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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008

A One-Day Conference for Child Care Center Directors and Personnel, Pre-School and Pre-K Teachers, Kindergarten Teachers and Paraprofessionals, School Age Child Care Providers, Family Child Care Providers and Parents of Young Children.



Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia

21ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN



Keynote Speaker
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DR. SHIRLEY GARRETT
Villa Rica, GA



Conference at a Glance



8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	SIGN IN, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, EXHIBITS
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	THOMAS MOORE / WORKSHOPS
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	WORKSHOPS / THOMAS MOORE
11:45 AM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH AND EXHIBITS
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	SHIRLEY GARRETT / WORKSHOPS
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	BEVERAGE AND SNACK BREAK
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	WORKSHOPS / SHIRLEY GARRETT
4:00 PM	ADJOURN AND TURN IN YOUR EVALUATION

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BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Obtain resource information and ideas that you can take back to the job and to your own home
- Meet and talk with other professionals
- Increase professional commitment to the improvement of child care quality
- Enjoy exhibits and opportunities for door prizes

WHO SHOULD ATTEND...ADULTS WHO ARE

- Childcare Center Directors and Personnel
- Pre-School, Pre-K and Kindergarten Teachers and Paraprofessionals
- Family Child Care Providers
- School Age Child Care Providers
- Parents of Young Children

PLEASE NOTE: ATTENDANCE IS RESTRICTED TO ADULTS ONLY!

FEES/CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

THE EARLY BIRD FEE FOR THE CONFERENCE IS \$50 PER PERSON if payment is received by Friday, January 11, 2008. Beginning January 12th the fee is \$55 per person until January 25th. If payment is not received by January 25th or if registering at the door, the fee is \$60. The fee includes conference sessions and materials, refreshments, a box lunch, certificate, and an opportunity to win door prizes. Cancellation requests should be received by Friday, January 11th. A \$10 processing fee will be charged to process all cancellations. Substitutions are encouraged. ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE CONFERENCE.

HOTEL INFORMATION

OUR HOST HOTEL IS THE HAMPTON INN, STATESBORO
616 Fair Road, Statesboro, GA 30458 • 912.681.7700

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn in Statesboro, GA for Friday, January 25 at a room rate of \$60 per night plus applicable taxes. If your employment allows for an exemption of certain taxes in hotels in the State of Georgia, please bring the paperwork to prove that with you. The hotel will not be able to remove any taxes without the proper documentation.

When you call, please be sure to mention that you are attending the Southern Conference on Children at Georgia Southern University to get this reduced room rate. This room rate will apply until midnight on January 8, 2008. After that date, the regular hotel rates will apply based on availability.



 FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 912.681.5551 

To insure your choice of workshops Register Early!

OVERVIEW

THIS ONE-DAY CONFERENCE will provide you with valuable information on current child-related topics. Leaders in family and child studies, early childhood education, and professionals in related fields will identify and discuss trends and techniques for working with young children.

CREDITS

CERTIFICATES for attendance will be awarded for 5.0 hours of participation. Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Child Care Services recognizes this conference for updating staff training requirements. Record of attendance will be handed out at the end of each session attended.

DIRECTIONS

THE NESSMITH-LANE CONTINUING EDUCATION BUILDING is located at the corner of Plant Drive and Chandler Road on the campus of Georgia Southern University. Chandler Road is accessed from Hwy.67/Fair Road. Exit 127 off Interstate 16. Turn left onto Chandler road. Turn right at the third traffic light at Plant Drive. The parking lot is accessed from Plant Drive. Please park in any lot adjacent to the conference site.

AGENDA • SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008



☞ 8 AM - 9 AM • REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



THOMAS MOORE

MORNING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

☞ 9 AM - 10:15 AM AND 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

DR. THOMAS MOORE, Thomas Moore Enterprises, Inc, Charlotte, NC

CELEBRATING WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE CHILDREN WE TEACH

Dr. Moore will encourage participants to observe and reflect on their observations of children. Through reflection, we begin to see connections between play and children's development of literacy, math, science and social skills, as well as other skills a child develops. Through stories, songs and creative movement, we will laugh, dance and sing. Then we will put the pieces together.

