

Maryland Head Start Association 2017 Spring Conference Workshops

Monday, May 8, 2017

9:30 am -11:00 am

❖ **Maryland Early Childhood Data Warehouse: But Wait, There is more**

❖ **Core of Knowledge Content: Community**

This workshop will provide participants with an introduction to Early Childhood Data Warehouse (ECDW), a data system housed at the State Department of Education. Participants will find out about the wide range of data contained in the ECDW and have the opportunity to brainstorm ways that they might use the ECDW to understand their student's broader contexts, make programmatic decisions and explore the successes and challenges of their previous students.

Presenter: Keri Jowers, Ph.D. M.ED is the Research Statistician for MSDE division of Early Childhood.

❖ **I Am Moving, I am Learning: Strategies to Increase Instructional Support**

❖ **Core of Knowledge Content:**

This workshop will empower families and staff to utilize familiar songs and finger –plays to enhance teacher-child, parent-child interaction and promote higher order thinking. Components of the I am Moving, I am Learning (IMIL) initiative and Class will be highlighted. IMIL is a great session for anyone who may not have experience with either of those tools. Be prepared to laugh and have fun while getting down to the Pre-K Nae-Nae!

Presenter: Brandon Williams has been working in the field of ECE for over 10 years. Brandon has a B.A in Health and Physical Education.

❖ **Empowering and Engaging Families**

❖ **Core of Knowledge Content: Community**

This interactive lecture presentation will highlight the resources United Healthcare provides its Health Choice members and families to inform, educate, and empower them to live healthier lives. We will showcase our programs, internet resources, mobile applications, and our work in the community. We will foster an interactive conversation around pediatric wellness and the collaboration needed between the spheres of education, health care, and family life to achieve our mutual goals.

Presenter: Dr. Stevens-Kirk is the Chief Medical Officer for United Health Care Community Plan which is one of the eight Health Choice Managed Care Medicaid Plans in the State of Maryland. Dr. Kirk is a Board Certified Pediatrician who completed her Pediatric residency at John Hopkins.

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2:15 pm- 3:45 pm**

❖ **Empowering Parents to foster Math Development through Play**

❖ **Core of Knowledge Content: Child Development**

Children's math skills at the start of formal schooling pave the way for their future success in school and later on, jobs. Math-related experiences children have before they start kindergarten to provide an essential foundation for their later success. This workshop will provide ways that parents can foster these skills through fun and engaging interactions with their children. Each participant will receive a game to practice these skills and take home.

Presenter: Susan Sonnenschein is a Developmental and Educational Psychologist at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Her research focuses on ways to promote the academic success of children from different demographic backgrounds.

Presenter: Rebecca Dowling is a Doctoral Student in the Applied Psychology program at the University of Maryland.

❖ **Measuring What Matters: Family Outcomes**

❖ **Core of Knowledge Content: Professionalism**

Every program collects data related to families and children. Often that data is not utilized to its fullest potential. The session begins with an overview that focuses on what data is and why it's important. The Presenter will then lead the participants through the "Measuring What Matters" activities from the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Framework. Participants will learn how to apply these activities to their data.

Presenter: Missy Smith comes with more than 20 years of experience in the Early Childhood Field. She is an Early Childhood System Specialist with the Office of Head Start, Region III T/TA Network at ICF. Ms. Smith has a B.A. in Education from Fairmont State College and an M.A. in Family and Consumer Science from Marshall University.

❖ **Open Wide: Everything you want to know about Oral Health for you and your child**

❖ **Core of Knowledge Content: Health, Safety, Nutrition**

The latest in oral health including; the basics of oral health and tooth brushing at home and Head Start. Participants will receive free resources for Head Start children and families.

Presenter: Jane Casper is the Dental Hygiene Liaison for Head Start in Maryland. She works for DHMH Office of Oral Health and has been both in public health and private practice since 1974

Presenter: Beth Lowe is an oral health specialist at the National Maternal and Children Health.
