Tuesday, April 25

7:30 am – 5:00 pm ✐ Atrium
Registration

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

8:30 am – 10:15 am ✐ Redbud
Opening Welcome & Keynote Address

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OPENING WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Featuring the annual T.E.A.C.H. and WAGES state roll call and keynote address presented by Dr. Jacqueline Jones, President and CEO of the Foundation for Child Development. Dr. Jones will speak about Leveling the Playing Field for the Early Childhood Workforce: Addressing the Equity Gaps.

10:30 am – 12:00 pm — Concurrent Sessions I

1. Preparing for Challenges: Overcoming the Obstacles to Higher Education Attainment
Location: Redbud
Presenter: Sharon Sullivan, Higher Education Project Manager, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

2. From Advocacy to Policy: Finding Solid Footing – The Realities of Providing Quality
Location: Windflower B
Presenters: Cemeré James, Vice President, Policy, National Black Child Development Institute; Judy Berman, Deputy Director, DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

3. - FEATURED SESSION - The Lifecycle Benefits of an Influential Early Childhood Program - Recent Research on High Quality Early Childhood Education
Location: Wintergreen
Presenters: Frances Campbell, Senior Scientist Emerita, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute; Phyllis Kalifeh, President/CEO, Children’s Forum, Inc.

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

5. Innovations in Professional Development from the Council for Professional Recognition
Location: Bellflower B
Presenters: Camille Bryan, Senior Manager, Program Services, Council for Professional Recognition; Katorra Enoch-Longshore, Manager, Strategic Alliances, Council for Professional Recognition

6. Cross Cultural Competence: Deepening Awareness of Our Perspectives, Knowledge and Skills
Location: Bellflower A
Presenters: Florianna Thompson, Instructor, Early Childhood Education, Wake Technical Community College; Rosemarie Vardell, Community Advocate and Retired Assistant Professor, North Carolina A&T State University

7. Competency Assessment Portfolios at the Tier 3 Level – What to Expect and How to Succeed
Location: Mt. Laurel A

8. Developing an Ambassador Program to Cultivate Growth and Expand Outreach in Florida’s T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program
Location: Bellflower A

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm — Lunch - Trillium Dining Room

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

9. T.E.A.C.H. 101: All You Need to Know about the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program – Part 1 (This is a 2-part session. Participants must attend both sessions. Part 2 is scheduled immediately following this session, from 2:45 – 4:15 p.m. - Workshop #15)
Location: Windflower A
Presenter: Edith Locke, Vice President, Professional Development Initiatives, Child Care Services Association and Technical Assistance Expert, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center; Amy Duffy, Project Manager, T.E.A.C.H. NORTH CAROLINA, Child Care Services Association

10. - FEATURED SESSION - Why the CDA Matters Now More Than Ever
Location: Wintergreen
Presenters: Valora Washington, CEO, The Council for Professional Recognition; Hanan Osman, Senior Director, Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children; Kimberly Tice, Executive Director, Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children; Joy Winchester, Early Learning Best Practice Coordinator, Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

11. High School as a Pipeline for ECE Staff: What Our Profession Needs to Learn
Location: Bellflower B
Presenters: Brandee Lengel, Co-Executive Director, Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children; Julie Miller, Program Chair, Early Childhood Education, Southeast Community College, NE; Lori Nanney, Education Instructor and Education Department Chair, Cleveland Community College, NC; Sharon Sullivan, Higher Education Project Manager, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center (facilitator)

12. - FEATURED SESSION - Building the State Will for an Educated and Fairly Compensated ECE Workforce
Location: Redbud
Presenters: Lauren Hogan, Senior Director, Early Learning Programs, National Association for the Education of Young Children; Barb Merrill, Executive Director, Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children

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

13. - FEATURED SESSION - Federal Early Childhood Challenges and Opportunities: News from the National Front
Location: Redbud
Presenter: Helen Blank, Director, Child Care and Early Learning, National Women’s Law Center
15. T.E.A.C.H. 101: All You Need to Know about the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program – Part 2 (This is a 2-part session. Participants must attend both sessions. Part 1 is scheduled immediately prior to this session, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Workshop #9)

Location: Windflower A

Presenters: Edith Locke, Vice President, Professional Development Initiatives, Child Care Services Association; Jill Arnold, Director, Database Support and Services, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

16. Putting Accountability Back into Accounting: Best Practices

Location: Bellflower A

Presenters: Emmanuel Paul, Vice President, Finance and Human Resources, Child Care Services Association; Jill Arnold, Director, Database Support and Services, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

