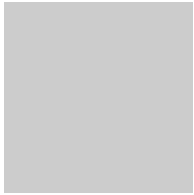


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2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

**Tentative Schedule
Subject to change**

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Registration
6:30 a.m.—7:30 a.m. Volunteer/Host Class

Thursday, January 25, 2018

7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Registration
8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. General Session & Keynote: Jill Bella
9:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m. Seminar Session
11:45 a.m.—1:15 p.m. Lunch on site
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Workshop Session
3:15 p.m.—4:45 p.m. Workshop Session
5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Continuing Education Credit Class & Registration

Friday, January 26, 2018

7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Registration
8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. General Session & Keynote: Susan MacDonald
9:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m. Seminar Session
11:45 a.m.—1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Workshop Session
3:15 p.m.—4:45 p.m. Workshop Session
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Painting Party, Chart Room, Fundraiser for AAAYC \$30 Additional Charge
6:00 p.m.—7:45 p.m. Continuing Education Class Wrap Up

Saturday, January 27, 2018

New Schedule!



7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Registration
8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Seminar Session
10:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Seminar Session
12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m. Lunch on site
1:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Closing **Celebration**, Awards & Keynote: Susan MacDonald



Jill Bella, Ed.D., is Director of Professional Learning for the McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership and Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education at National Louis University (NLU). In these roles she oversees professional learning, conducts research, and consults for local and state initiatives on the Early Childhood Work Environment Survey (ECWES), the Program Administration Scale (PAS), the Business Administration for Family Child Care (BAS) and leadership topics in early care and education. Dr. Bella is a national reliability anchor for the PAS and BAS. She holds a doctorate degree in Adult and Continuing Education from NLU. Dr. Bella also has both a master's degree in special education/early intervention and a bachelor's degree in child development from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Prior to joining the Center, she worked at several child care centers and Akron Children's Hospital as an early intervention specialist and training associate. Dr. Bella's interests include organizational climate, advocacy for the early childhood workforce, systems thinking, and early childhood leadership. She is co-author of *A Great Place to Work*, *Inspiring Peak Performance*, *Zoom: The Impact of Early Childhood Leadership Training on Role Perceptions, Job Performance, and Career Decisions*, and several Trainer's Guides.

Thursday, January 25th:

8:00-9:30 General Session & Keynote

Forward Thinking: The Role of Leadership in Changing the Landscape of Early Childhood

A look at past and present workforce conditions reveals the time is now to move the needle beyond mediocracy. Administrators often underestimate their ability to impact the field of early care and education. Yet, individual and collective action can be a powerful force for improving the standards of today. Equipping ourselves and emerging leaders to move the field forward involves reframing our thoughts on leadership. Learn what research indicates about how to harness your passion about workforce issues and become an advocate for change.

All day session: 9:45-4:45

A Great Place to Work: Creating a Healthy Organizational Climate.

Administrators often have a global impression that things are going well or not so well at their centers, but they lack specific information on just what areas of the program's operation contribute to these impressions. Designed for administrators and staff, this session provides an overview of the dimensions of organizational climate and how all staff play an important role in improving the quality of work life at their programs.

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Susan MacDonald is the founder of Inspiring New Perspectives, a consultancy focused on empowering education leaders to create programs that deeply respect and nurture the possibilities that lie within each child, parent, and teacher.

A professional speaker and instructor on education improvement issues, she has been developing and delivering inspirational courses and workshops for over twenty-five years. She has combined her knowledge of early childhood quality standards with her unique professional background to create a higher quality of engaging and motivational presentations.

Susan's background includes directing a Reggio-inspired preschool program, serving as a licensing supervisor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and teaching at Lesley University, Wheelock College, and the Center for School Transformation. She holds a Master's degree in Instructional Design as well as professional coach certifications through the Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching, the Center for School Transformation's Evocative Coaching program, and the Minds at Work Immunity to Change program. She applies all of this and her extensive experience to deliver training that empowers educational leaders to drive change in their organizations.

