



Smart Start of Davidson County

Saturday - March 16, 2019

2019 Early Childhood Professionals Conference

**It takes a big
heart
to shape
little minds**

Smart Start of Davidson County is excited to invite you to join us for a day full of fun and appreciation as we celebrate the service you provide to the children and families of Davidson County! This conference has something just for you! We will offer stimulating seminars, joyful fellowship and a wonderful celebration of early childhood service. Your passion and dedication to the children of Davidson County will be celebrated today. This year we have two tracks one Infant/Toddler track and one Preschool Track; so depending on the age of the child you teach you will choose the track that fits your age group and interest.

Your 2019 Conference presenters are early childhood leaders who are eager to share their skills and insights with you. They come from our region and varied aspects of the field to bring their expertise and enthusiasm for early education.

As Early Childhood Professionals we are always planning, preparing and teaching children in our care and rarely have time to take care of ourselves. Sit back and enjoy the celebration of you and all of your accomplishments!

7:30 am – 8:00 am
8:00 am – 8:30 am
8:30 am – 8:45 am
9:00 am – 11:00 am
11:15 am – 1:15 pm

Registration
Breakfast
Let's "Rap" with Gina
Session I
Session II
Door Prizes will be given out in the last session.

Certificates will be given out at the 2nd session of the training.

****Participants must be present at the time of door prize drawing to receive gift.**



Conference Workshops

Each workshop is presented during both sessions

The conference offers up to 4 hours of in-service training upon completion of 2nd Session

Track 1 Infant/Toddler Track	Track 2 Preschool Track
<p>Temperament of Infants and Toddlers: Understanding and Supporting Individual Differences</p> <p>We all have our own way of adapting and responding to the world around us. Are you distractible or persistent, sensitive or easy going? These characteristics describe temperament. During this workshop, we will learn about nine temperament traits and three large categories used to describe most infants and toddlers. Strategies on how to care for children based on their temperament type will be shared. We will also discuss the “goodness of fit” between your own temperament and the infants and toddlers in your care and explore the role of culture as it relates to temperament. By understanding temperament, caregivers can provide the supports needed to help every infant and toddler feel safe and secure in the child care setting. This training provides information that supports the ITERS-R subscales: Space and Furnishings, Listening and Talking and Interactions and Program Structure. (DCDEE 2, 3, 4, 8)</p> <p>Trainer: Melinda McCullen, Infant/Toddler Specialist</p>	<p>Behavioral Intervention Strategies: You want me to try what?</p> <p>Teachers, who care for children with behavioral difficulties, often find themselves reacting in ways that reinforce the behavior and make it worse. Behavioral intervention strategies are planned responses to behaviors that help teachers prepare for situations in which past responses have not been successful. This session focuses on helping participants develop new responses to challenging behaviors using six key intervention strategies. (2 DCDEE contact hours)</p> <p>Trainer: Renae Lingafelt-Beeker, Behavior Specialist</p>
<p>Social/Emotional Milestones-Birth to 36 Months: Building Blocks for Future Learning</p> <p>First, everything is “mine”, then children learn to take turns, and eventually they learn to share. For infants and toddlers this learning happens through relationships and includes developing a sense of self, a sense of self with others, and learning about feelings. All children need an emotionally secure environment that supports healthy development in this learning domain. This workshop examines social/emotional competence as a vital component of later school readiness. Participants will learn how a responsive caregiver can help the youngest of our children form secure attachments, learn to navigate feelings and emotions, and begin to develop self-regulation and social skills, the building blocks for future learning. This training provides information that supports the ITERS-R subscales: Listening and Talking and Interactions. (DCDEE 3, 7)</p> <p>Trainer: Sandy Weaver, Infant/Toddler Specialist</p>	<p>Inclusion! Mission Possible! You don't have to be a super-hero! 11:15-1:15</p> <p>Inclusion is no longer a philosophy or a buzzword, but a classroom reality. This workshop will provide practical suggestions for teachers about how to design and implement strategies in inclusive classrooms; including specific ideas for how to design and implement instructional strategies, and determine their success. We will introduce adaptions to make situations better for particular children, including those with challenging behaviors, disabilities, or other special needs or improve situations for an entire group. Case study videos will be viewed to show inclusive practices in action.</p> <p>Trainer: Norma Honeycutt</p>



Directions to First Lutheran Church

320 S State St Lexington, NC 27292

First Lutheran Church is located in the city of Lexington.

From Main Street in Lexington, turn onto W. 3rd Avenue.

Take the first left onto S. State Street. First Lutheran is on the right.

You must go behind the church to park. The door to enter is at the back of the church.

If you are traveling from another county, please call 249-6688 for the directions the day before the conference from your location to Lexington. Lexington exits are on I-85, Bus-85, and Hwy 52. You may call 336-596-2853 if you need assistance the day of the conference.



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