

2010 Bi-County Early Care & Education Conference



**April 10, 2010
7:30am-3:00pm**

**Sumner Memorial High School
Sullivan, Maine**

Brought to you by:

**The Bi-County Early Care & Education Committee
Child Care Opportunities Resource Development Center
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Welcome to our annual Bi-County Early Care and Education Conference. We are excited about the workshops and presentations at this year's conference. The trainings have been selected in response to your feedback from last year's conference and the training requests from the Provider Survey administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. We've added in lots of hands on activities to make your skill building fun and interactive.

We are pleased to have Jeanine Fitzgerald as our Key Note speaker. She is an inspiring professional who aims to empower you in your work with young children.



CEU's: This conference is 5 hours of professional development. In addition we can offer .5 CEU's through the University of Southern Maine's Continuing Education Office. If you would like a CEU certificate an additional fee of \$13.00 should be added to your registration fee.



Workshop Codes – **NEW** – we have put codes next to each workshop to indicate what age groups the training is appropriate for.

IT: Infant & Toddler, **T:** Toddler, **PS:** Preschool,
SA: School Age, **A:** All

If you are a person who needs special accommodations to participate in this conference, please let us know by
April 1, 2010
to ensure the fullest possible attention to your needs.

Please call 667-2467, ext 231 or 1-800-831-4378
Ask for Joy for any registration inquiries or needs.

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

7:30-8:00

Registration, Coffee, Visit Exhibitors/Venders

8:00-8:15

Announcements

8:20-9:45

Session I

9:50-11:15

Session II

11:20-12:15

Lunch

12:20-1:20

Key Note – Jeanine Fitzgerald

1:30-2:55

Session III

3:00-3:15

Evaluations & Certificates

Check for your name on door prizes.

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Session I 8:20 to 9:45

A. Books for Babies

IT

Megan London

In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss many different kinds of books for babies and toddlers. Participants will learn ways to choose and create books that support children's growth and development. We will also make books together that participants can take back to their programs!

B. Tomato Soup from Tub to Table

PS/SA

Pamela Skinner

This fun, hands on workshop will look at ways to introduce children to sourcing and preparing food at home. It will include the topics of germination, fertilization, preserving natural resources, and food quality.

C. Managing Stress: The Heart Math Approach

A

Joyce Schelling

Utilizing the latest heart-brain research, this workshop will teach techniques to transform your physiological responses to stress so you feel better, have more resilience, think more clearly, and make smarter decisions, especially under pressure. Using techniques with children of all ages will be discussed.

D. Public Systems, Early Care and Education and YOU!!

A

Bill Hager

Changes in State and Federal Systems can impact all aspects of child care. This workshop will cover how public policy impacts your work and how you can positively influence policy to make things better for the children in your care.

E. Different Approaches to Learning

PS

Julie DellaMattera

Do you wonder how early childhood programs with different educational philosophies teach young children? This training will look at a variety of early childhood settings and approaches to learning including: Head Start Reggio Emilia, Montessori, and High Scope.

Session II 9:50 to 11:15

F. More Play....More Peacemaking With Toddlers!

T

Nancy MacPhee Bower

Don't we all need more of both? Young children need more opportunities to play. Within a play setting, we can give children the tools they need to be good friends and to be peacemakers when conflict arises. Children also need to know the value of expressing their ideas and feelings in a safe and healthy community. We will be playing games, so expect more moving than sitting. We will also discuss Adventure Play concepts that can help you turn behaviors into teaching opportunities.

G. Playing with a Purpose

SA

Hector Sapien

In this workshop, participants will learn how intentional play activities support the development of social interaction and communication skills in school age children. We will explore how these activities can be used to foster interaction skills.

H. Communicating With Families

A

Brenda Clough and Anna Marnik

This workshop will discuss ways to simplify providing information to families and prevent problems from arising between providers and families. Participants will improve their skills on discussing topics with families and participate in scenarios and discussion. Participants are encouraged to bring program information packets from their childcare.

I. 1,2,3...Math for Toddlers and Spunky Preschoolers!

T/PS

Bethany Preble.

At this workshop you will learn how to make math fun while working with the Maine Early Childhood Learning Guidelines. We'll build on skills that the children already have.

J. Healthful Recipe Ideas for You, Your Family and Your Community!

A

Hadley Friedman

A vibrant & interactive workshop that will focus on creating a few healthful dishes that may be enjoyed by all! Please bring your own apron and a sharp chef knife, if you would like. Your participation is required.



