10:15 am – 11:45 am  
— Concurrent Sessions I

1. Counselors of 2025  
   Location: Redbud  
   Presenters: Chip Donohue, Dean, Distance Learning and Continuing Education, Erikson Continuing Education; Edith Locke, VP, Professional Development Initiatives, Child Care Services Association; Erica Willard, Director, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® MICHIGAN, Michigan AEYC

2. Unpacking the National Child Development Associate Credentialing Process for T.E.A.C.H Program Staff  
   Location: Windflower B  
   Presenter: Brandi King, Research and Innovations Program Manager, Council for Professional Recognition

3. Providing Oversight Through Database Usage (For medium to large T.E.A.C.H. states with multiple counselors)  
   Location: Bellflower A  

4. Innovative Counseling Project Next Steps (A required session for Innovative Counseling Project Staff Only)  
   Location: Bellflower B  
   Presenter: Sharon Sullivan, Higher Education Project Manager, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center (facilitator)

5. Ensuring Your T.E.A.C.H. and WAGE$ Advisory Committee is Fully Functioning  
   Location: Windflower A  
   Presenters: Barb Merrill, Executive Director, Iowa AEYC and Program Manager, T.E.A.C.H. IOWA and Child Care WAGE$® IOWA, Iowa AEYC; Julie Rogers, Director, Quality Assurance and Program Operations, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

6. Raising the Quality of Early Education Programs – Lessons Learned from Knowledge Universe and T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®  
   Location: Wintergreen  
   Presenters: Linda Hassan Anderson, Vice President, Education, Knowledge Universe; Abena Ocran-Jackson, Director, Teacher Preparation Education, Knowledge Universe; Sue Russell, Executive Director, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

7. Federal Early Childhood Funding and Policy: News from the National Front  
   Location: Windflower A  
   Presenter: Helen Blank, Director, Child Care and Early Learning, National Women’s Law Center

8. Organizational Skills for Your Office and Your Life  
   Location: Wintergreen  
   Presenter: Julie Rogers, Director, Quality Assurance and Program Operations, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

9. Meaningful Leadership Through Effective Coaching with Your Counselors  
   Location: Windflower B  
   Presenters: Charlene Daye, Director, Training and Support, Child Care Services Association; Teresa Graves, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Alliance Program Manager, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

10. Fund Development  
    Location: Bellflower B  
    Presenter: Debra Torrence, Director, Resource Development, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

11. Digital Leadership: Thriving at the Intersection of Technology and Best Practices  
    Location: Bellflower A  
    Presenter: Chip Donohue, Dean, Distance Learning and Continuing Education, Erikson Continuing Education

12. Policy and Practice Implications from the Innovative Counseling Project  
    Location: Redbud  

13. Putting it All Together: A Three State Perspective on How Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Funds are Supporting Education and Professional Development Initiatives in Quality Rating and Improvement Systems  
    Location: Bellflower B  
    Presenters: Paula Holloway, Coordinator, T.E.A.C.H. DELAWARE, Delaware AEYC; Jennifer Johnson, Chief, Education and Quality Initiatives Section, NC Division of Child Development and Early Education; Leslie Moss, Assistant Director, Workforce Development, Ohio CCR&R Association; Mary Lee Porterfield, Early Learning Challenge Coordinator, NC Department of Health and Human Services

    Location: Wintergreen  
    Presenters: Wendy Gatlin, Social Media Manager, WRAL; Clay Johnson, Documentary Producer, WRAL-TV and Adjunct Faculty, Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy; Debra Torrence, Director, Resource Development, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center (facilitator)
15. Child Care WAGES® Roundtable Discussion (For Child Care WAGES® Staff Only)
Location: Windflower B
Presenters: Allison Miller, Vice President, Compensation Initiatives, Child Care Services Association; Katherine Walker Brooks, WAGES Project Manager, Child Care Services Association

16. Work, School and Family: Helping Our Recipients Stay Balanced
Location: Redbud

17. Tips and Tricks of the T5 Database (for T.E.A.C.H. Staff Currently Using T5 Database Only)
Location: Bellflower A
Presenters: Jill Arnold, Director, Database Support and Services, Child Care Services Association; Paula Sanchez-Marquise, Database Development; Child Care Services Association

8:00 am – 9:30 am — Concurrent Sessions IV

Location: Windflower A
Presenters: Phyllis Kalifeh, President, Children’s Forum, Inc.; Allison Miller, Vice President, Compensation Initiatives, Child Care Services Association; Ashley Otte, T.E.A.C.H. Program Coordinator/Iowa Head Start Association Coordinator, Iowa AEYC

19. The Human Side of Counseling – Part I
(part II is offered immediately following this session on Wednesday, April 29, from 9:45 – 11:15 am)
Location: Redbud
Presenters: Edith Locke, Vice President, Professional Development Initiatives, Child Care Services Association; Sharon Sullivan, Higher Education Manager, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

