Early Childhood Educator’s Conference

8:30am – 2:50pm, Saturday, October 17, 2015

Woods Chapel United Methodist Church
4725 NE Lakewood Way, Lee’s Summit, MO 64064

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30am - 9:00am    Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00am - 10:30am   Welcome & Keynote
10:30am - 11:00am  Tai Chi for All
11:05am - 12:05pm  Session A
12:10pm - 12:40pm  Special Session Presentation & Lunch
12:45pm - 1:45pm   Session B
1:50pm - 2:50pm    Session C

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Registration deadline is September 25, 2015. Pre-registration is required.
  - Registration Fee: $60 (after September 25)
  - Early Registration Fee: $50 (before September 25)
- Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.
- Refunds will be made with written request to University of Missouri Extension by October 9, 2015. A processing fee of $15 will be deducted for all refunds.

TRAINING CREDIT

- 5.5 clock hours of training will be awarded for participation in the full Conference.
- The conference is approved by Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for in-service training clock hours.

For more information or questions, contact Dr. Nina Chen  chenn@missouri.edu  (816-252-5051)
KEYNOTE SPEAKER  9:00am -10:30am

Laura Murphy, Parent Coach, Real Families, Inc.

Laura Murphy holds a Master’s of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology, a bachelor’s degree in Communications from Michigan State University, and a certification as a Parent Coach from Seattle Pacific University. In addition to full time ministry as the senior pastor at Gashland United Methodist Church, Laura is a certified parent coach and owns Real Families, Inc.

Laura works nationwide with families in the area of communication, discipline, and relationship building. While she works with all parents in every age and stage of life, she specializes in families with ADD/ADHD, learning disabilities, and giftedness.

Laura and her husband, Patrick, have three young-adult children. Her practical advice and knowledge intertwined with her sense of humor and storytelling makes her a sought after presenter and preacher.

“Teachers Guiding Parents”

As an educator and childcare provider you have an amazing opportunity to impact the children even when they are not in your care. The opportunity comes from the way you empower their parents to be positive role models, be effective in their discipline, and nurture the child for a lifetime. Not an easy task when you have limited time to interact with the parents, but it’s an important task that, when done well and intentionally, can make a lifetime of change for a family.

This motivational and yet practical presentation promises teachers insight in areas they don’t normally receiving training, and gives hope for the future of all the families they work with.

Learning Objectives:

- Motivational for teacher’s morale and desire to work with families.
- Offer ideas for positive and effective communication skills.
- Provide discipline and nurturing techniques that can be used by teachers as well as parents.

Core Competency: Families and Communities, Professional Development and Leadership
Level: 4
Tai Chi for All 10:30am - 11:00am

Nina Chen, Ph.D., Human Development Specialist and Certified Tai Chi Instructor, University of Missouri Extension

Tai Chi is a mind and body exercise with flowing and gentle movements and deep breathing. Tai chi is low impact and puts minimal stress on muscles and joints, making it generally safe for all ages and fitness levels. According to research, Tai Chi helps reduce stress, anxiety, stiffness, pain, and risk of falls and improves self-efficacy, concentration, balance, coordination, and flexibility while promoting mental and physical health. Participants will learn research findings on health benefits of Tai Chi and experience warm-up, Tai Chi movements, and cool down exercises.

Core Competency: Learning Environment and Curriculum, Health & Safety
Level: 2

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Understanding Quirky Kids (Session A & B)

Laura Murphy, Parent Coach, Real Families, Inc.

Do you work with kids that are difficult to calm? That are more easily irritated? That seem to learn differently than other children? That lack social skills? That you just can’t quite figure out? This workshop offers practical and leading edge ideas of how to understand these kids and work with them in the classroom.

Core Competency: Interactions with Children and Youth, Learning Environment and Curriculum
Level: 3

Look Who’s Talking….Or Not! (Session A)

Melissa Finneseth, MS., CCC-SLP., Speech-Language Pathologist, Great Beginnings Early Education Center, Lee’s Summit R-7 School District

Participants will learn speech and language guidelines for children 18 months-6 years of age so that they can make an informed decision of when to “wait and see” and when to seek outside help for children with possible communication concerns.

Core Competency: Child and Youth Growth and Development, Observation and Assessment, Learning Environment and Curriculum
Level: 3
Approach to the Care of Infants and Children with Food Allergies  (Session A)

Jodi Shroba, MSN., RN., CPNP., Division of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, Children's Mercy Hospital
Cindy Bandelier, BSN., RN., Specialty Center CMS, Division of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, Children's Mercy Hospital
Dr. Chitra Dinakar, MD., Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Division of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, Children's Mercy Hospital

The workshop will identify the necessary steps to be prepared for food allergy reactions and how to keep food allergic kids safe in the child care/early childhood setting.

Core Competency: Health and Safety
Level: 2

SPECIAL SESSION SPEAKER  12:10pm - 12:40pm

Dr. Chitra Dinakar, MD
Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Division of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, Children's Mercy Hospital

Dr. Chitra Dinakar is Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Staff Physician, Division of Allergy/Immunology at Children’s Mercy Hospital. She completed her fellowship in Allergy/Immunology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Ohio, and since then has been at Children’s Mercy Hospital.