10:15 - 10:30 AM • BREAK

MORNING WORKSHOPS AT 9 AM - 10:15 AM AND 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

☞ CURRENT INITIATIVES FROM BRIGHT FROM THE START

Bright from the Start staff will discuss the department's strategic initiatives and answer questions about how they benefit Georgia's children and the early care and education community. Topics of discussion will include professional development, supplements to the Georgia Early Learning Standards, and more.

☞ CRITTERS, KIDS AND OTHER FUN STUFF IN YOUR PRESCHOOL SCIENCE CURRICULUM

Children are so curious about everything around them. This session will help children develop a love of learning about their world. Developmentally appropriate activities and safety will be emphasized. *Beverly Campbell, Director, Statesboro High School Pre-School Program, Statesboro, GA*

☞ YOU CAN HANDLE THEM: HOW TO DISCIPLINE SO KIDS WILL LEARN

The overall purpose of behavior management is to aid children in displaying behaviors conducive to learning. This session will assist care providers in their efforts to help very young children manage their behavior. Participants will explore the appropriateness of discipline for children birth to school-age, and effective and sensitive discipline methods. The purpose of this presentation is to enable providers to establish behavior management "best practices" in their own environment.

Denise Weems, Assistant Professor, Department of Teaching and Learning, Georgia Southern University

☞ APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS AND TEACHING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

This presentation will provide an overview of Applied Behavior Analysis and its applications for teaching children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (including Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, and Asperger's Disorder). An emphasis will be placed on the development of programming and critical components for children with ASD, as well as methodology for skill acquisition related to language, social, behavioral, self-help, and school/group abilities.

Coby Lund and Janet Lund, Senior Behavior Analysts, Integrated Behavioral Solutions, Atlanta, GA

☞ PREVENTION OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY BY CREATING A HEALTHY-WEIGHT ENVIRONMENT

Childhood obesity is an epidemic in the United States today. This session will focus on the problem with current statistics, the causes of childhood obesity with emphasis on the nature vs. nurture debate, and the treatment modalities including healthy diet and behavior modification strategies. The pivotal role of schools in creating a healthy-weight environment in preventing childhood obesity will be discussed.

Padmini Shankar, Associate Professor & Program Director of Nutrition and Food Science, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

☞ CREATING YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF ACTION

This interactive session will help you think through and create a personalized Professional Development Plan of Action to improve your work with children and guide your career growth in childhood care and education.

Pat Minish, Executive Director, Georgia Association on Young Children, Atlanta, GA

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Sue Unger, M.S. Creations, Bolivar, MO

☞ TODDLER TRICKS, TIPS, AND TRANSITIONS

Get ready to have fun! We will be exploring many ways to help smooth transitions and the total classroom environment for toddlers' and two's. Lots of examples of toddler tested and approved materials will be at your fingertips!

Esther Duggan, Independent Consultant, Statesboro, GA

☞ MOVING, LEARNING AND CALORIE BURNING: FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND SCHOOLAGERS

Learn how to use movement with great music and your curriculum in the classroom. Use transitions as learning opportunities through Military chanting. (I don't know But I've been told, mama's young and grampa's old). If you don't like that line, come in our workshop and write your own with Shawn Brown.

Shawn Brown, Role Model Productions, Inc., Suwanee, GA

☞ SHIFTING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION FROM CHILDREN TO ADULTS

Child Sexual Abuse is no longer society's darkest secret when it has been shown that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthdays. All adults who work with and have responsibility for children and youth can protect children from this horror. They just need the courage and tools to do so. Participants will also understand the philosophy and uniqueness of the Stewards of Children program as well as how it works to increase knowledge and attitudes and change behaviors to protect children.

Tiffany Sawyer, State Prevention Coordinator, Georgia Center for Children, Decatur, GA



👉 11:45 PM - 1:00 PM • LUNCH AND TIME WITH THE EXHIBITORS



SHIRLEY GARRETT

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE ADDRESS

👉 1 PM - 2:15 PM AND 2:45 PM - 4 PM

DR. SHIRLEY GARRETT, Speaker and Author, Villa Rica, GA

TEACH FROM THE TOP OF YOUR LUNGS AND THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART

You won't want to miss this upbeat, informative, and motivational program for educators of all levels. You will travel on a journey that helps you recall what is of greatest importance to you and the people you serve. You will laugh with affection and sigh with recognition as you hear the humorous, heart-warming anecdotes told through the voice of an orphaned child, a southern girl, and an evolving woman. You will be reminded of the innocent, yet poignant moments that define your own life and profession, and walk away with a fresh approach to life and work.

