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SPRING FLING *May 18th* 2019

Conference Schedule

7:45-Doors Open, Coffee and Pastries Available, Vendors Open

8:30-11:30-Morning Session

11:30-12:30 Catered Lunch, Vendor's Open & Door Prizes

12:30-3:30-Breakout Sessions

Morning Session (All Participants Attend)

Professional Leadership & Advocacy in a New Era of Early Childhood Education –*Christyn Dundorf*

Stacie Goffin, in her recent book, *Early Childhood Education for a New Era* (2013), states that the field of Early Childhood Education is in desperate need of “Field wide Leadership,” defined in part as “moving a field forward as a more viable, coherent, accountable, and respected field”. We critically examine discuss key questions related to field definition and essential leadership and identify avenues for personal and collaborative action. **PPLD 3 HRS Set 3**

Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Choose one)

Engaging Young Minds-*Christyn Dundorf*

Inquiry Approaches are built on fundamental belief in the competence of children to think, imagine and create. Acknowledging children's competence fosters essential Habits of Mind, related to school achievement and lifelong learning. This session explores beliefs about children, the implications of beliefs, and strategies to align learning environments and practices, engaging young learners and illuminating their competence and **LEC 3 HRS Set 2**

Engaging Families /Mental Health –*Allison Hinson*

More information to come. **FCS 3 HRS Set 2 pending**

Celebrating Diversity-*Brandi Myers*

Participants will explore how their own personal values, attitudes, beliefs, and biases influence their interactions with others. Participants will also explore activities and materials that address cultural diversity as well as strategies to incorporate family diversity and culture in their programs. **DIV 3 hours Set 2 pending**