

FULL AFTERNOON SESSION • 1:30 - 4:15 p.m.

ROOM 1603

STANDARD 101: HOW TO USE THE GELDS

This class is built upon the Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards and will give participants an understanding of why it is important to use standards in early childhood classrooms. This class will also give participants practice on implementing the GELDS by connecting standards and indicators to specific classroom activities.

Dana Driggers, Technical Assistance Coordinator, Early Start Childcare Resource and Referral Agency of Southeast Georgia, Savannah, GA

AFTERNOON SESSIONS • 3 - 4:15 p.m.

ROOM 2901

LET'S CHAT!

Topics we will cover are: a brief introduction of the deaf culture and information about the benefits of using Sign Language in the classroom setting. Participants will learn some basic hand formations, practice a few signs, and learn how to add a new twist to some well known songs.

Alicia Trejo, Assessment Coordinator, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

ROOM 2903

INTRODUCTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT RATING SCALES

The Environment Rating Scales are a family of tools that are used to assess quality in child care programs. Participants will be introduced to the Scales and will learn how they are used in programs that are participating in Quality Rated.

Lindsay Miller, Quality Rated Assessor, Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Atlanta, GA

ROOM 2905

THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS: UNDERSTANDING TEMPERAMENTS

Participants will be introduced to the importance of understanding temperaments of infants and toddlers through activities, discussion and video. Reflecting on their own temperament and that of the children in their care can help them be more responsive educators who meet the individual needs of infants and toddlers.

Sharon Aston, Infant Toddler Specialist, Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Atlanta, GA

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AFTERNOON SESSIONS • 1:30 - 2:45 p.m. & 3 - 4:15 p.m.

ROOM 1909

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES GEORGIA: AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Learn to apply the five protective factors in your everyday work. Explore the efforts of Strengthening Families Georgia to embed the factors into family serving agencies.

Bobbie Lee, Executive Director, AGC Training Center, LLC, Augusta, GA

ROOM 2901

PACKING THE BACKPACK; ADDING SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AS AN ESSENTIAL DOMAIN

Teachers will be equipped and empowered to guide children in their Christian faith development through interaction, storytelling and play.

Chip Grantham, Pastor, Brooklet United Methodist Church, Brooklet, GA

ROOM 2903

QUALITY RATED ORIENTATION

Quality Rated is Georgia's system to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early education and school-age care programs. Participants in this session will learn about the Quality Rated process, how program participants are supported through the process, and why the program is needed in Georgia.

Lindsay Miller, Quality Rated Assessor, Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Atlanta, GA

ROOM 2904

TRASH TO TREASURES

Trash can be made into the best classroom essentials. We will take some really unusual things and show you how to can be incorporated into your classroom.

Linda Taylor, Technical Assistant, Early Start Resource and Referral Agency, Savannah, GA

ROOM 2905

PROVIDER MANAGEMENT AND PAYMENTS

Overview of MAXIMUS GA CAPS partnering role with DECAL and DFCS County Offices; GA CAPS website; payment disbursement process; common causes of claim overpayments.

Tamara Hall, Program Director, Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program, Alexander McDugle, Arlishia Bradley, Cleveland Green, MAXIMUS, Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program, Atlanta, GA

ROOM 2908

GET UP AND MOVE SOMETHING

An alternative to the remote control and video games. This is a hands-on, interactive workshop. Be prepared to get up and move something!

Cynthia Washington Bell, Associate ECE, Savannah Technical College, Savannah, GA

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN

WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE!

7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION, EXHIBITS, BREAKFAST

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

JOIN US IN THE BALLROOM

WELCOME & OPENING PRESENTATION!

FEATURED SPEAKER: JANE KITSON

Pocket Productions, Savannah, GA



GIGGLE, WIGGLE, CLAP AND LEARN...MOVE YOUR BODY AND YOUR BRAIN

Children are natural wigglers and that energy can be used as a learning experience! This enthusiastic presentation includes dozens of easy to replicate activities that foster language development coupled with kinesthetic learning. Participants will be doing easy to apply activities that they can use in their work with young children, fostering important skills such as rhythm, repetition, and rhyme. Of course, there will be lots of clapping and laughing too! Perfect for those who are looking for new ways to enhance the language to literacy connection in children ages 2-7! Activities that are age appropriate for stimulating auditory awareness, listening skills, language use and oral motor skills will be presented in this lively fast paced session that is hand-on, user friendly and FUN. Participants will be actively involved in dozens of new activities that include props, costumes, puppets and visuals designed to enhance oral language skills in young children.

ALL DAY SESSION • 9:45 - 12:45 p.m. & 1:30 - 4 p.m.

ROOM 1906

*** ADVANCED TRACK TRAINING SESSION**

CULTURAL COMPETENCY: SUPPORTING DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNERS

This course is designed to assist providers in understanding needs of dual language learners, and about specific strategies that can be utilized to help support these learners.

Kristen Goetz, Technical Assistance Coordinator/Team Lead Trainer, the Early Start Child Care Resource and Referral Agency of Southeast Georgia, Savannah Technical College, Savannah, GA

FULL MORNING SESSION • 9:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ROOM 1603

DECAL: BRIGHT FROM THE START: GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CARE & LEARNING TRANSPORTATION TRAINING

The training provides a full overview of the transportation rules and regulations, as well as how to complete transportation and field trip forms in their entirety. The training is state approved and satisfies the transportation training requirement that is effective June 30, 2015 for all facilities that transport children or have children transported on their behalf.

