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Annual Southern Conference on Children set for Jan. 26

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Trends and techniques for working with young children will be focus of the 21st annual Southern Conference on Children at Georgia Southern University on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Child care center directors and personnel, teachers, paraprofessionals, and child care providers will receive inspiration and practical advice at the popular conference, which regularly attracts close to 700 participants from 32 Georgia counties.

Thomas Moore and Shirley Garrett will present the keynote addresses. Moore is nationally recognized as an early childhood consultant, author, workshop leader and children's recording artist. The topic of his address will be 'Celebrating What We Learn from the Children We Teach.'

Garrett is a former physical education teacher who is the founder and director of Camp Garrett, the Great American Kid's Camp. Now a full-time professional speaker and author, 'Dr. Shirl' will give present 'Teach from the Top of Your Lungs and the Bottom of Your Heart.'

In addition, Pat Minish, the executive director of the Georgia Association on Young Children, will speak on 'Creating Your Professional Development Plan of Action.'

Also, the conference will feature a presentation by representatives of Bright From the Start, Georgia's official child care certification organization. They will discuss the department's strategic initiatives and answer questions about how these initiatives benefit the state's children and the community of early child care providers and educators.

The conference is sponsored by Georgia Southern's Department of Hospitality, Tourism and Family and Consumer Sciences in the College of Health and Human Sciences, and the University's Continuing Education Center.

The fee for the conference is \$50 per person through Saturday, Jan. 12. After that date, the fee will increase to \$55 per person through Friday, Jan. 25. The fee on the day of the conference will be \$60 per person.

The fee includes all conference sessions and materials, a box lunch, refreshments, a certificate, and an opportunity to win door prizes.

For more information or to register for the conference, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/scoc.html> or call (912) 681-5551.

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