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👉 **TREAT THEM RIGHT!**

Learn numerous creative and inexpensive ways to say thank you and encourage your staff. Enjoy participating in making a few of these projects.
Susan Allen, Minister to Children, First Baptist Church, Statesboro, GA

👉 **PLANNING, IMPLEMENTING, AND ASSESSING: IT'S ALL CONNECTED!**

No matter what curriculum you use, your planning, teaching, and child assessment should all be interconnected. This session will present a basic model to follow which will help to ensure that you are teaching to children's needs and performing basic child assessment practices. We will also discuss easy ways to create "living" lesson plans and implement simple child assessment tools to celebrate learning and involve parents.
Rick Caldwell, Quality Program Manager, Georgia Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, Atlanta, GA

👉 **LET'S TALK ABOUT BABIES**

Those little bundles of joy that eat & sleep all day. They came into the world as helpless creatures. They can't do anything on their own. Or, can they? You will be surprised at what you will discover about babies and their brains.
Yasmin Evering, Child Care Consultant, Bright from the Start-DECAL, Redan, GA

👉 **LOOKING AHEAD: EXAMINING THE IMPLICATION OF NATIONAL TRENDS AND RESEARCH ON GEORGIA'S PRE-K PROGRAM**

Join us for an overview of current research and trends in Pre-K/Preschool experiences for young children. Recent developments in state-funded Pre-K programs in Georgia and other states will be compared and examined in the context of current research about best practices for four-year-olds. Participants will discuss trends in child assessment, classroom evaluation/ monitoring, and developments in funding models.
Mary Mazarky, Pre-K Division Director, Bright from the Start, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Atlanta, GA

👉 **WOW! WHAT A CLASSROOM!**

Get creative ideas for enriching and enhancing your learning environment. Watch classrooms come alive right before your eyes!
Shana Reid, Vice President, Child Care Network, Columbus, GA

👉 **LET'S PLAY!**

Provides the introduction to a developmentally appropriate approach to teaching movement activities and games to the young child. Participants will have fun while learning through active involvement. Handouts with descriptions and modifications for each activity will be provided.
Linda Rushing, Instructor, Kids Fit, 180 Fitness, Statesboro, GA

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REGISTRATION REQUEST

Please complete both sides of this registration form and feel free to duplicate this form and provide one form for each person registering.



PRINT YOUR NAME _____

(Note: We require your name on page 1 of this form in order to process your registration.)

Each person will be attending the special keynote presentation in the morning and a workshop of your choice. In the afternoon, each person will attend another special keynote presentation and a workshop of your choice.

MORNING WORKSHOPS

CHOOSE YOUR MORNING WORKSHOP. Place the number 1 by your first choice, the number 2 by your second choice and the number 3 by your third choice. Every effort will be made to put you in your first choice.

- _____ **CURRENT INITIATIVES FROM BRIGHT FROM THE START** *(repeats in the afternoon)*
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 or
 Fax both sides of your registration to 912.681.0847

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1. Select the appropriate fee.

(please note, payment must be RECEIVED by the deadline date indicated or you will be billed for the balance)

- \$50 if payment is received on or before Friday, January 12, 2008
- \$55 if payment is received after January 11th and before January 25, 2008
- \$60 at the door registration or if payment not received by 5 pm January 25, 2008

2. Complete the information to include name, address, and phone number.

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME TO ATTEND THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN? YES NO

NAME: _____

JOB TITLE: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

HOME ADDRESS or WORK ADDRESS (PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX)

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

WE WILL E-MAIL REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

3. Select the payment method (money order, check, purchase order number, or credit card)

Money Order A check is enclosed (payable to Georgia Southern University)

Payment is being processed (a purchase order number is enclosed)

CREDIT CARD: VISA MASTERCARD SELECT: PERSONAL CORPORATE

VISA OR MASTERCARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

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NOTE: Space in this program fills quickly...

If you have not enrolled within 48 hours prior to the program please call 912.681.5551 to confirm available space. In compliance with the ADA, Georgia Southern University honors requests for reasonable accommodations made by individuals with disabilities. If special assistance is needed, please call 912.681.5551 thirty days in advance of program.