ASQ</p>	<p><u>Jennifer Floyd & Kellie Kohler</u> <u>Office of Child Care</u></p>	<p>Regular developmental screenings using the Ages and Stages tools are a great way for parents and providers to engage with children. Screenings highlight a child's strengths and help concerns be recognized for earlier intervention and better school readiness. Utah's Coordinated Developmental Screening Project provides FREE access to the Ages and Stages Questionnaires including online Family Access and a broad range of free training and support to help child care programs implement screening into their routine.</p>
<p>Get Out There More- Even With Mixed Ages!</p>	<p><u>Marci Childs</u> <u>Family Child Care</u></p>	<p>In this session we will go over some tips and suggestions on how and why it's worth the extra effort to get outside more with your family childcare group..</p>
<p>Music & Movement with Kindermusik</p>	<p><u>Marnie Hansen</u> <u>Root For Kids Kindermusik Program</u></p>	<p>Music and Movement super charge brain power. It gives the brain a complete workout. Kindermusik provides joyful, engaging activities that promote school readiness, lifelong learners, and a more confident generation. It is a play-based approach to learning which improves cognitive, language, physical and social-emotional growth. Kindermusik can be done in a studio experience, classroom-based experience or home visiting experience.</p>
<p>Why Do They Do That? Understanding Adolescent (5-12 yrs) Brain Development & Learning Needs</p>	<p><u>Verlina Adame & Angie Toone</u> <u>Utah Afterschool Network</u></p>	<p>When we can understand and embrace the differences of adolescent youth through the stages of development, we can better serve them by having appropriate expectations, planning activities that can reach each youth where they are, and designing a program to help youth thrive.</p>