



11th Annual ECE Leadership Conference

Who's Who

Workshop presenters

Allison Guerra, Preschool Site Supervisor, Holy Family Day Home

Allison Guerra has worked in ECE for 11 years, starting at Sonoma State's Children's School. After undergrad studies, Allison pursued a career by attending San Francisco State to receive a master's degree in early childhood education. Allison is now at Holy Family Day Home working with a skilled team to ensure quality education for all children.

Angelica Bohall-Ortega, Site Supervisor, Holy Family Day Home

Angelica Bohall-Ortega has been the infant and toddler site supervisor at Holy Family Day Home for the past 3 years. Angelica is from the Bay Area and is proud to give back to her community for the past 9 years through the field of early child education.

Beiling Gonzalez, Admissions & Contracts Manager, Holy Family Day Home

Beiling Gonzalez has been working with family support services and program management for 11 years. Her expertise lies in admissions, strategic planning, contract management, family advocacy and early education. She is a proponent of reflective work that leads to the betterment of families and our communities.

Bryn Potter O'Shea, Master Teacher, Cow Hollow School

Bryn Potter O'Shea has been working with young children and their families since 2004, and is currently a master teacher at Cow Hollow School in San Francisco. She holds a master's in education with a focus on early care and education. Bryn facilitates workshops for early care and education professionals across California.

Justin Ly, Lead Infant/Toddler Teacher, Little Sprouts, Wu Yee Children's Services

Justin has been an early education professional specializing in infants and toddlers for over 10 years in Wu Yee's Chinatown Infant Center. Justin has participated in a variety of different professional learning opportunities including reflective teacher cohorts sponsored by PFA.

Kaile Thomas, Community Education Manager, San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center

As an advocate for children and families for over ten years, Kaile has extensive experience running preschool and school-age programs as well as college-level instruction. She is passionate about family partnership and whole-child wellness. She holds a Bachelor's of Arts in Child and Adolescent Development and will graduate with a master's in early childhood education in May 2017.

Katherine Clifford, BANDTEC Chair and SF First 5 Coach, BANDTEC & First 5 SF

Former Head Start director, Head Start training and technical assistance specialist, independent ECE consultant and First 5 Coach and trainer. Trained nationally, statewide, and locally for many years.

Kelsey Gottschalk, Community Literacy Specialist, Tandem, Partners in Early Learning

Kelsey Gottschalk serves as a community literacy specialist with Tandem, Partners in Early Learning, where she coaches teachers, families and family support professionals in early childhood development. Previously an English and Spanish teacher and legal interpreter, Kelsey holds a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics from University of Michigan.

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Larisa Callaway-Cole, M.A., Lecturer, CSU Channel Islands

Larisa Callaway-Cole, is a lecturer in the department of Early Childhood Studies and doctoral student in educational leadership at CSU Channel Islands. She is a board member of the San Francisco Child Care Providers' Association, on leave while she completes her doctoral degree.

Malaka Wilson-Greene, Teacher, Buen Dia Family School

Malaka has been teaching preschool for the past 4 years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies with emphasis on Chicano Studies and a Master of Arts in Sexuality Studies from SFSU. In 2014, she completed her master's thesis, titled Trauma and Resistance: Sexual Violence in the Black Feminist Literary Canon. She has been an activist in queer feminist communities for over 10 years and is passionate about helping to create a society where children and adults can be their full selves as it relates to gender, sexuality, and race.

Martha Ly, Center Manager, Wu Yee Children's Services

Martha Ly is the center manager at Wu Yee Children's Services Little Sprout's Infant Center. She holds a Program Director Permit and has a Bachelor of Arts in Child and Adolescent Development with an emphasis in Young Child and Family from San Francisco State University. Martha began her career with an internship at San Francisco State University Children's Campus. Once she graduated from San Francisco State University, she started at Wu Yee Children's services as a floater, which is now known as a resource teacher. She has over eight years of experience in the field, working with children from birth to five years old. Martha is passionate about infants and toddlers and believes it is through nature and nurture that children develop to their fullest potential.

Merced Rocha, Lead Infant/Toddler Teacher, Wu Yee Children's Services

Merced has over 25 years experience as an early education and care practitioner. Merced has worked in a variety of roles including home visitor, lead infant/toddler teacher and lead preschool teacher. Merced was one of the teachers to take part in San Francisco Inclusion Project's Demonstration Site project.

Natalie Krieger, Early Childhood Educator, Laffodils Preschool and Child Care

Natalie Kriger has an Master of Arts in Education, with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education, and a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education. She has over 12 years experience as a family child care provider, and has worked as a family child care coach, consultant, and presenter for over 15 years. She runs a Reggio inspired Preschool for All program in SF.

