Strategic Opportunities:
Exploring Multiple Pathways to a Diverse, Well-Compensated and Professional Early Childhood Workforce

2016 Symposium
PROGRAM
April 26-27, 2016
William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
Chapel Hill, NC
Tuesday, April 26

7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Atrium
Registration

7:30 am – 8:30 am
Atrium
Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 10:00 am
Dogwood
Opening Welcome & Keynote Address

OPENING WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Featuring the annual T.E.A.C.H. and WAGES state roll call and keynote address featuring Dr. Aisha Ray, Professor Emerita of Child Development at Erikson Institute, presenting, What Will It Take? – Creating a Highly Effective, Diverse, and Adequately Compensated Early Childhood Workforce

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

1. Counselor Roundtable – An Open Discussion for Newer Counselors
NEWER COUNSELOR TRACK – SESSION I
Location: Mt. Laurel A
Presenters: Amy Duffy, Project Manager, T.E.A.C.H. NORTH CAROLINA, Child Care Services Association; Schquita Ferges, Counselor, T.E.A.C.H. NORTH CAROLINA, Child Care Services Association

2. - FEATURED SESSION - Strengthening the Education, Compensation and Retention of the Early Childhood Workforce: An Update from the Office of Early Childhood Development, Administration for Children & Families, DHHS
Location: Dogwood
Presenter: Shannon Rudisill, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development, Administration for Children & Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

3. Barriers to Learning and Community College Program Completion: Got a Plan?
Location: Mt. Laurel B
Presenter: Floriana Thompson, Instructor, Early Childhood Education, Wake Technical Community College

4. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Competency Assessment – A Basic Review and Updates
Location: Azalea B
Presenter: Julie Rogers, Director, Quality Assurance and Program Operations, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

5. Investments in the Education, Compensation and Retention of Early Childhood Staff - Making the Case to Child Care Administrators
Location: Wintergreen
Presenter: Celia Hartman Sims, Vice President, Government Relations, KinderCare Education

Location: Azalea A
Presenter: Lauren Hogan, Senior Director, Public Policy and Advocacy, National Association for the Education of Young Children

11:45 am – 12:45 pm
— Lunch - Trillium Dining Room

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
— Concurrent Sessions II

Location: Mt. Laurel A
Presenters: Megan Burkh, T.E.A.C.H. Program Director, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children; Kelsey Laird, Director, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® MICHIGAN; Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children; Felicia Wilburn, Early Childhood Resource Coordinator, Alabama Partnership for Children

8. - FEATURED SESSION - Federal Early Childhood Funding and Policy: News from the National Front
Location: Wintergreen
Presenter: Helen Blank, Director, Child Care and Early Learning, National Women’s Law Center

9. Higher Education at the Fulcrum: New Markets, New Content and New Modalities in Early Childhood Professional Preparation
Location: Mt. Laurel B
Presenters: Chip Donohue, Dean of Distance Learning and Continuing Education, TEC Center Director, Erikson Institute; Carmen Rivers, Early Childhood Education, Lecturer, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater

10. Child Care WAGES® Roundtable (for Child Care WAGES® Staff Only)
Location: Azalea A
Presenters: Allison Miller, Vice President, Compensation Initiatives, Child Care Services Association; Katherine Walker-Brooks, WAGES Program Manager, Child Care Services Association

Location: Dogwood

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

2:45 pm – 4:15 pm
— Concurrent Sessions III

13. Professional Wellness and Growth – NEWER COUNSELOR TRACK – SESSION III
Location: Mt. Laurel B
Presenter: Kayselynn Ogden, Training Coordinator, The Children’s Cabinet and T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Committee Chair, T.E.A.C.H. NEVADA

14. Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grants – Sustaining the Efforts
Location: Mt. Laurel A
Presenters: Leslie Gell, Director, Ready to Learn Providence; Baji Rankin, Executive Director, New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children; Erica Willard, Executive Director, Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children; Debra Torrence, Director, Resource Development, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center (Facilitator)

15. Tips and Tricks of the TS Database (for T.E.A.C.H. Staff Currently Using TS)
Location: Wintergreen
Presenter: Jill Arnold, National Database Support, Child Care Services Association
Location: Azalea A
Presenter: Dara Madigan, WAGES Program Coordinator, IOWA Association for the Education of Young Children; Erika Williams, WAGES Senior Counselor; Children’s Forum, Inc.; Allison Miller, Vice President, Compensation Initiatives, Child Care Services Association (Facilitator)

17. The Challenges and Opportunities for Keeping Pace With the Changing Dynamics of the Early Childhood Education Profession
Location: Dogwood
Presenter: Mary Harrill, Senior Director, Higher Education Accreditation and Program Support, National Association for the Education of Young Children

