SESSIONS

KEYNOTE PRESENTER

Tom Hobson, AKA "Teacher Tom" is a preschool teacher, writer, artist and author. Tom is well-known for his Teacher Tom blog where he posts educator insights, creative lessons and more daily for the past eight years.



(This session is appropriate for all participants.)

FEATURED SPEAKER



Dorina Sackman - B.E.L.I.E.V.E.!® Be the Educators who Lead to Inspire and Empower Via Excellence!TM This is the basis of this unique presentation meant to empower, inspire, motivate and elevate teachers! Experience fun and interactive real talks; a waking up of the soul, if you will, for all educators. Find your passion and purpose through understanding

your "Why". With fascinating research and relatable teaching moments, see how, together, we can take back this amazing profession and bring passion and productivity parallel for student and educator effectiveness! You will laugh, cry, get mad, be empowered and feel amazing...ready to LEAD students colleagues and your own heart to success. That is, if you truly B.E.L.I.E.V.E.!® (This session is appropriate for all participants.)

FEATURED PRESENTERS

Catch Kids- A healthy approach to early learning!

Brianna Liles and Heather Wyman
Marion County Children's Alliance
Learn how the CATCH Early Childhood
curriculum can enhance your physical
activity and nutritional program in your
classroom. CATCH uses fun, dynamics and
multidimensional interaction to teach healthier
options and choices and encourages lifelong



Brianna Liles

physical activity in children. (This session is appropriate for all participants.)



What to do with Open-Ended Discussions?

Barbara Kyle-Director-Together for Children
Open-ended questions are a powerful strategy
for developing language in children. This session
will focus on why to use them, what open-ended
questions are and how you can get children to
respond beyond yes, no, or "I don't know."

(This session is appropriate for all participants.)



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SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

7:15 a.m. – 4 p.m.

College of Central Florida | Ewers Century Center 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala, Florida 34474

OPENING KEYNOTE PRESENTER: Tom Hobson A.K.A. "Teacher Tom"

FEATURED SPEAKER: Dorina Sackman
FEATURED PRESENTERS: Brianna Liles, Heather Wyman
and Barbara Kyle

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Going Green in the Centers Target Audience: I, P, R, A

Adrienne Donaldson, Owner Jitta Bug Learning Center, LLC

The presenter will discuss forms of technology that are green and educational. The interactive training gives participants opportunities to learn how to use recycled materials to teach and create arts and crafts. (Session is repeated.)

Class Dojo in the Classroom Target Audience: I, P, R, A

Adrienne Donaldson, Owner

Jitta Bug Learning Center, LLC Class Dojo is a free application and website that allows teachers to track both positive and negative behavior in the classroom. It will support parent/teacher communication as teachers are able to post class stories for parents to see. (Session is repeated.)

Family First - Building Connections Target Audience: L.P.R.

Nika Douglas, Assistant Director and Katie White, Team Teacher of Baby Gator This presentation will demonstrate how family involvement in special activities builds connections between the children, teachers, parents, and community at large. Participants will be provided with tools to immediately implement these ideas. (Session is repeated.)

Ready to Read: Zero to Three Target Audience: I, R

Jennifer Ransone, Children's Division Manager, Marion County Public Library System This make and take workshop will teach participants about language development from birth through three and the importance of reading, singing and talking with children.

Infant Mental Health

(Session is repeated.)

Target Audience: I, P, R, A Erica Zeno, Clinical Mental Health Counselor First StrideZ Counseling What is infant mental health? And how we can help children infant-five and their families?

Play as the Cornerstone of Learning Target Audience: I, P, R, A

Yakup Bilgili and Guerino Terracciano Professors of ECE, FSCI

The presenters will highlight the importance of play and cultural aspects in a developmentally appropriate environment for children and families. (Session is repeated.)

Keeping Kids Safe in the Classroom: Tips from your Poison Control Center Target Audience: I, P, R, A

Brie Burge, Media Relations/Education Associate, Florida/USVI Poison Information Center Do you know there might be toxic items within children's reach in the classroom? This workshop will look at some of the poison dangers for childcare centers from inside the classroom to outdoor hazards. (Session is repeated.)