17. Higher Education Panel - Promoting Equity of Access to Higher Education

Location: Bellflower B

Presenters: Ana De Hoyos O’Connor, Associate Professor, San Antonio College; Chip Donohue, Dean of Distance Learning and Continuing Education, Erikson Institute; Florianna Thompson, Instructor, Early Childhood Education, Wake Technical Community College; Sue Russell, Executive Director, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center (facilitator)

18. Child Care WAGE$® Roundtable (For Child Care WAGE$® Staff Only)

Location: Windflower B

Presenters: Allison Miller, Vice President, Compensation Initiatives, Child Care Services Association; Katherine Walker-Brooks, WAGES Program Manager, Child Care Services Association

21. - FEATURED SESSION - Professional Development Frameworks: Regulations, Strategies, and State Examples

Location: Redbud

Presenters: Jani Kozlowski, State Professional Development Coordinator, National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching and Learning; Allyson Dean, Director of Resource Management, Development & Dissemination, National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching and Learning

22. Equity through Access: EarlyEdU Alliance – Part 1 (This is a 2-part session. Participants must attend both sessions. Part 2 is scheduled immediately following this session, from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m., Workshop #27)

Location: Windflower B

Presenters: Randi Shapiro, Executive Director, EarlyEdU Alliance, University of Washington; Katie Emerson-Hoss, Higher Education Manager, EarlyEdU Alliance, University of Washington

23. Best Practices for the T5 Database

Location: Bellflower A

Presenter: Jill Arnold, Director of Database Support and Services, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center


Location: Bellflower B

Presenters: Ashley Otte, Manager, T.E.A.C.H. IOWA, Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children; Dara Madigan, Manager, Child Care WAGES® IOWA, Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children

25. - FEATURED SESSION - Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8: A Unifying Foundation - An Implementation Update

Location: Redbud

Presenter: Kimber Bogard, Director, Innovation to Incubation Program, National Academy of Medicine


Location: Bellflower A

Presenters: Teresa Derrick-Mills, Researcher, The Urban Institute; John Cregg, Executive Director, Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children
27. Equity through Access: EarlyEdU Alliance – Part 2 (This is a 2-part session. Participants must attend both sessions. Part 1 is scheduled immediately prior to this session, from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m., Workshop #22)
Location: Windflower B
Presenters: Randi Shapiro, Executive Director, EarlyEdU Alliance, University of Washington; Katie Emerson-Hoss, Higher Education Manager, EarlyEdU Alliance, University of Washington

28. - FEATURED SESSION - The Early Childhood Workforce Index: Principles & Recommendations for Improving Early Childhood Jobs
Location: Wintergreen
Presenter: Caitlin McLean, Workforce Research Specialist, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, University of California, Berkeley

29. How to Deal with Difficult People and Keep Your Sanity
Location: Wintergreen

30. Making the Case for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® to Family Child Care Educators
Location: Bellflower B
Presenters: Kelsey Laird, Director, T.E.A.C.H. MICHIGAN, Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children; Michele Miller-Cox, Adjunct Instructor, North Carolina A&T State University; Michelle Spencer, Coordinator, T.E.A.C.H. DELAWARE, Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children

31. - FEATURED SESSION - Advancing a Diverse and Well Compensated Early Childhood Workforce: Envisioning Professional Preparation and Development Systems
Location: Redbud
Presenters: Katherine Kempe, Senior Director, Professional Recognition and Advancement, National Association for the Education of Young Children; Baji Rankin, Executive Director, New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children; Dianna Wallace, Executive Director Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children, Barb Merrill, Executive Director, Iowa, Association for the Education of Young Children; Ruth Schmidt, Executive Director, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association

Location: Bellflower A
 Presenters: Martha Grant, Counselor, T.E.A.C.H. FLORIDA, Children’s Forum, Inc.; Olga Neira, Professional Development Counselor, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association; Ana De Hoyos O’Connor, Associate Professor, San Antonio College (facilitator)

33. Exploring the Next Step on the ECE Education Pathway: A T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® and National Board Certification Model
Location: Wintergreen A
Presenters: Sue Russell, Executive Director, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center; Julie Rogers, Director, Quality Assurance & Program Operations, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center

11:30 am – 12:40 pm  Dogwood — Plenary Panel Discussion
PLINARY PANEL DISCUSSION
The plenary session will open with a review of T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® and Child Care WAGE$® Program highlights. The panel will then continue the discussion that began at last year’s symposium on race, gender and equity issues from a personal perspective. Panelists include Carol Brunson Day, Brunson, Day & Phillips; Ana De Hoyos O’Connor, San Antonio College; and Rosemarie Vardell, Community Advocate and Retired Assistant Professor, North Carolina A&T State University. The discussion will be facilitated by Sue Russell, Executive Director of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center.

12:40 pm – 1:30 pm  — Lunch - Trillium Dining Room
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm  — Concurrent Sessions VI

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