Dr. Dinakar’s interests and expertise for which she has won awards include food allergic disorders, pediatric asthma, atopic and immunological disorders, and health care quality and outcomes. She serves on the Editorial boards of four reputed Allergy/Immunology journals and on Missouri Medicine. She has been involved in more than 50 investigator-initiated, NIH-sponsored, and industry-sponsored clinical trials, and has over 45 peer-reviewed publications, and 2 book chapters.

Dr. Dinakar has served in leadership capacities at the national Allergy/Immunology organizations (Board of Regents of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI). She is listed on the Consumer Research Council’s ‘Guide to America’s Top Pediatricians’; Best Doctors in America; Kansas City Magazine’s ‘SuperDocs’ and ‘435 Magazine’ Best Doctors.

"Food Allergies in Infants and Children:
Recognition and Management"

To recognize the clinical presentation of food allergic disorders, be aware of the tests used to diagnose food allergies, learn the emergency management of anaphylaxis, learn how to care for children with food allergic disorders in a childcare setting.

Core Competency: Health & Safety
Level: 2
Car Seat Safety  (Session A)

Kristin Schlenk, MEd., CHES., Maternal Child Health Program Coordinator, Jackson County Health Department

This workshop will focus on the importance of proper use of child safety seats in protecting children from injury and be able to use them appropriately and how role-modeling can help children develop positive life-long habits such as seat belt use.

Core Competency: Health and Safety
Level: 2

Effects of Domestic Violence on Childhood Development  (Session A & C)

Joanna Hilton, M.S., LPC., Children’s & Family Therapist, Hope House, Inc.
Jill Weiterman, M.S., LPC., Children's & Family Therapist, Hope House, Inc.

Provide educators with information on the dynamics of domestic violence, its effects on the mother and growing child as well as ways to educate/parent the difficult child.

Core Competency: Observation and Assessment, Health and Safety
Level: 2

Music Loves the Brain  (Session B & C)

Anna Bannister, Certified Instructor, Music with Mar., Inc.

Music is one of the few things that uses the entire brain at the same time. It can also be a powerful tool for preschoolers. In this workshop, participants will learn basic brain and developmental research that supports the use of music and movement. Participants will leave equipped with practical examples and methods of using music in their everyday classroom as a teaching tool.

Core Competency: Child and Youth Growth and Development, Interactions with Children and Youth
Level: 2

Move Your Body Along: Learning through Play  (Session B & C)

Lisa Campbell, Children’s Coordinator, Mid-Continent Public Library

This workshop will use play to strengthen early literacy skills in the classroom. Participants will explore how play supports early learning curriculum and encourages a multiple intelligence classroom model.

Core Competency: Child and Youth Growth and Development, Learning Environment and Curriculum
Level: 2
**Wild Play** *(Session B & C)*

Lisa LaCombe, CIH., CIG., CIT., CIP., CIM., Nature Center Manager, Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center, Missouri Department of Conservation

This hands-on workshop will stress the importance of and present ideas for educators, caregivers, and parents to include unstructured nature play time in their curriculum and at home.

*Core Competency: Learning Environment and Curriculum*
*Level: 2*

**Babes in the Woods and Little Acorns** *(Session B & C)*

Kathleen Savaiano, Naturalist, Missouri Department of Conservation
Diane Neal, Naturalist, Missouri Department of Conservation

This workshop will introduce two programs that are presented on a monthly basis at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center, Babes in the Woods for children 0-2 years old and their parents and Little Acorns for children 3-5 years old and their parents. We will present lessons plans from these programs to invite parents to bring their children to the nature center. The ideas and plans can also be used by educators to incorporate outdoor experiences for young children.

*Core Competency: Learning Environment and Curriculum*
*Level: 2*
2015 Early Childhood Educator’s Conference Registration Form

Name: ____________________________  *MOPD ID:________________________

School/Center/Agency:________________________________________________________

Address:____________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________  Email: ________________________________

Breakout Sessions: Select your first and second choice for each breakout session.

Session A  11:05 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.  (First Choice _____  Second Choice _____)
A1 Understanding Quirky Kids
A2 Car Seat Safety
A3 Look Who’s Talking . . or Not
A4 Approach to the Care of Infants and Children with Food Allergies
A5 Effects of Domestic Violence on Childhood Development

Session B 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  (First Choice _____  Second Choice _____)
B1 Understanding Quirky Kids
B2 Music Loves the Brain
B3 Move Your Body Along: Learning through Play
B4 Wild Play
B5 Babes in the Woods and Little Acorns

Session C 1:50 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.  (First Choice _____  Second Choice _____)
C1 Music Loves the Brain
C2 Move Your Body Along: Learning through Play
C3 Babes in the Woods and Little Acorns
C4 Effects of Domestic Violence on Childhood Development
C5 Wild Play

Lunch Selection: Select one choice for a boxed lunch sandwich. _____ Meat _____ Vegetarian

Registration Fee: (Breakfast and lunch are included.)

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Total Amount Enclosed  $___________

Make checks payable to: University of Missouri Extension in Jackson County

Mail to: University of Missouri Extension, 1600 NE Coronado Drive, Blue Springs, MO 64014  Attn: Conference

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