

Creating masterpieces...one inspiration at a time

8th Annual Warren County Early Childhood Conference

Friday, November 20 at Shaker Run Golf Club, 4361 Greentree Road.

for directions: www.shakerrungolfclub.com

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

Conference starts at 9 a.m.

Conference closes 3:30 p.m.

Please bring a sweater/jacket as room temperatures may fluctuate. Your registration fees include morning pastries, coffee / tea, soda, lunch, and afternoon cookies. The conference center does not operate a full menu for this event, so if you want alternate snacks, you should bring those.

Workshop Fee

\$50 per person \$45 per person for groups of 10 or more
(Note: No Childcare provided.)

Limited free parent registrations available: check with your sponsoring agency!

Registration closes November 9

Enclose your check **OR** if paying by PO or through a district please send registration NOW
You can do this by e-mail or regular mail.

E-mail, or call 513-695-2931 with the PO# when you get it.

If you choose to return the attached form by e-mail, you will have to SAVE it to your computer, fill it in, SAVE and attach the new document in your reply to me. Wendy.Askin@WarrenCountyESC.com

If you **mail** your registration, send to: Warren County ESC
Attn: Wendy
320 E. Silver Street
Lebanon OH 45036

Checklist:

Did you fill out the registration section which tells us about you?
Have you arranged for payment or sent with registration?
Have you marked your lunch choice on the registration form?
Did you make first and second choices for each breakout session?

LIMITED TO 135 PEOPLE—REGISTER EARLY!

Workshops are filled on a first received, first filled basis.

This conference is sponsored by Warren County ESC in collaboration with Warren County Early Learning Centers (Head Start) and 4C.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION!

Registration Form

Workshop Fee: \$50 per person \$45 per person for groups of 10 or more

Please enclose your payment with this form. (If you are obtaining a purchase order, register NOW, but you are responsible for ensuring your district's later payment. If you mail this, send to: **WCESC Attn: Wendy; 320 E. Silver St.; Lebanon, OH 45036.** See e-mail for electronic delivery details.

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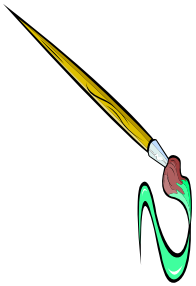
Lunch Request:

Please **MARK** your choice. *The chef has graciously agreed to accommodate dairy or other allergies. Please let us know upon registration & please make those requests only as absolutely necessary.*

CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Crisp romaine, homemade croutons with grilled chicken, parmesan cheese, and a creamy Caesar dressing

PASTA PRIMAVERA (VEGETARIAN) Gemeli pasta tossed with breadcrumbs, fresh vegetables, and pecorino romano in garlic oil sauce

BOURBON TURKEY SANDWICH Bourbon and peppercorn seasoned whole muscle turkey breast with arugula, ripe tomatoes and an herbed cheese spread, on a pretzel bun



Breakout Sessions: Four 75-minute Workshop Sessions

Please **MARK** 1st & 2nd choices for **each** (more description, next page)

Session 1

- A. **Visual Schedules** ~Kelly O'Connell
- B. **Promising Models for RtI** (double session—also mark below) ~Merrie Darrah
- C. **Counting on Books** (double session—mark below again) ~Debbie Mickey
- D. **Brain Gym** ~Becky Miller

Session 2

- E. **Dance & Tone** ~Larry Saldiver (this class will be repeated session 3)
- B. **Promising Models for Response to Intervention** (double session) ~Merrie Darrah
- C. **Counting on Books** (double session) ~Debbie Mickey
- F. **Weaving with Young Children** ~Karen Kurak

Session 3

- G. **Dance & Tone** ~Larry Saldiver (this class is a repeat from session 2)
- H. **SpecialQuest birth-5** ~Gretchen Estreicher
- I. **Beyond File Folders** ~Susan Husting
- J. **Creativity** (double session—mark below again) ~Katie Poitinger

Session 4

- K. **Creative Cooking within the Classroom** ~Sue Sigler & Kristen Hodges
- L. **Behavior Interventions in the Classroom** ~Amber Baer
- M. **Tips of the Trade** ~April Carter, Sheri Beach & Meg Byrge
- J. **Creativity** (double session) ~Katie Poitinger

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



A. Visual Schedules An experienced teacher will share all the ways she uses visual schedules in her classroom - schedules, placemats, communication notebooks, use of visuals on posters, song charts, games etc... She will present on the use of visual strategies across skill levels to support communication, behavior and social skills in the preschool classroom. **1.25 hrs.**

Presenter: Kelly O'Connell is a preschool special education teacher for Warren County ESC in Springboro. She has taught for a total of twenty years in Fairfax County Virginia, HCESC and here with the WCESC. She has taught preschool special education for 14 years with several years spent in kindergarten and first grade as well. koconnell@springboro.org