Susan is president of the Boston Area Reggio Inspired Network and past vice president of the Massachusetts AEYC.

Susan is the author of *Inspiring Early Childhood Leadership: Eight Strategies to Ignite Passion and Transform Program Quality*, which is published through Gryphon House.

Friday, January 26th:

Passion & Engagement: The Key to Creating Vibrant Learning Communities

8:00 am-9:30 am General Session & Keynote

Rediscover and reignite your passion for all aspects of your work. Together, we will explore how raising our own personal energy levels can have a tremendous impact on the joy we experience in our professional roles and the lives of the children and families with whom we engage. In this highly interactive presentation, you will be inspired to create a clear vision and identify action steps that will guide you on a path to increase joy and engagement in your daily work.

Finding the Spark: Bringing Passion & Intentionality into the Planning Process.

9:45-11:45

This lively and engaging workshop will help you discover new ways of finding inspiration for developing a child-centered curriculum. You will be introduced to a four-step process that will help you create a curriculum that is deeply reflective of the children's interests. You will also be encouraged to bring your own passions and hobbies into the curriculum to enrich the learning experiences you create. And, you'll also receive a resource list and sample planning forms at this important workshop.

Saturday, January 27th:

Making an Impact – Key Strategies and Inspirational Stories To Guide Your Leadership Journey!

1:30-4:30 General Session & Keynote

Our Keynote Speaker, Susan MacDonald, will provide us with specific strategies designed to support the development of leadership skills in teachers and administrators. Leaders from the early childhood field in Alaska will share their stories and strategies that have shaped their own unique leadership journeys. You will leave inspired to be intentional and engaged in bringing new leadership strategies to your daily work with children, teachers, parents and your community!

To learn more visit: www.inspiringnewperspectives.com

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Roberta Recken and DyLynn Robertson are trainers for the Harvest for Healthy Kids Program. Roberta is the Site Manager at Mt Hood Community College Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships in Portland, OR and is a Project Coordinator for the Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children. DyLynn is the Education Specialist at Mt. Hood Community College EHSCCP. The Harvest for Healthy Kids Program was developed by Portland State University School of Public Health.

Harvest for Healthy Kids helps children develop healthy eating habits. The program connects young children with fresh food grown close to home through activity kits that teach science, math and literacy. Each kit is developed and tested by teachers and childcare providers, and includes hands-on activities with different fruits and vegetables, colorful picture cards, newsletters for families and background information for adults. All Harvest for Healthy Kids activities are aligned with early learning standards and have been rigorously evaluated.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks worked with Portland State University to develop some kits specifically on fruits and vegetables found in Alaska.

Cultivating Veggie Love in Young Children with the Alaska Farm to School/Preschool Program

9:45-11:45 Friday and repeated 8:00-10:00 Saturday

You can get your children to eat their vegetables—and like them, too! This session will take you from seed to table to help you teach and encourage children to love fruits and vegetables! The Alaska Farm to School and Farm to Preschool programs will share how schools and child care providers around the state are educating kids about farming and gardening, starting their own gardens, and adding more local produce into their meals. Harvest for Healthy Kids will connect you with their free farm to preschool curriculum and tips to get healthy, tasty produce on the table.

Harvest for Healthy Kids: A Farm to Preschool Curriculum

1:30-4:45 Friday and repeated 10:15-12:15 Saturday

Preschoolers playing with parsnips? WHAT? Welcome to Harvest for Healthy Kids: A Farm to Preschool Curriculum, where exploration, discovery and experiencing fresh produce is what it's all about! We will reflect on our own early food experiences, and explore the development of preferred tastes in young children. Using activities from the free on-line HHK kits, we will build a foundation that supports infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their families on their journey toward incorporating more produce into their meals. Together, let's help this next generation thrive with healthier eating, right now!

To learn more visit: <http://www.harvestforhealthykids.org/>

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Celebration, Keynote and Awards

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Come Celebrate with us 1:15-4:30

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