20. Early Childhood System Building – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
Location: Windflower B
Presenters: Gerry Cobb, State Services Director, BUILD Initiative; Sherri Killins, Director, Systems Alignment and Integration, BUILD Initiative

21. Higher Education in 2025 – A Faculty Panel Discussion
Location: Bellflower B
Presenters: Catron Allred, Director of Education Programs, Central New Mexico Community College; Melissa Heston, Associate Professor, Early Childhood Education, University of Northern Iowa; Cheryl Priest, Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, Faculty Director, Child Development and Learning Laboratory, Central Michigan University; Florianna Thompson, Instructor, Early Childhood Education, Wake Technical Community College; Peg Sprague, Senior Advisor for Special Projects, United Way Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley (facilitator)

22. National Governors Association Update
Location: Wintergreen
Presenter: Albert Wat, Senior Policy Analyst, Education Division, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices

23. Now That I’ve Pulled My Data, What Do I Do With It? – Annual Reporting and Analysis
Location: Bellflower A
Presenter: Jill Arnold, Director, Database Support and Services, Child Care Services Association

Location: Wintergreen
Presenter: Sue Russell, Executive Director, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

25. The Human Side of Counseling – Part II
(part I is offered immediately prior to this session on Wednesday, April 29, from 8:00 – 9:30 am)
Location: Redbud
Presenters: Edith Locke, Vice President, Professional Development Initiatives, Child Care Services Association; Sharon Sullivan, Higher Education Manager, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

26. How to Be an Advocate for the Early Education Field
Location: Windflower A
Presenters: Michele Rivest, Executive Director, North Carolina Child Care Coalition; Debra Torrence, Director, Resource Development, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

27. Becoming a Networked Organization: Management Perspectives on Social Media Strategies
Location: Bellflower A
Presenter: Jeanne Allen, Instructor, Duke University Nonprofit Management Program, Duke University

28. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Alliance Update
Location: Windflower B

This year T.E.A.C.H. and WAGES Program staff have an opportunity to get on site database support. If you have not yet made an appointment with database team members, there still may be availability. Please check at the registration desk.
29. Effective Professional Development For Early Educators: What Do We Need From State Professional Development Systems?

Location: Bellflower B
Presenters: Deborah Cassidy, Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, University of North Carolina – Greensboro; Alison Lutton, Senior Advisor, NAEYC Early Childhood Workforce Systems Initiative; Julie Rogers, Director, Quality Assurance & Program Operations, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center; Dianna Wallace, Executive Director, Indiana AEYC

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm — Concurrent Sessions VI

30. Making the Case for an Educated Workforce – What the Latest Research Says

Location: Bellflower B
Presenters: Deborah Cassidy, Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, University of North Carolina – Greensboro; Linda Hestenes, Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, University of North Carolina – Greensboro

31. Moving Articulation in States

Location: Windflower B

32. Reporting Features of the T5 Database

Location: Bellflower A
Presenters: Jill Arnold, Director, Database Support and Services, Child Care Services Association; Paula Sanchez-Marquise, Database Development, Child Care Services Association

33. Competency Assessment System Q&A

Location: Windflower A
Presenter: Julie Rogers, Director, Quality Assurance & Program Operations, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National


Location: Wintergreen
Presenters: Barb Merrill, Executive Director, Iowa AEYC and Program Manager, T.E.A.C.H. IOWA and Child Care WAGE$® IOWA; Baji Rankin, Executive Director, New Mexico AEYC; Dianna Wallace, Executive Director, Indiana AEYC

35. Recipient Perspectives – T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Alliance Advisory Committee Members Speak Out

Location: Redbud
Presenters: Tracy Ehlert, Family Child Care Provider, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Robbin Hutchins-Jones, Family Child Care Provider, Aurora, Colorado; Sarah Kelsey, Child Care Center Teacher, Fairfeld, Alabama; Kimberly O’Neal, Child Care Center Director/T.E.A.C.H. Sponsor, Mulberry, Florida; Sue Russell, Executive Director, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center; (facilitator)

Be sure to turn in your evaluation form and you will be entered into a drawing for a 1-year membership in the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Alliance.
See you in 2016!

WELCOME TO CHAPEL HILL — What to Do While in Town

Across the street from the Friday Center are the Shops at Meadowmont where there are several eateries including Brixx Pizza, Firehouse Subs, Five Guys Burgers & Fries, One Restaurant and Café Carolina and Bakery as well as a coffee shop and a Harris Teeter grocery store. The Marriott Courtyard has a Bistro offering starters, soups, salads, sandwiches and more. Just a few miles into the heart of Chapel Hill is Franklin Street, the home of many more restaurants, which are accessible on the citywide free bus line.

In addition to the Shops at Meadowmont and Franklin Street there are several malls within a few miles. University Mall is located 2.4 miles from the Friday Center. The Streets at Southpoint Mall is just minutes away at the very next exit on I-40.

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