Have We Got A Deal For You?! Come Learn what's New with the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Scholarship Program

Target Audience: I, P, R, A Jasmine Richardson and Simone Long, T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Coordinator, Children's Forum Come learn how you can make your professional development dreams a reality with the help of a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship.

Connections

Target Audience: P Doubra Warebi, Director, Queen of Peace, Montessori The presenter will discuss ways to create lessons and themes in Early Childhood Education with connections to the child's development and/or interests.

Turn that Frown Upside Down

Target Audience: P, F

Michelle Dean, Placement Specialist Kids Central, Inc.

Children have moments where they are not feeling their best. We will identify those moments and learn positive ways to help children to "turn their frown upside down." We will identify tools and techniques to promote positive behavior. Resources will be offered to help children. (Session is repeated.)

Learning through Play, No more Kill and Drill! Target Audience: P

Kim Gaines, VPK Teacher Highlands Baptist Learning Center This make-and-take session will provide fun learning activities that will help children reach VPK standards by hands on activities instead of daily worksheets. This is done through documenting with video and photos that allow families to see what children are doing each day. (Session is repeated.)

Move 'Em or Lose 'Em Target Audience: P

Stephanie Miller, Lead Early Education Specialist, ELC of Osceola County

Do you struggle to get through circle time? Do you feel you spend more time wrangling wiggly bodies than teaching? In this workshop we will explore ways to help children stay engaged. This session begins with a brief look at the science behind why kinesthetic learning techniques increase engagement and learning in early education and ends with an interactive discussion showcasing techniques using kinesthetic activities to teach social-emotional skills, language and literacy, math, science and gross motor skills that you can take back to the clas sroom (Session is repeated.)

Dirt Is Good!

Target Audience: P

Nana Robertson, ECE Professor Seminole State College

This presentation will take a look at active play opportunities in childcare, why they are important and what can be done to extend these opportunities during outside play time.

Outdoor Academics Everyday Target Audience: P

Stefanie Crosier, Parent Services Specialist and Michelle Surman, HR Development Specialist,

Many schools have implemented a daily outdoor academic time. As a result, educators have found that student learning has increased and behavior issues have decreased. In this session, participants will see local success stories and be provided with strategies and activities to implement an academic outdoor learning block into their daily routines. Participants will leave with the knowledge and tools to begin outdoor lessons in their classrooms. (Session is repeated.)

Art as a Teaching Tool for Preschool

Target Audience: P, R, A Renee Majors, Account Manager Discount School Supply

This workshop examines the use of art to help children develop critical and creative thinking skills with open-ended developmentally appropriate art activities. Make-and-take activities provided.

What's In a Name? Target Audience: P

Kelly Schwietert, Director, Angels in Arms This workshop will take a look at how learning our name is the springboard for literacy development in preschool. Come and enjoy this make-and-take that focuses on recognizing, reading and spelling our names.

Finger Fun

Target Audience: I, P, R, A Dawn Coquillard, Finger Fun Occupational Therapist, OTR/L, MCPS

This presentation will address the progression of hand development, techniques to promote hand skills; and simple, inexpensive classroom and home activities for greater classroom performance. (Session is repeated.)

Mirrors and Windows: Power of Positive **Images in Classroom Libraries**

Target Audience: P

Teresa Kelly, Instructional Facilitator Broward County Public Schools

Examine the diversity of classroom libraries and how a library can strengthen social emotional skills in young children. (Session is repeated.)

Neuroscience and the Primary School Brain: Tips Talks and Techniques for Increased Learning Gains.

Target Audience: P Dorina Sackman

In this interactive and empowering session, educators and lovers of "how people think" will be enlightened as to how the structure of the brain and all its components can greatly influence how we teach. Once we dig deeper into the brains of our students, we will have a better understanding of how to teach and reach our babies. This ultimately leads to a more focused and engaged student; all because we are catering our lessons to the growing minds, hungry for knowledge.

