

Connecting with Children

Great Rivers Association for the Education of Young Children (GRAEYC) is excited to presenting Super Saturday: Connecting with Children. This year's conference will take place on **Saturday, April 8th, 2017** from 8:00am until 2:25pm at the Viterbo University Nursing Center. The conference will feature a keynote speaker and three breakout sessions. Doors open at 8:00am. Lunch is provided.

Early Registration by **March 10th, 2017**:

\$25 students/\$30 GRAEYC Members/
\$40 Non-Members

Registration after **March 10th, 2017**:

\$30 students/\$40 GRAEYC Members/
\$50 Non-Members

Space is limited so register early!
No refunds will be provided.

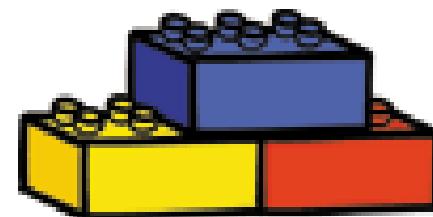
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Saturday
April 8th, 2017
8:00am-2:25pm



Schedule

8:00am - 8:30am	Registration
8:30am - 9:15am	Keynote Speaker
9:25am - 10:40am	Session One: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Challenging Behaviors- Effective Read-Alouds- Radical Robots
10:50am - 12:05pm	Session Two: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Farm to ECE- Leading from the Heart- Trauma Informed Care
12:15pm - 1:00pm	Lunch/Table Topics
1:10pm - 2:25pm	Session Three: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Building a Healthy Foundation- “Guidance vs. Discipline”- Supporting Early Learning Standards

Keynote Speaker: Tracy Hagen

In education today, expectations are high and budgets are low. Children have a natural curiosity about the world! Boxes, along with other everyday materials, provide endless and fascinating possibilities for play and learning. Come and learn some great ideas for incorporating standards in developmentally appropriate ways...without having to break the bank!

Building a Healthy Foundation

Kelly Stefferud, Nutrition Educator from the La Crosse County Health Department, presents a session on starting children off early with good nutrition and laying the ground work for a healthy diet throughout their life. Information provided during this session will include the importance of all food groups on childhood growth, how to work with picky eaters, and the importance of role modeling healthy eating habits.

Challenging Behaviors

Theresa Hundt from La Crosse School District will present new ideas for working with children with challenging behaviors. This session will help participants with Basic Principles, functional assessment, communication, prevention strategies, and teaching replacements skills.

Farm to ECE

Farm to ECE is a natural extension of the Farm to School model. Join Rebecca Breda as you assess where your program is and where you would like to be in regards to accessing locally grown, healthy foods to children while providing related educational opportunities in the classroom.

Sessions

Effective Read-Alouds

Do you read books to children? Evidence shows there are developmentally appropriate strategies you can use to make your ‘read alouds’ more effective in building language-literacy skills. Join Gaye Tylka for this interactive session to learn more about building vocabulary, oral language, early writing, and other aspects of early literacy through fun, engaging and effective ‘read alouds’.

“Guidance vs. Discipline: What’s the Fuss?”

Barb Gander will help you learn effective ways to help young children develop appropriate social skills and behaviors. Share practical strategies built into daily routines, explore the “Peace Table”, and evaluate social stories. You will leave with a clear process of how to model pro-social skills and behaviors, provide ample opportunities for children to practice these behaviors in a positive environment, and then support children when they first use these new behaviors with their peers.

Leading from the Heart

Are you the director or owner of a program serving young children? Do you foresee a future in this position? Join Sue Wrobel for a round table discussion as we share with each other the unique joys and challenges of this role. Topics open for discussion includes: energizing and motivating yourself and/or your staff, using effective listening for decision-making, finding support systems, and envisioning future direction.

Radical Robots: Teaching STEM with Everyday Materials!

Join Jen Kalis to learn how Radical Robots are an example of how to use a project approach to reach early learning standards through hands-on exploration of STEM topics. We will be modeling a few different robotic kits in addition to how to make your own with simple materials. We will be making direct connections between making robots and reaching Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards for all young learners. We will also review some developmentally appropriate books on robotics to tie in literacy.

Supporting Early Learning Standards

Join Jeanne Labana, Master Trainer at WECA and Jennifer Highly Rutherford, TEACH Scholarship Counselor at WECA; while you learn how to support the domains and spirit of Early Learning Standards through Intentional play with toddlers (ages 1-3). Explore engaging, low-cost (mostly) activities and materials that will thrill your toddler’s quest for understanding and mastery! Bring home new ideas for optimal growth and learning opportunities.

Trauma Informed Care

Join La Crosse Area Family Collaborative Neighborhood Social Worker, Sara Rugg, as she helps us use our “trauma lens” to positively impact the lives of children who have faced adversities.

Sign-up Form

In order to sign-up for each session please mark the number 1 through 3 by each topic, with 1 being your first choice. Please do this for each session.

Session One:

- Challenging Behaviors
- Effective Read-Alouds
- Radical Robots

Session Two:

- Farm to ECE
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- Trauma Informed Care

Session Three:

- Building a Healthy Foundation
- “Guidance vs. Discipline”
- Supporting Early Learning Standards

Circle desired lunch:

Ham Sandwich/Turkey Sandwich/Vegetarian Sandwich

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Check box if you wish to receive an email confirming receipt of registration.

Please return this registration form and payment by March 10th, 2017. Check must be payable to GRAEYC.

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