**STANDARD 101: HOW TO USE THE GELDS**

This class is designed to assist providers in understanding needs of dual language learners, and about specific strategies that can be used to support and enhance language development. Participants will be exploring key concepts, strategies, and an overview of the Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS) that are the foundation for the Quality Rated Program.

* Conference Contributor: Tameka Hall, Program Director, Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program, Cuyahoga Community College

**ROOM 2901**

**GET UP AND MOVE SOMETHING**

This session will focus on simple and fun ways to incorporate movement into our day. The children will be engaged in movement through physical play and activities. Songs, rhymes, and dances will be used to create a fun and active learning experience for the children.

* Conference Contributor: Kristen Goetz, Technical Assistance Coordinator/Team Lead Trainer, the Early Start Child Care Resource and Referral Agency of Southeast Georgia

**ROOM 2902**

**REINFORCE LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT**

This session will focus on the development of language skills in young children. Activities that are age appropriate for stimulating auditory awareness, listening skills, language use and oral motor skills will be presented. Participants will be provided with ideas and strategies that can be implemented in their classrooms.

* Conference Contributor: Linda Taylor, Technical Assistant, Early Start Resource and Referral Agency, Savannah, GA

**ROOM 2903**

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

This class will focus on the Family Supportive Services (FSS) component of the Quality Rated program. Participants will learn about the different ways in which FSS can support families and the importance of building relationships with families.

* Conference Contributors: Cindy Washington Bell, Associate ECE, Savannah Technical College, Savannah, GA; and Linda Taylor, Technical Assistant, Early Start Resource and Referral Agency, Savannah, GA

**ROOM 2904**

**PACKING THE BACKPACK; ADDING SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AS AN ESSENTIAL DOMAIN**

This class will focus on how to incorporate spiritual development into the early childhood classroom. Participants will learn about the importance of teaching children about faith and the various ways to do so.

* Conference Contributors: Lisa Taylor, Technical Assistant, Early Start Resource and Referral Agency, Savannah, GA; and Kristen Goetz, Technical Assistance Coordinator/Team Lead Trainer, the Early Start Child Care Resource and Referral Agency of Southeast Georgia

**ROOM 2905**

**PROVIDER MANAGEMENT AND PAYMENTS**

This class will focus on how to manage and pay for care providers. Participants will learn about the different ways to pay for care providers and the importance of keeping accurate records.

* Conference Contributor: Lisa Taylor, Technical Assistant, Early Start Resource and Referral Agency, 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.

Lisa 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.

ROOM 1999
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 and discuss the relationship between children's goals and the learning areas.

Kay Wilson, MS Education, Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, GA
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, TOTALE 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-SP, The Therapy Spot, Statesboro, 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
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 wiggie 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.

Jane Kitson, Pocket Productions, Savannah, GA

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