Play with a Focus: The Magical World of Sand **Tray Play**

Target Audience: P

Janie Richardson, ELC of Florida's Gateway Come and learn about the fun and focused world of sand tray play. This interactive workshop will teach participants how to use simple trays and sensory mediums such as colored sand, rice or gravel, and then add in miniature toys in order to help children calmly focus on the activity for extended periods of time. Space is defined, rules are in place, and all children, aged three to twelve will learn to more appropriately self-regulate, increase concentration and attention span all in a sensory, playful, fun activity. It really is play...with a focus! (Session is repeated.)

Entrepreneurship: So You Say it's Your **Business**

Target Audience: P, A

Francine Creighton-Bey, Owner and James Creighton-Bey, Co-owner, FLEXx Production This workshop will teach steps on how to get the most out of your business, from making money to managing investments. (Session is repeated.)

How to create a Learning Oasis: Designing Classroom Spaces.

Target Audience: P

Claudia Hale-Jinks, PreK Program Specialist, ESE and Ruth Roseberry-Heruth, ESE PreK Instructor, **MCPS**

This workshop will provide photographs depicting classroom spaces that were redesigned to meet the needs of all learners. Learn ways to make space more accessible to all learners with multiple means of engagement, representation and action through classroom design. (Session is repeated.)

Culturally Responsive Practice in Early Childhood Education

Target Audience: A

Gwen Parsons, ECE Faculty, HCC Culturally responsive practices are the foundation for equity in early childhood care. Cultural responsiveness requires a core understanding of the many facets of culture in a child's and family's development. This presentation will focus on best practices in staff training and implementation.

Parents as Teachers: Parenting Around Development

Target Audience: R Chrissy Vickers, Success by 6, Coordinator, ELC of Marion County

An interactive, fun educational activity is included in this presentation as we focus on seven key areas that are essential to a child's growth and development. (Session is repeated.)

Structured Teaching for Pre-K Target Audience: P

Adrienne Ellers, and Deanna Bonnell Behavior Analysts, MCPS

This workshop will focus on implementing structured teaching across eight primary principles. (Session is repeated.)

All aboard the Transition Train to Kindergarten

Target Audience: P

Bettianne Ford, Coordinator

Florida's Transition Project, UCF This presentation outlines the top 10 ways to support children and families as they transition to kindergarten, including skills that will help the children experience success and tools and resources to assist in the process.

Setting the Stage for Success: Creating a preschool classroom that supports every child. Target Audience: P

Christine Bond, Facilitator, UCF/TATS Project This presentation will provide an overview of the principles of Universal Design Learning which guide the selection of curriculum materials and resources in preschool environments to support all children, including those with diverse abilities, learning preferences, languages and cultural backgrounds.

Jesus-The Original Superhero Target Audience: P, F

Gabriele Hein, Director Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool

This workshop will present ideas for the classroom to incorporate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) in a Christian curriculum. (Session is repeated.)

Sensational Sensory Play Target Audience: P

Katherine Williams, Area Coordinator, CDEA and FSU - Florida Center for Reading Research This session will allow participants to discover the importance of sensory play and have the opportunity for a hands-on experience. (Session is repeated.)

Is Full Literacy Possible? An Exploration of Research and Demonstration of Evidence **Based Methods**

Target Audience: P

Stephen Zedler, Director of Outreach Neuro-development of Words (NOW) This presenter will discuss the research and offer a demonstration on highly effective instructional methods. (Session is repeated.)

Recognizing the "typical" in children's development ages birth to five Target Audience: (R)

Jennifer McBride, Child Find Specialist, MCPS Come join the discussion of typical and atypical development in children under five. The ages and Stages questionnaire that pediatricians use for well-child visits will be reviewed. (Session is repeated.)

Does Your Parent Handbook Protect Your School?

Target Audience: A

Beth Block, President, Block Insurance This presentation focuses on how to use your parent handbook to avoid superfluous claims. (Session is repeated.)

