

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

SESSION 6: GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE

Accredited Provider Recognition

Nigel Smith

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Grand Ballroom

34. The Super Power in You!

We will go on an exciting journey to discover what our superpowers are and how we use them every day with children and beyond. We all have gifts that need to be cultivated & celebrated to create environments for others to grow. Let's discover the superpower in You! **Audifonos disponibles para la traducción de las Sesiones Generales**

SESSION: 7

60 MINUTE WORKSHOPS

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

35. La Enseñanza de un Segundo Idioma en la Educación Temprana

Brenda Gonzalez and Rosaly Correa *Coastal*

Este taller capacitará a educadores de preescolar en la enseñanza de un segundo idioma. Se proveen estrategias y herramientas que le facilitan al maestro enseñar un segundo idioma a niños de 3 a 5 años de una forma dinámica. Orienta a los educadores sobre la importancia del idioma materno del centro donde trabaja.

36. Building a Strong Childcare Business: Harnessing Self-Awareness, Financial Support, Relationship Dynamics, and Mental Awareness

Tasheba Berry *Beach*

Join us for an enriching workshop designed to empower childcare professionals in cultivating a thriving business. Through a holistic approach, participants will explore the pivotal elements of self-awareness, financial management, relationship dynamics, and mental well-being. Gain invaluable insights, practical strategies, and actionable steps to elevate your childcare business to new heights. Whether you're a seasoned provider or just starting out, this workshop offers essential tools to excel in the childcare industry.

37. Policies & More: Creating a Parent Handbook

Patricia Dischler *Gulf*

This workshop goes beyond creating policies and teaches participants the value in creating a handbook that fully describes their program to parents, providing the parents the information they are looking for as well as giving the parents the information the program needs them to know. Policies are written in a format that protects the business and supports provider follow-through.

CEU – Continuing Education Units are available for an additional fee.

Visit the Registration Help Desk for more information.

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38. Why Develop Dramatic Play Skills?

Dr. Pamela Phelps *Palm*

You must be able to play and tell a story before you can write or comprehend one. Dramatic play is much more than housekeeping. It is the key to literacy comprehension.

39. ASQ Screen ASQ Screening Done....Now What?

Browyn Gogia *Bay*

What do you need to do after you have screened the child with the ASQ? We will discuss what should happen and what you can do when a child who has been screened needs extra help, or while you wait for that child to receive outside services.

40. Financial Services

Tonjali Frost-Daniley *Coquina*

Gain valuable education on financial literacy and independence.

41. Discipline with the Brain in the Mind

Dr. Shucrea Victor-Cameron *Sundial*

Behavior management speaks to one's ability to "discipline" children through extrinsic motivation. However, effective discipline is built on brain-smart techniques. Brain-smart techniques are designed to help us understand the complex, integrated function of the human brain in relation to behavior. Participants will learn how to use the brain state model to transform challenging behaviors into teachable moments. Participants will utilize the SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) to assess their current behavior management techniques. The SWOT analysis will also serve as a self-inventory to monitor brain-smart techniques that will promote an optimal learning state.

42. Utilizing AI Technology in Childcare: Enhancing Safety, Learning, and Efficiency

LaTonya Richardson *Cardita*

Learn the benefits and potential applications of AI technology in childcare. By leveraging the capabilities of AI, we can revolutionize the way childcare programs operate, ensuring a nurturing and secure environment for children while providing valuable support to caregivers.

43. Facilitating Cognitive Development Through Play for Infants and Toddlers

Jamie Acevedo and Fatima Bichoutar *Conch*

This session will provide infant and toddler educators with techniques to support children's development. Additionally, we added a brief on health and safety that will promote a range of strategies that can effectively scaffold children's development. This training will not only promote a safe and stimulating environment. It will also support cognitive facilitating through play.

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**SESSION 8:
60 MINUTE WORKSHOPS
11:30 - 12:30 PM**

44. Las 10 Principales Infracciones

Matilde Huapilla and Hannah McGlothlin *Coastal*

La Oficina de Licencias descubrirá las diez principales violaciones de licencias en los Hogares de Cuidado Familiar Diurno (FDCH) y los Hogares de Cuidado Infantil Familiar Numeroso (LFCCH) en todo el estado y discutirá los requisitos que rodean esas violaciones, así como también ofrecerá formas para que los proveedores garanticen el cumplimiento de estos estándares comúnmente citados

45. Teaching a Second Language in Early Childhood Education

Brenda Gonzalez and Rosaly Correa *Beach*

This workshop will train preschool educators in teaching a second language. It provides strategies and tools that make it easier for the teacher to teach a second language to children aged 3 to 5 in a dynamic way. It guides educators on the importance of the native language of the center where they work of the children in their care.