Lacey Lewis, Quality Improvement Consultant, Atlanta, GA

Carrie Spangler, Lead Consultant, Central Region of Child Care Services, Atlanta, GA

MORNING SESSIONS • 9:45 - 11 a.m.

BALLROOM

A POCKETFUL OF FUN

Fingerplays and rhyme play an important role in acquisition of language skills. As the author of hundreds of language activities that are being used in classrooms around the world, Jane Kitson will show you how to incorporate rhythm, rhyme and repetition to enhance auditory processing/discrimination, predictability, context clues and phonemic awareness. Make your classroom fun by enhancing it with language activities that include puppets, literature, stories and easy to do activities that will have your children begging for more! Fill your pockets full of NEW activities that incorporate: actions+fun=learning!

Jane Kitson, Pocket Productions, Savannah, GA

ROOM 1602

BACK TO BASICS BOOT CAMP – CORE RULES

This class will present each of the core rules and explaining them in depth, while allowing the participants to teach back what they have learned by making a poster explaining what each core rule means. Participants have the opportunity to talk about core rules as they relate to their everyday environment and get feedback from participants for strategies to ensure daily compliance with core rules.

Mary Jerrell, Technical Assistance Consultant and Rachel Fowler, Quality Improvement Consultant, Bright from the Start, Atlanta, GA

ROOM 2905

HOW TO UTILIZE YOUR COMMUNITY RESOURCES PARTNERSHIPS

Did you know there are free resources in your community? Come see what is right at your fingertips to utilize in your classrooms.

Kay Wilson, MS Education, Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, GA

ROOM 2911

TOUCH, TODDLE AND TALK

Attendees will learn the basics of communication, fine motor and gross motor development and will be given tools and resources to assist them in facilitating this development in the classroom. The course will also discuss what to do if development is not typical, how to be confident in talking to families about their concerns in a positive way, and the road map to services available in the state of Georgia for children with delays in communication and motor development.

Caroline Bowman, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, The Therapy Spot, Statesboro, GA

MORNING SESSIONS • 9:45 - 11 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ROOM 1909

DECAL: BRIGHT FROM THE START – ADAPTATION FOUNDATIONS: INCREASING CHILDREN’S ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

By practicing ways to adapt materials and activities to meet the needs of all children in their care, the participants will gain knowledge and skills that will help them create a more inclusive environment in their programs.

Katie Hagan, Inclusion Specialist, DECAL, Atlanta, GA

ROOM 2903

THE “HOW AND WHY” OF USING POSITIVE GUIDANCE WITH CHILDREN

Learn why positive guidance works with children and how to implement positive guidance techniques in your program and/or classroom.

Alice Hall, Associate Professor, School of Human Ecology, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

ROOM 2901

DIRECTORS PANEL

Speakers will go over various pressing issues that all Director’s and Trainer’s face in the field of early childhood education and child development. These topics include but are not limited to: Staff Motivation, Retention, Professionalism, Family Engagement and Changes to DECAL.

Michelle Smith Lank, Owner and Director of Kid’s World Learning Center, President of Georgia Child Care Association, and GAYC 2014 Provider of the Year, Statesboro, GA

Candace Ivarone, Director of Georgia Southern University Child Development Center, Statesboro, GA

Amy Godbee, Director, Brooklet United Methodist Church Preschool, Brooklet, GA

ROOM 2904

MIRRORS, MOVEMENT, AND MORE: LEARNING CENTERS IN THE INFANT CLASSROOM

This presentation will review with infant teachers the importance of understanding learning areas for the infant classroom. Intentional use of planning based on children’s individual needs and goals will be the basis of discussion. Participants will have the opportunity to practice classifying learning materials and discuss the relationship between children’s goals and the learning areas.

Raina Chance, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

ROOM 2908

WHO’S AFRAID OF TECHNOLOGY?: EXPLORING THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSROOM

Children today are growing up in a rapidly changing digital world. Using the NAEYC position statement as our foundation, this presentation is designed to examine the appropriate use of technology in the early childhood classroom. We will also examine issues related to equity and access to technology, and budget-friendly ways to technologically modify current curricula to better support the developmental needs of all children.

Dina Devose, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

MORNING SESSIONS • 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

BALLROOM

ADD A SLICE OF MUSIC...ADD A SLICE OF FUN!

Sing your way through a day that is packed with language activities guaranteed to light the fire of learning in young children. Music can and will enhance early language skills. Join Jane Kitson as she shares dozens of new action songs that are perfect for strengthening language skills in your classroom right away! Wear comfortable clothing that will enable you to move as you wiggle and jump your way to an exciting, fun filled day with your children. New and easy musical activities will be explored as they provide an engaging opportunity to experience new words and concepts through rhythm, repetition and rhyme: a critical way to improve language skills in young children. Participants will feel empowered as they leave this workshop with new ideas that are ready to roll. This session is packed with fun and laughter, a key element in working with young children. Get ready to move and learn things you can use right away, as you work with children ages 2-7.

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ROOM 2905

PROMOTING HEALTHY HABITS WITH NUTRITION AND EXERCISE FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

Learn tips on how healthy habits with nutrition and exercise can help your children in your classroom.

Kay Wilson, MS Education, Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, GA

ROOM 2911

5 MORE MINUTES! WAIT! HURRY UP! THE DOS AND DON'TS OF TRANSITIONS

Consistent, smooth, positive, and appropriate transitions are important to a child's daily routine and development.

Allison Brown, Technical Assistance Coordinator with Early Start Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, Savannah, GA

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CONFERENCE LUNCH BREAK
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Thank you to the PLANNING COMMITTEE

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