

The Alliance for Better ChildCare

Continuing the Quest for Quality

Conference

Great Bay Community College

Portsmouth, NH

Friday May 19th, 2017

Conference Schedule

7:30-8:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast

8:00-10:00 Workshop Session #1

10:00-10:10 Break Time

10:10-12:10 Workshop Session #2

12:10-12:40 Luncheon/Networking: included in cost

12:40-1:40 Keynote with Jeanine Fitzgerald

1:45-3:45 Workshop Session #3

3:45 Keynote stickers Available in Lobby (turn in evaluations)

Keynote Presenter Jeanine Fitzgerald



As a certified Human Behavior Consultant and Specialist, and Owner of The Fitzgerald Institute of Lifelong Learning, Jeanine specializes in research-based strategies in educational leadership, relationship-building, motivation, preventing the factors that compromise the fulfillment of a child's maximum potential and implementing positive interventions in "real life" settings. She understands the daily struggles and frustrations of educators and parents, and honors the "hero within" each individual she has the privilege to work alongside. She understands the promise of every child, as well as the diversity of their needs.

<http://www.thefitzgeraldinstitute.com>

Register on-line at abcseacoast.org or mail the form below to

Alliance for Better ChildCare C/O Sarah Miner

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Conference Registration Form

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Home/Work (please circle)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone Home/Work (please circle): _____

Email: _____

Position: _____

Please indicate a 1st & 2nd choice for workshops in each session using the number and letter assigned to each workshop. Workshops are limited in size, some will fill up.

	Session #1	Session #2	Session #3
1st Choice	1 _____	2 _____	3 _____
2nd Choice	1 _____	2 _____	3 _____

Registration is limited and is on a first come first served basis.

Registration Information

	Early Bird Postmarked or paid online by April 30th	Regular Postmarked or paid online by May 31 st	Late Postmarked or paid online after May 31 st
ABC Member	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$85.00
Non-Member	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$115.00
Student Name of college and copy of id required	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$70.00

No registrations will be taken after May 8th, 2017 except for walk ins

Registration fees are non-refundable

Checks made payable to the Alliance for Better ChildCare

You may also register online at abcseacoast.org

1. Please use one registration form per person (one-sided). The registration form may be reproduced.
2. There will be a \$25.00 fee for all returned checks.
3. For more information call: The Alliance for Better Childcare Coordinator at 603-659-5047 M-F or email abcseacoast@gmail.com (this is the best way to reach us).
4. No confirmation will be sent.
5. Conference fees include lunch and a continental breakfast.

For Directions to the Great Bay Community College Mapquest:

320 Corporate Dr. Portsmouth, NH 03801

Core Knowledge Areas:

- 1. Developing as a Professional**
- 2. Building Family and Community Relationships**
- 3. Teaching and Learning**
- 4. Promoting Child Growth and Development**
- 5. Observing, Documenting and Assessing**

Workshop Session #1 8:00AM-10:00AM

1A. Great Songs and Activities for Young Children: How They Enhance Self-Esteem and

Kindness: Have fun! Participants will learn songs along with 8 successful techniques to promote emotional and academic competence in young children. Enjoy the activities related to the songs that will nurture self-esteem, enhance literacy, and promote mathematical competence. Learn sign language and how to promote disability awareness through music. Understand why these activities can enhance emotional development and learning while promoting kindness in children.

Presenter: Fran Friedman, Ph.D.; Recording Artist and Educator, Ph.D. In Audiology and Post-Doctoral Fellow in Neuropsychology

Core Knowledge Areas: Building Family and Community Relationships, Teaching and Learning

1B. Nature's Gold Standards: Do you long to spend more time with your class outside in nature, but feel that you have too many assessments to get done or too much to teach? Did you know that it is possible to include mindful nature activities while you are observing and teaching your children? During this training, we will talk about the importance of nature and come up with mindful activities to help you meet your teaching goals. This training will work great for all curriculum and assessment types, but has specific TS Gold examples.

Presenter: Heather Loven White Birch Community Center Lead Teacher, Master Teacher 2

Core Knowledge Areas: Teaching and Learning, Promoting Child Growth and Development

1C. Self-Regulation, Sensory Integration from a Behavior Perspective and Responsive

Teaching: Do you have children who have difficulty with touch, auditory, visual, movement, and oral motor input? In this session, you'll learn the problem may not be bad behavior, but a reaction to stimulation in the environment. Explore the real reasons why these children react the way they do. Take home strategies you can use to become a more responsive teacher, meet your children's sensory needs, and improve their attention and productivity.

Presenter: Megg Thompson, M.Ed and ECMPWT Faculty

Core Knowledge Areas: Developing as a Professional, Teaching and Learning, Promoting Child Growth and Development

1D. *And a Hush fell over the room!* – Getting & Keeping Attention thru transitions:

Everyone hates interruptions but they are a necessary part of a day. Gathering time, clean up, lines, schedules can all be a time for disruption and possible behavior challenges. Learn how to grab and keep attention with fun and an academic twist.