The session will provide strategies for cultivating mindfulness in schools and Yoga breaks.

Mindfulness in Education

Lori Witkowich, Associate Professor

Target Audience: P, A

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P is for Picasso: Inciting Learning by Igniting Creativity and Exciting the Senses Target Audience: P

Stephanie Miller, Lead Early Education Specialist, ELC of Osceola County

What inspires you? A symphonic melody? A beautiful masterpiece? This session will show participants how to imbed the arts into their existing curricula through a study-based approach thus showing participants how being intentional about art and media will have an effect on communication, fine motor, gross motor, problem solving, pro-social and emotional regulation skills. (Session is repeated.)

Navigating the Slippery Slope of Social Media in Your School

Target Audience: A

Beth Block, President, Block Insurance This session focuses on how to manage the use of social media in your school. It will explore the school's official social media usage and usage by staff and families. There will be a discussion on implementing social media policies for staff and enrolled families to protect the school from liability. (Session is repeated.)

Health & Wellness Policy Creation and Development Target Audience: A

Wil Ayala, Director of Community Health & Wellness and Policy Analysis, ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe Does your program have a health and wellness policy? Habits are learned early in life, so having a sound policy not only creates lifelong health and wellness habits in children, but serves as an indicator to parents that your center is taking a holistic approach to their children's development and education. This session will explore components of a policy that can create a healthier environment in your center and improve overall health and wellness outcomes for your students.

Trauma-Informed Practices

Target Audience: A

Jacqueline Malone and Maureen Griner - Infant Family Mental Health Therapist, USFSP Family Study Center

This presentation will address how trauma impacts children from birth through age five and their families. Trauma-informed practices for early childcare and education will be explored. (Session is repeated.)

Target Audience Key

I=Infant/Toddler P = Preschool/Primary R = Parent/Family F=Faith Based A=Administration

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- Child care personnel can receive eight hours of in-service credit.
- Marion County School Board personnel can receive up to six Master In-service Points.
- Citrus County School Board personnel can earn up to 10 Master In-service Points, with completion of support activities required by the CCSB.

FEES

- Early Bird Registration: \$40
- Registration and payment must be received no later than Feb. 9, 2017.
- Includes lunch, water break and snack.

- Conference certificate will be provided on the day of the conference.
- The early bird registration fee will not be extended beyond Feb. 10.
- Registrations/payments received
 Feb. 10-25: \$60
- Registrations/payments received after Feb. 26 and on-site will be \$60
- Includes lunch, water break and snack.
- Certificate will be mailed after the conference.
- Student Registration: \$30 by Feb. 9 \$60 after Feb. 9.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Participants are invited to compete in the "Design Your Cape" contest.
- We're pleased to accommodate special needs; please notify the registration desk.
- There are No Refunds.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Keynote Sessions will be presented twice with NO overflow rooms. You must present your ticket, for entry to the keynote sessions A or B.

7:15 a.m. Doors Open - Welcome!

7:15-8:30 a.m. Registration

8-8:30 a.m. Contest Judging-Klein

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Sessions - NEW THIS YEAR

8:30-9:30 a.m. **Session I** 9:45-10:45 a.m. **Session II**

11-noon Lunch A - Keynote B 12:15-1:15 p.m. Lunch B - Keynote A Lunch is included with your registration. Redeem the lunch ticket, in your folder, at the cashier.

1:30-2:30 p.m. **Session III**

2:30-2:45 p.m. Water break and snack. Redeem the snack ticket,

located in your folder, at the snack stations.

2:45-4 p.m. **Session IV**

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- Early Bird Registration: \$40 Registration must be received no later than Feb. 9.
- Registrations/payments received after Feb. 9 and on-site: \$60

Please print neatly or type the following information

 Student Registration: \$30 - Payment is due by Feb. 10 or regular registration fees apply.

Name:
Date of birth (needed for registration purposes):
Preferred mailing address: Preffered City, State Zip:
Phone with are code:
Email:
Attending as a (please check one and provide additional information)
Teacher age/grade taught: Place of employment:
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