46. Babies Bouncing to the Beat!

Maryann Harman *Gulf*

There is much more behind a baby naturally bouncing their bodies. Come learn why. When a baby bounces, there is a connection to balance, language and math. It all begins there with finding and keeping a steady beat. Toddlers enjoy music, too; but they have special needs. Many times, materials are too old for them. That Baby Bounce when listening to music is delightful. Come learn songs Mar. has written just for this age group, many for Kaplan and Dr. Becky Bailey. Learn about some developmentally appropriate activities and materials for toddlers and their value in development.

47. Movement Magic for School Readiness

Janis Nakagama *Palm*

Learn playful movements essential for school readiness. Understand why these brain-body movements are essential for school success!

48. Addressing Sensitive Topics/Conversations

Cynthia Krosky *Bay*

Postponing or mishandling a sensitive conversation comes at a cost. In our roles as teacher, business owner, sibling, etc. there are numerous situations that we encounter where we need to discuss our concerns. Knowing how to set the tone and how to present the information makes the difference between someone receiving and hearing the information or becoming defensive, angry or even hostile. The inability or lack of confidence to professionally address crucial topics

adds stress and strain to our already busy lives. Decrease resistance and hesitation for addressing critical issues by learning tools and tips that help you feel empowered, confident, and ready when a sensitive conversation needs to occur.

49. Opening the Pathway to Professional Development and Better Compensation: Workforce Initiatives - T.E.A.C.H. and INCENTIVE\$

Kiki Peters *Coquina*

In this session, you will learn about Workforce Initiatives provided by the Children's Forum, including T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education And Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® Scholarship Program and Early Childhood Educator INCENTIVE\$. These quality initiatives provide scholarship opportunities and support for early educators, directors, and owners as they further their education, professional development, retention and compensation in the ECE field.

50. What's In It for Me? Building On Your Strengths with Flamingo Early Learning

Lucianna Grasso and Jamie Harmon *Sundial*

When considering your professional learning journey, it's crucial to ask: What's in it for you? At the University of Florida's Lastinger Center for Learning, we're committed to partnering with and supporting you as you bridge the gap between theory and practice in your educational setting. Join us as we delve into how we empower educators like you to leverage your strengths, fostering ongoing growth not only in your teaching methods but also in the positive impact and outcomes for the children you serve.

51. Let's Look into Large FCC Homes

Karan Hiester *Cardita*

Let's discuss what it takes to expand to a large family child care program. Learn about the pros and cons of expanding and preparing for what it takes to have an employee and to be ready for IRS obligations.

52. Play through the Program Assessment Lens (Repeat)

Sarah Bedard and Sherry Shupp *Conch*

Participants will be able to identify the importance of play in children's learning using the CLASS assessment tool for age groups infant to five years old.

Reminder to complete your evaluation form after each workshop. Be ready to turn in your completed form at the end of Saturday's Closing Keynote for a chance to win \$100 cash!



Dr. Pamela Phelps is the creator of the Creative Preschool Model Program, author of the Beyond Centers and Circle Time Curriculum and Vice President of The Creative Center for Childhood Research and Training (CCCRT). She is recognized internationally as a consultant on early childhood education. She regularly conducts workshops for educators and parents on play, environments, behavior management, and numerous other topics related to young children. Visit <https://www.cccrt.org/>.

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SESSION 9:

75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS

1:45 - 3:00 PM

53. Teach Confidently: Infused Nature Teaching

Adrienne Donaldson, MEd

Coastal

Gain an understanding of the benefits of using nature as a teaching tool. Explore ways to use nature and support young learners to develop a love for learning and exploring nature. Use teachable moments with nature to expand and build on the students' experiences, actions, and words. Play games and activities that young learners will enjoy but are simple and easy to use and support simple and quick transitions. Review different instructional methods and displays that can support the infusion of nature in the classroom. Educators will gain confidence in their skills to use across all age groups and school age students and support their reach for a higher score on their CLASS Assessment.

CONCILIO LATINO

54. Lo Bueno, Lo Malo y Lo Feo...

Kitzamar Agosto

Beach

El impacto social de un educador en este siglo, los mejores y los peores educadores se distinguen no por lo que dicen si no por lo que hacen. En este taller reflexionaremos donde depositamos nuestra energía y como tomamos decisiones. **Actualizaciones latinas por Mayra Márquez y Sarai Márquez**

55. Finding the Gift in Every Child

Maryann Harman

Gulf

What a wonderful task! Helping children discover what it is they excel at - What gift they have to share that will be enjoyed by them and everyone in their lives. You are a special person when you can help a child find their gift. What a wonderful job description!