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm  Dogwood  Networking Poster Session

Location: Azalea B
Presenter: Edith Locke, Vice President, Professional Development Initiatives, Child Care Services Association

19. - FEATURED SESSION - Building an Early Childhood Education Profession - What Will It Take?  (This is part one of a two-part workshop. Part two is offered immediately following this session at 9:45 a.m.)
Location: Dogwood
Presenter: Valora Washington, CEO, Council for Professional Recognition

20. Progress on Recommendations from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report, Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through 8, A Unifying Foundation: A Three State Update
Location: Mt. Laurel A
Presenters: Barb Merrill, Executive Director, Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children and Program Manager, T.E.A.C.H. IOWA and Child Care WAGES® IOWA; Debra Torrence, Director, Resource Development, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center; Dianna Wallace, Executive Director, Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children

Location: Wintergreen
Presenter: Aaliyah A. Samuel, Senior Policy Analyst, Education Division, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices

Location: Mt. Laurel B
Presenter: Deb Cassidy, Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, University of North Carolina – Greensboro; Rebecca Carothers, Assistant Professor/Program Chair, Ivy Tech Community College; Ana De Hoyos O’Connor, Associate Professor, San Antonio College; Carmen Rivers, Early Childhood Education, Lecturer, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater; Dan Haggard, Former Deputy Director, Early Childhood Services Division, NM, Children Youth and Families Department (Facilitator)

Location: Azalea A
Presenter: Lauren Hogan, Senior Director, Public Policy and Advocacy, National Association for the Education of Young Children

9:45 am – 11:15 am  Concurrent Sessions V

24. Business Partnerships and Workforce Investments for Early Childhood Education
Location: Mt. Laurel B
Presenter: Dianna Wallace, Executive Director, Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children

25. - FEATURED SESSION - Building an Early Childhood Education Profession - What Will It Take?  (This is part two of a two-part workshop.)
Location: Dogwood
Presenter: Valora Washington, CEO, Council for Professional Recognition

26. Building Strong Program Leaders through Higher Education Opportunities
Location: Wintergreen
Presenters: Pam Boulton, Leadership Instructor, Center for Early Childhood Professional Development and Leadership, UW-Milwaukee and Director, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association – Milwaukee; Deb Cassidy, Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, University of North Carolina – Greensboro; Edith Locke, Vice President, Professional Development Initiatives, Child Care Services Association
27. Lessons from the Innovative Counseling Project and Where We Go From Here – EXPERIENCED COUNSELOR TRACK – SESSION II

Location: Mt. Laurel A

Presenters: Bob Konrad, Research Professor and Senior Scientist, UNC-Chapel Hill; Sharon Sullivan, Higher Education Manager, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

28. T.E.A.C.H. and WAGES Advisory Committees: Why We Have Them and How States are Working to Strengthen Them

Location: Azalea B

Presenters: Megan Burk, Program Director, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® TEXAS, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children; Penny Mosher, T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI Assistant Director, Child Care Aware® of Missouri; Barb Merrill, Executive Director, Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children; Julie Rogers, Director, Quality Assurance & Program Operations, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center (Facilitator)

29. Using the T5 Database for Quality Control

Location: Azalea A

Presenters: Amy Duffy, Project Manager, T.E.A.C.H. NORTH CAROLINA, Child Care Services Association; Michelle Raybon, Director, T.E.A.C.H. ALABAMA, Alabama Partnership for Children

30. Professional Wellness and Growth

EXPERIENCED COUNSELOR TRACK – SESSION III

Location: Mt. Laurel B

Presenter: Kayelynn Ogden, Training Coordinator, The Children’s Cabinet and T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Committee Chair, T.E.A.C.H. NEVADA


Location: Dogwood

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

32. The Art of Communicating and Building Strong Relationships With T.E.A.C.H. Program Participants: From Conversations to ROCs and Everything In Between

Location: Wintergreen

Presenter: Edith Locke, Vice President, Professional Development Initiatives, Child Care Services Association

33. Unpacking Competency #3 of the T.E.A.C.H. Competency Assessment Tool – Regularly Seeking the Input of Recipients and Sponsors

Location: Azalea B

Presenters: Julie Rogers, Director, Quality Assurance & Program Operations, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center; Mary Martin, Vice President, Systems Research and Development, Child Care Services Association

34. All In: Organizational Fund Development Using a Florida Case Study

Location: Azalea A


35. Early Education Articulation Issues, Outcomes, Strategies and Next Steps: Lessons Learned from a Two-Year National Initiative

Location: Mt. Laurel A

Presenters: Hanan Osman, Senior T.E.A.C.H. Director, Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children; Sharon Sullivan, Higher Education Manager, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

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See you in 2017!

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