Various Exhibitors & Venders Will Be There



Session III 1:30 to 2:55

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L. I'm Bored! ...Fun Ways to Make Afterschool and Summer Camp a happening place!

SA

Bethany Preble

New ideas for rainy days, limited spaces, action to calm, and ALWAYS FUN! Come prepared to play.

M. Planning for Infant and Toddler Learning

IT

Julie DellaMattera

Participants will practice using a planning wheel to design environments that support a variety of learning experiences for infants & toddlers while meeting the Infant & Toddler Guidelines. There will be accompanying hands-on activities and ideas.

N. Self Evaluation in Action

A

Faith Perkins

Evaluating your program is a great way to make lasting changes. In this workshop we'll take an in-depth look at FCCERS (Family Child Care) and ECERS (Early Childhood) environmental rating scales and you'll get a turn using these tools to evaluate other programs. We'll also look at other evaluation tools and come up with ways to customize them to work for your program.

O. Peaceable Stories

PS

Bahia Yackzan

This workshop is a mini version of the original six-hour training program offered through Maine Humanities. Participants will receive children's books, along with an Activity & Resource Guide, designed to stimulate meaningful conversations about conflict and peace. Participants read and discuss the books, and take part in related exercises and activities, in preparation for using the materials with young children.

KEY NOTE SPEAKER:

Jeanine Fitzgerald

“Ascent to Wellness for Children of All Ages”

Some children enter this world into abundant resources, safety and unconditional love. Others enter into scarcity, fear and isolation. No matter how they enter, they are all miracles! This session will explore the six mile markers along the pathway to social-emotional wellness and a life of strength for each and every child, no matter how they enter this world!



Jeanine draws on more than 30 years of professional experience to empower teachers and parents to achieve more with children “at risk.” With experiences as a certified teacher, licensed mental health professional, and mother of three children, she understands the promise of every child, as well as the diversity of their needs.

As a certified Human Behavior Specialist and Owner of The Better Behavior Bureau and The Behavior Institute, Jeanine specializes in research-based strategies in educational leadership, relationship-building, motivation, preventing risk factors that compromise the fulfillment of a child’s full potential and implementing positive interventions in “real world settings.” She understands the daily struggles and frustrations of educators and parents, and honors the “hero within” each individual she has the privilege to work along side.

As a speaker, consultant and trainer, Jeanine has worked with thousands of educators, child care professionals and parents across the country. The settings have been varied and included keynote presentations for The Child Welfare League of America, The New England Association for the Education of Young Children, The Vermont Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, The New England Head Start Association, The Children’s Trust Fund and The Family Child Care Association of New York State. In addition, she has taught at the college level and presented on the campuses of Bryant University, The University of Rhode Island and Harvard University. Jeanine is recognized on the federal level as an approved trainer in the fields of education, disabilities and mental health.

As an author, Jeanine has published *The Dance of Interaction*. *Education by Design* is her newest project. This is a national training program, in association with Personality Insights, Inc., to be released in June 2009. She is currently putting the finishing touches on her second book, *Educating the Heart* and developing a national training program entitled *Parenting with Style*. Jeanine has appeared on public television in four states, and currently has air time in her home state.

Jeanine lives in Massachusetts with her husband. They have three grown children.

2010 Registration Form Bi-county Early Care & Education Conference

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

THERE WILL BE A LATE FEE CHARGE OF \$5
IF YOU REGISTER AFTER **MARCH 26, 2010**

Name: _____ County _____

Address: _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Center/Agency _____

Email Address: _____

Please circle the one that applies to you:

Center Staff ~ Family Child Care Provider ~ Agency Staff ~ Nursery School ~
Public School Teacher ~ Parent ~ Head Start Staff Teacher ~ Substitute ~
Other Specify _____

Number your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice in each session

Session I

A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
D. _____
E. _____

Session II

F. _____
G. _____
H. _____
I. _____
J. _____

Session III

K. _____
L. _____
M. _____
N. _____
O. _____

\$45 Registration Fee _____ \$13 CEU's Fee _____ TOTAL: _____ <i>Office Use Only</i> ----- Date Received ____/____/____ Check# _____ Amt. Pd \$ _____
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Make checks payable & return form to:

Child Care Opportunities, Att: Joy
PO Box 648, Ellsworth, Maine 04605

~ Conference Fee is \$45.00 ~

Includes morning snack, lunch and resource materials.
All registration forms must be received by **March 26, 2010**.

Payment is required in order to reserve your spot in specific classes.

No registrations will be accepted at the door

Two Week notice before the Conference for refund request

Please Cut for Your Records:

Session 1: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____
 Session 2: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____
 Session 3: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

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