Oscar Tang, Creator Daycare.how

Oscar Tang is the creator of daycare.how, an online learning platform for family child care business owners. He has been helping his own family in building their business since 2011. He is passionate about helping new and existing family child care providers to become successful in running their own family child care business.

Pat Sullivan, Ed.D, FCC Educator, Baby Steps

Patricia has owned and operated Baby Steps Nature School since 1992 serving infants, toddlers, and school-aged children. Integrating developmental skill building with real world experiences has kept Patricia passionate about her work with children and an expert in curriculum development. Sullivan teaches at SFSU and CCSF.

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Robia Lee, Community Literacy Specialist, Tandem, Partners in Early Learning

Robia Lee is a community literacy specialist at Tandem, Partners in Early Learning. She supports classrooms across San Francisco, and trains parents, educators and community members on topics related to early childhood education. She is passionate about making sure that every child has access to meaningful opportunities that allow them to succeed.

Susan King, Family Support Service Manager, Holy Family Day Home

As the Family Support Services Manager, Susan King, Bachelor of Arts, has been dedicated to working with at-risk families and homeless individuals. She has 30+ years experience in Social Services and 11 out of those years has providing support for families in an early childhood education center in SF.

Susan Osterhoff, Director, Project Commotion/Las Luciérnagas

Co-Founder and Director of SF-based non-profit, Project Commotion, Susan Osterhoff has been leading workshops about movement since 2007. Additionally, Susan is faculty in the Child Development and Family Studies Department at City College of San Francisco, teaching Child Observation classes to parents and caregivers with young children. Susan is a graduated "Professora" of the Brazilian martial art of Capoeira, and a Guild Certified Feldenkrais Practitioner®.

Sydney Gurewitz Clemens, Author and Consultant

Sydney Gurewitz Clemens is an experienced teacher and presenter. She has written 3 books used in early care and education settings, and was herself an excellent teacher of fours. People like the lively conversation at her workshops. She is committed to social justice, and has worked in diverse settings all her life.

Tammy Tanner, Executive Director, Tomorrow's Adventure

Tammy Tanner has an Associate of Arts in Child Studies, a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, a Master of Arts in Education, multiple subject credential, and reading credentials.

Teresa Goncszy, Educator, Entrepreneur, Cognitive Scientist, Dancer, Ed.M. - Education Policy & Management, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Teresa Goncszy is an educational consultant who has taught all ages from infant through adult. Previously, she owned and directed an infant and family educational center near Los Angeles. Teresa has a Master of Education in Education Policy and Management from Harvard Graduate School of Education, and is currently researching early math learning. She has built an online community of over 6,000 researchers, teachers, and parents on Twitter at @earlymath. Teresa spoke at both the 2015 NAEYC Annual Conference and the 2015 CAEYC Annual Conference about preschoolers and ECE teachers as mathematicians. She has also presented at the Headstart Region 9 Early Childhood STEM Institute, the MassAEYC Conference, and the Penn Foster Professional Development Fair. Teresa is a peer reviewer for Teaching Children Mathematics, an official journal of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She studied math and science at California Institute of Technology and cognitive development at University of California-San Diego.

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Veronica Figueroa, Center Manager, Wu Yee Children's Services

Veronica holds a master's degree in early childhood education. She has over 15 years experience in the field with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Veronica is a bilingual educator who has worked in a variety of teaching positions and became a center manager at an Early Head Start/Head Start Center in San Francisco.

Yan Wen (Emily) Guo, Center Manager, Wu Yee Children's Services

Emily Guo has more than 15 years experience as an ECE practitioner. She holds a Program Director Permit and graduated with a bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University. She currently provides ongoing support and assistance to more than 65 families and over 20 staff at Wu Yee Children's Services largest Child Development Center. She started her ECE career pathway as a volunteer and has gone through a variety of roles including, substitute teacher, associate teacher, lead teacher and now serves as a center manager. Emily has presented numerous workshops on topics related to team building, coaching, and supporting young children with disabilities.

Yaxkin Hernandez Melville, Community Move! Educator, Project Commotion

Community Move! Educator Yaxkin Hernandez-Melville has been working with Project Commotion since 2015, teaching movement classes to children, youth and adults, and leading Community Move! workshops. Yaxkin holds a Bachelor in Fine Arts in Contemporary Dance from Universidad Veracruzana. Besides performing, she has taught dance and creative movement to youth and young adults in Mexico.