Presenter: Bobi White, Nurture & Nature/ACROSS NH, Business Manager/Trainer, Masters Degree – Early Childhood Education & Administration, Credential: ECE: ECMP,PC,F AS: NH ASMP,WT,PC

Core Knowledge Areas: Teaching and Learning

Workshop Session #2 10:10AM-12:10PM

2A. Nutrition and Challenging Behavior: Can poor nutrition or allergies affect behavior? What should we be paying attention to when reading labels? Are dyes, preservatives and additives causing your child to be over sensitive and act out? This workshop will help you decipher if nutrition may be causing challenging behavior and how to start changing what your child eats.

Presenter Megg Thompson, M.Ed and ECMPWT Faculty

Core Knowledge Areas: Building Family and Community Relationships, Teaching and Learning , Promoting Child Growth and Development

2B. How to use Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math to propel your Storytelling Creativity: The steam rose from the ground as the stem of the beanstalk disappeared into the clouded sky. Let Shawn the storyteller; help you reimagine these timeless tales like Jack and the Bean Stalk, The Tortoise and the Hare, and the Three Little Pigs with using science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Learn interactive activities for before, during, and after the story.

Presenter: Shawn Middleton, NH Credentialing Early Childhood Master Professional, Afterschool Master Professional, Allied Professional

Core Knowledge Areas: Teaching and Learning, Promoting Child Growth and Development

2C. Keep it Simple, Make it Fun (KISMIF): Get any meeting (staff or parent) off the ground or jump start one when it lags. We all know that play is the best way to learn & the most fun. Learn some new games to coax even the most reluctant group to laugh, think, and work together. There will be ice breakers, get acquainted activities, communication skills, creative problem solving and team building with fun and laughter.

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Core Knowledge Areas: Teaching and Learning, Developing as a Professional

2D. Positive Peer Pressure: through this workshop you will learn the steps to transform your classroom into a positive environment for learning. This process guides children to be the positive role models for one another. The result is that the children become the mediators for one another and positively influence on another to make good choices. The focus is on building open communication within your program or teaching team using outdoor challenges and situations. The workshop includes team building activities and simulations that explore social, emotional and practical communication and relationships between children or child care professionals. Participants will walk away with activities to implement in their own class

environment and have an understanding of why team building is critical to a healthy sustainable program. Participants will learn to reflect and process, gaining from the experience as a team.

****Participants should come ready to play and explore problem solving scenarios that build open lines of communication.**

Presenter: Peter Sawtell, owner/ director of Seven Rivers Paddling, past Co Director of Rising Hawk Summer Camp and school age programming and co- lead Kindergarten teacher.

Core Knowledge Areas: Promoting Child Growth and Development, Children's Learning and Development

LUNCH: Keynote

Putting the Child Back in Childhood

Playtime is a child's world. A time of imagination and make believe, of games and hanging out, of spontaneous curiosity and creativity. This playtime evokes images of dolls and trucks, dress up and hide and seek, or hopscotch and jumping rope. Yet play has not been valued and childhood has become a pressure cooker for many. This session will address ways to put the child back in childhood

Workshop Session #3 1:45PM-3:45PM

3A. Speech and Language Therapy: The Basics: In this presentation learn about developmental milestones and "red flags" related to speech and language development from infancy through age 5. The referral and evaluation process will also be discussed as well as reference material to take home with you. The presentation will also include many games and activities to integrate speech and language therapy into your classroom.

Presenter: Adelle Beaumont , M.S. CCC-SLP (Master of Science, Certificate of Clinical Competence-Speech Language Pathologist) Miracle Farm Speech Therapy, Speech Language Pathologist

Core Knowledge Areas: Promoting Child Growth and Development: Children's Learning and Development

3B. Yoga for Infants and Toddlers: Nurturing Growth, Development and Well-Being

Early childhood professionals and caregivers will learn how yoga-based interventions can support all domains of development (social emotional, cognitive, language and physical), and overall well-being of babies and toddlers, newborn to 24 months. Through dialogue and

experiential practice attendees will learn sequences including developmentally appropriate movements' songs and pacing techniques. Sequences shared will include those proven beneficial for digestion and colic, transition to restful sleep, playtime and more. Each participant will receive an illustrated packet of helpful materials, continuing education suggestions, and a list of additional resources. Participants should bring a baby size blanket and a doll or stuffed animal with soft movable limbs for experiential practice.

Presenter: Michelle James is a Certified ChildLight Yoga Baby and Toddler Instructor, ChildLight Yoga Level 2 Instructor, New Hampshire Early Childhood Teacher Level 5 with Infant/Toddler Foundational Endorsement Level 2.

Core Knowledge Areas: Building Family and Community Relationships, Teaching and Learning, Promoting Child Growth and Development

3C. BRAINS@RISK: The brain is not the largest organ in the body, but it is the source of all behavior, emotion and thought. This session answers three critical questions; on being "Are the brains of children today getting the right types of stimulation during the right developmental stages to optimize their development?" The emphasis in this session is one the seven golden maximizers that can enrich over 90% of a child's brain, including those living in poverty, diagnosed with special needs or mental health challenges, and those who have experienced a traumatic event. Experiences wire the brain, and repetition of the experience strengthens the wiring.

Presenter: Jeanine Fitzgerald (see bio above)

Core Knowledge Areas: Teaching and Learning, Promoting Child Growth and Development