B. Promising Models for Response to Intervention in Early Childhood Settings

(double session) Learn about the latest research and promising models implementing tiered interventions for young children. Expect to hear about new interventions and progress monitoring measures as well as engage in a discussion about how Response to Intervention approaches can be implemented in early childhood settings. This presentation will provide participants with resources in implementation, interventions, and links to research in RTI in early childhood settings. **2.5 hrs.**

Presenter: Merrie Darrah is the Early Learning and School Readiness Coordinator with the State Support Team Region 4 and the Ohio Department of Education. She provides technical assistance and training to the Lake/Geauga region to maintain compliance with state and federal regulations. Merrie has broad experience in working with individuals with disabilities from birth through age 21. She has done research and presentations on RTI at the regional, state and national level. Merrie has worked extensively in the areas of early childhood assessment, supporting students with autism, response to intervention and systems development. lc_darrah@lgca.org

C. Counting on Books: Integrating Literacy and Math (double session) Integrating curriculum is an important "best practice." This session examines ways to build math knowledge through children's literature. We'll examine research, look at children's books and plan play- and literature-based activities that integrate literacy and math standards.

Goals: Participants will be able to explore and discuss Early Learning Content Standards for English language arts and math and how these are developed through play; identify types and examples of math learning possible in children's literature and sample lesson plans; and using the tools provided, prepare lesson plans that closely integrate literacy and math learning as described in the ELCS. **2.5 hrs.**

Presenter: Deborah Mickey. Debbie has taught elementary school and preschool and has been the administrator of a private early childhood center. She earned her Master of Arts degree in Education in 2007 and in 2009 has added reading and literacy specialist endorsements to her teaching license. For the past five years she has been an Early Language and Literacy Specialist (ELLS), working mostly with early childhood programs in the Cincinnati area. Beginning this year, her ELLS work is based at the Hamilton County ESC / State Support Team Region 13. deborah.mickey@hcesc.org

D. Brain Gym Learn new and fun ways to help your students "move to learn" in the classroom. Find easy strategies and games that you can incorporate into the classroom, to help children get their wiggles out, practice developmentally appropriate motor challenges, while getting them focused and ready to learn. **1.25 hrs.**

Presenter: Becky Miller's nine years of therapy experience encompass pediatric work ranging from early intervention through high school age students, with varying levels of need and disability. As a physical therapist for the Warren County ESC, she works with teachers and

families to create, develop, and modify treatment interventions both at home and school, as well as provide direct services in the school setting. She has a Master's degree in physical therapy from Andrew's University and a Bachelor's degree in psychology, with a minor in education. She is in the process of certification in sensory integration. This advanced certification is allowing her to further refine her skills, and upon completion, will allow her to use the SIPT, the Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests. The SIPT will assist her in measuring the sensory integration processes of individual students that underlie learning and behavior. Currently, she is developing a program that combines music with movement, and incorporates sensory integration strategies for use in the school systems and at home, to help children "move to learn."

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E. Dance & Tone (this class will be repeated session 3)

With no dance partner required, this is a fun way to learn how to dance to a variety of Latin and American style dances. In this class, you are shown the basics and beyond in each of the different styles of dance, with the goal of having fun, burning calories and toning your body. You will leave Dance and Tone class feeling energized and wanting more! What's in it for you...the benefit of a great workout without feeling like you're exercising. New! Kids-Play Concept for Teachers...Help the kids be in charge and have fun without giving up total control...DANCE LEADER...Details with Larry!!!! **1.25 hrs.**

Presenter: Larry Saldiver, originally from Davenport Iowa, started his professional dance career as an Arthur Murray Ballroom dance instructor in 1977, and has been a dance advocate in the Cincinnati-Dayton area since 1989. You might not "Think You Can Dance," however; after spending a short period of time with Larry, you will be motivated to give it your best shot. Now you're on your way to saying "Good-bye stress" and "Hello, feeling good!" Larry is a Desert Storm veteran of the USAF and has an associate's degree in communication.

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F. Weaving with Young Children The art of weaving provides children with physical, cognitive, and emotional benefits. These projects consist of familiar and easily obtained materials, are simple to introduce and can be expanded on in any number of ways. **1.25 hrs.**

Presenter: Karen Kurak is a mixed media and fiber artist, who lives in Loveland OH. She has a BFA from the University of Cincinnati and is currently completing her M.Ed. in Counseling, with a concentration in expressive therapies at the University of Louisville. Her practicum is taking place in the Warren County ESC preschools, presenting art interventions to the students.

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G. Dance & Tone (this class is a repeat from session 2—see E.)