56. Teaching Diversity in an Early Childhood Education (ECE) Setting

Soarve O'Neal

Palm

Learn the importance of diversity in the ECE family child care setting for all children while learning through play. When children are engaged in activities, young children are offered a fun way to learn about differences as well as similarities among each other.

57. Addressing Sensitive Topics/Conversations (Repeat)

Cynthia Krosky

Bay

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58. Top 10 Licensing Violations and Ways to Stay Compliant (Repeat)

Hannah McGlothlin

Coquina

The Office of Licensing will uncover the top ten licensing violations in Family Child Care Homes through-out the state and discuss the requirements surrounding those violations, as well as offer ways for providers to ensure compliance with these commonly cited standards.

59. The Real World and using Positive Classroom Management Strategies

Brandi Crawford-Lavoie

Sundial

Learn meaningful and usable behavior management skills especially designed for multi-age groups in FCC homes.

60. Just Talk To Me: Supporting The Communication and Language Development of Infants and Toddlers in the Early Childhood Environment

Zoe Turner

Cardita

Just Talk To Me is designed to encourage early childhood educators to increase language development within their Early Childhood Programs. Language development during the early years of life is one of the critical aspects in early childhood development. As a previous Speech and Language Clinician (Pre-k-5th) and a past Early Intervention Specialist (0-3 years), I understand the pivotal role language and communication plays in all aspects of child development. My aim is to empower you to nurture the language and early communication skills of the little ones in your care, ultimately enabling them to communicate effectively with you and just talk to you.

61. Discover Montessori

Fariha Zuberi

Conch

Montessori is a method of education developed by Dr. Maria Montessori that utilizes a hands-on approach involving all of the child's senses. This session is for those who want to discover the Montessori approach of learning and apply it in their FCC Home. Learn the purpose of Montessori materials and how to present the lessons to the child. As Maria Montessori said, "*The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn.*"

SESSION 10

Saturday Closing Keynote Releasing the Power of Play!

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Dr. Pamela Phelps

Grand Ballroom

We have spent several decades on drill and memorization methods and yet the research continues to show that PLAY is what opens the mind and helps children develop creativity and problem-solving skills. PLAY helps children to have the ability to take the perspective of others and to take on challenges. You will feel more secure about imbedding playful moments while developing more specific knowledge that will support success in later school. Happiness and playfulness open the mind to learning! **Audifonos disponibles para la traducción de las Sesiones Generales!**

Saturday Night, June 29

Join us for our Provider Celebration!

“BALLIN WITH A PURPOSE” SNEAKER BALL

(Gowns & Sneaker attire encouraged but not required)
Island Ballroom

Refreshments sponsored by
Sheraton Sand Key Resort & FFCCHA



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Everyone is welcome to attend!

8:00 pm – Midnight

Family Time: Children permitted 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. only.

Adults only after 9:00 p.m.

Happy Snappz Photo Booth will be available to capture 360-degree photos for every angle of fun!

NETWORK, SHARE, DANCE, CELEBRATE, AND HAVE A BLAST WITH NIGEL SMITH!



Sunday Morning, June 30

SESSION: 11

GENERAL SESSION

Grand Ballroom (Beach - Gulf - Palm)

8:00 am Complimentary Breakfast for Attendees

9:00 am **KEYNOTE: Marica Cox Mitchell Family Child Care of the Future:
The Crossroads and Opportunities Ahead**

Child care, and family child care in particular, is rapidly changing and becoming more visible. Lawmakers, business leaders, private funders, families and government agencies are developing solutions and increasing their investments in child care. Are their solutions helpful? Are we ready for this new future? This session will elevate the trends and critical decisions needed to be made by family child care professionals to prepare for a more dynamic future.

10:00 am **FFCCHA Annual General Meeting** – open to ALL members and guests

10:30 am **Installation Ceremony of all FFCCHA Full Board Members**

10:45 am **More Prizes, including a GRAND Prize!**

Marica Cox Mitchell Vice President of Early Childhood for the Bainum Family Foundation, leading the foundation's efforts in supporting healthy growth and development of young children and the well-being of their families through direct service and advocacy. Previously, she worked as the Deputy Executive Director of Early Learning Systems at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), encompassing public policy, advocacy, accreditation, and the Power to the Profession. Visit www.bainumfdn.org