H. SpecialQuest birth-5 Young children, birth-5, with disabilities, and their families are the core of the SpecialQuest approach. SpecialQuest is designed to touch the "head, heart and hands" of families and professionals working together to create inclusive communities. Through the use of the no-cost SpecialQuest multimedia training library, you will leave the session with materials and a knowledge base of how SpecialQuest integrates adult learning and systems change to build supportive teaming, teaming that employs intensive and engaging learning experiences with sustainability. This session is for parents, childcare partners, preK special education, early childhood education, Head Start, Help Me Grow and developmental disabilities teachers, anyone working with young children birth - five. **1.25 hrs.**

Presenter: Gretchen Estreicher serves as State Support Team (SST) Region 13 Early Learning School Readiness Coordinator for Hamilton County ESC. She provides technical assistance and consultative skills for families and agencies concerning early childhood special education compliance with state and federal laws. Gretchen is a past special education teacher in Cincinnati Public Schools and adjunct instructor with University of Cincinnati and College of Mt. St. Joseph

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I. Beyond File Folders This session will provide you the opportunity to create several file folder activities. As a group we will discuss ways to make these activities more meaningful and exciting for your students. **1.25 hrs.**

Please bring scissors, markers and glue.

Presenter: Susan Husting has an M.Ed. in early childhood special education. She is currently an itinerant preschool teacher with the Warren County ESC and also serves as the preschool's assistant director. Susan.husting@warrencountyesc.com

J. Creativity (double session) What's the opposite of boredom? CREATIVITY! Join our presenter for this double session as you examine the facets of creativity, and how to energize it within yourself and your work with young children. Be prepared to get crazy and have fun!

Goals: The learners will identify creativity points and blocks to creative thinking; will use ten different creativity exercises to examine their own behaviors and thought patterns; and will identify one way to change themselves to be more creative in the future. **2.5 hrs.**

Presenter: Katie Poitinger is a life long learner and educator. A native of New Jersey, Katie came to Ohio to study special education and, along the way, found true love with another educator. Married for over 30 years, she has three almost grown children that she will brag about in her presentation. Katie has been a special education teacher, a school psychologist, a SERRC consultant, and now she serves as the director of preschool for Warren County ESC. She has been an adjunct faculty member at Miami University and University of Cincinnati. She recently completed her superintendent certification with Xavier University. An advocate of the Reggio approach to early childhood learning, Katie's visit to Italy was not only inspirational but life changing. katherine.poitinger@warrencountyesc.com

K. Creative Cooking within the Classroom This session will give you some recipes that promote cooking with preschool children to help build basic skills, encourage children to try new healthy foods, allow for sensory exploration and boost their confidence. **1.25 hrs.**

Presenters: Susan Sigler is a preschool special needs teacher for the Warren County ESC. She received her Bachelors degree in elementary education at The Ohio State University and her M.Ed. from Ohio University in special education. She has been teaching preschool for over 15 years and is currently teaching in a shared classroom at the Warren County Career Center. Susan.Sigler@warrencountyesc.com Kristen Hodges is in her fifth year of teaching overall and has been at the ESC for the last three years. She teaches special needs preschool at Louisa Wright ECC which is part of Lebanon City Schools. She currently holds a B.S. in communications from Ohio University, an M.Ed. in early childhood from Xavier University and an endorsement in preschool special education from Wright State University. Hodges.Kristen@lebanon.k12.oh.us

L. Behavior Interventions in the Classroom Participants will learn how to use a problem-solving approach to identify and intervene on common classroom problematic behaviors. **1.25 hrs.**

Presenter: Amber Baer is a school psychologist currently working with preschool through fourth grade students. Amber was born, raised and continues to live in Dayton with her husband and three-year old son. She attended college at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, where she earned her B.S. in psychology. She then went on to graduate school at Miami University. She has always been interested in both education and psychology and found her perfect match in the field of school psychology. She first started her career working with junior/senior high students before she luckily stumbled into preschool. Since "seeing the light" with early childhood six years ago, she has no plans of turning back. She is passionate about early intervention and hopes to one day see high quality preschool services available to all children. abaer@kingslocal.k12.oh.us



M. Tips of the Trade Come with questions! Experienced teachers and assistants will

share their tips and tricks for success. They will help you generate answers for challenging situations and behaviors. **1.25 hrs.**

Presenters: April Carter has worked with preschool children for almost 20 years. "Working with young children is not just my job, it is my career, and I love doing it," said April. "I have picked up a lot of tricks throughout my years and can't wait to share them with you!"

acarter@springboro.org Sheri Beach is in her fourth year of teaching special needs preschool for the Warren County ESC at Waynesville Elementary. She graduated from Wright State University with a B.S. in early childhood education in 2005. Sheri is currently working on a M.Ed. in early childhood education. She holds a licensure in early childhood education and early

childhood special needs. sbeach@wayne-local.com Meg Byrge has many years experience in working with preschoolers, first as a stay-at-home mom day caregiver and for the past eight years in a career with preschool special needs education. She brings to this conference a wealth of ideas and information to make many sensory projects fun for all.

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