

The Tennessee Family Child Care Alliance  
Proudly Presents  
Tennessee's 20th Annual  
Family Child Care State Conference  
and the  
Fourteenth Annual Gold Star Banquet

**“Hands and Hearts That Care”**



**Tennessee's Family Child Care Providers  
Reaching for the  
STARS**

Friday, March 30, 2012

And

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Nashville Airport Marriott Hotel

Nashville, Tennessee

FRIDAY

SESSIONS

OVERVIEW

# CONFERENCE SESSIONS OVERVIEW

**Friday Opening Session; 8:00-9:00 Cumberland Room**  
*Opening Guest Speakers,*  
*DHS Deputy Commissioner Shalonda Cawthon*

## Presentation Objectives

### Friday Session 1 9:10-10:10

#### **These Are My Hands**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to help providers with their monthly curriculum

**Presenters:** *Sandy Workman* and *Tammy Hardison*; Columbia Nationally Accredited 3 Star FCC Providers & TOPSTAR Mentors

**Cumberland**

#### **Linking Children's Literature and Science in Meaningful Ways**

**Workshop Objective:** Emphasis will be placed on engaging children in the investigative nature of science. Participants will receive ideas and strategies to integrate science and language arts in meaningful ways.

**Presenter:** *Dr. Martha J. Howard*; Assistant Professor TN Tech

**Capitol I**

#### **Strengthening Families Through Parent Engagement**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to build the knowledge of protective factors; Learn how everyone benefits from engaging with families; Discuss the importance of communication.

**Presenter:** *Jayme Sample*; Mid-Cumberland Parenting Liaison

**Capitol II**

#### **Fun with Fancy Nancy 2.0!!**

**Workshop Objective:** At the conclusion of this workshop participants will be able to include literacy strategies in all areas of learning

**Presenters:** *Jennifer Roddy*, CCR&R Program Coordinator Davidson County and *Ashley Holman* Resource and Referral Specialist for CCR&R Davidson County

**Knoxville**

#### **Creating Opportunities for Learning in the Block Area**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to discuss the importance of block play; to review the stages of block play; to learn how to set up a block center; to discover how to enhance block play; to connect block play with TN-ELDS

**Presenter:** *Laurel Stone*; Resource and Referral Specialist for CCR&R South Central

**Chattanooga**

#### **Infant Safe Sleep Practices**

**Workshop Objective:** Caregivers will understand the AAP recommendations for Safe Sleep, and practice that will lower risk of infant death by unsafe sleep environments.

**Presenter:** *Kristen Rector*; LAPSW, Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee

**Memphis**

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## Presentation Objectives

### Friday Session 2

10:20-11:30

#### **Creative Lapbooking**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to show, Lapbooks are a wonderful hands - on homeschooling tool-a kind of scrapbooking meets homeschooling though more than home educators use them.

**Presenters:** *Sharon and Steve Barr*; Owners of Ms Sharon's Family Childcare; Columbia, TN & TOPSTAR Protégé Cumberland

#### **Mama Don't Allow: A Shared Reading Discussion**

**Workshop Objective:** Participants will: become familiar with the book *Mama Don't Allow*; explain the shared reading concept; connect shared reading strategies with the book

**Presenter:** *Sharon Townsend*; Resource and Referral Specialist for CCR&R Davidson County  
Capitol I

#### **Making Your Childcare Asthma/Allergy Friendly**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to teach providers the common environmental triggers for people with respiratory allergies. We will discuss alternatives that are friendly to allergy sufferers

**Presenter:** *Natalie Wade*; Owner Operator of Mrs. Natalie's Childcare; Paris, TN & TOPSTAR Mentor  
Capitol II

#### **M.A.T.H: Teaching Math through Play, Literacy, Games and Activities**

**Workshop Objective:** The participants will analyze creative and exciting ways to provide opportunities for children to use Math/Numbers in the Family/Group Setting

**Presenters:** *Miranda Y. Wilson* Resource and Referral Specialist for CCR&R Davidson County  
Knoxville

#### **"Get a C.L.U.E." Creative Experiences, Learning Environments, Unique Experiences, Ethnic Diversity**

**Workshop Objective:** Participants will: Gain an understanding in providing creative learning experiences in an early childhood environment; Gain an understanding of how and when to address developmental concerns with young children

**Presenter:** *Brandie Long and Michelle Wyatt*; Resource and Referral Specialist for CCR&R Davidson County  
Chattanooga

#### **DHS Keeping Kids Safe Program**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to share with other providers fun ways to get children to enjoy this program and learn with hands on experience.

**Presenter:** *Gayla Owen*, Daycare Owner-Director; McMinnville, TN & TOPSTAR Protégé  
Memphis

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN 11:30-12:30**

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## Presentation Objectives

### Friday Session 3 12:40-1:40

#### **Homemade Materials for FCCERS-R**

**Workshop Objective:** Participants will be given suggestions and hands-on experiences with homemade and low cost materials to help meet FCCERS-R materials requirements

**Presenters:** *Karen Lock*; Infant Toddler Specialist CCR&R South Central  
Cumberland

#### **Their World in Your Backyard**

**Workshop Objective:** The workshop objective is to link the FCCRS-R and TN-ELDS through play-based activities with nature

**Presenters:** *Kelly Tivey*, TECTA Site Coordinator DSCC; *Brenda Langston*, TECTA Site Coordinator ChSCC; and *Cheri Lindsley*, TECTA Program Coordinator, ERS Anchor  
Capitol I

#### **Teaching Phonics in an Early Childcare Setting**

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**Presenter:** *Natalie Wade*; Owner/Operator of Mrs. Natalie's Childcare; Paris, TN & TOPSTAR Mentor  
Capitol II

#### **Whose is Coming Into My House?**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this presentation is to provide overview of early intervention and identify "teachable moments" for addressing goals/objectives on the child's IFSP

**Presenters:** *Amanda Dunlap* Director, MTSU HCBEI Program  
Knoxville

#### **Conscious Discipline: It Begins with Me!**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this presentation is to examine our past experiences and understand their influence on our lives, and to learn practical strategies to help us respond to conflicts

**Presenter:** *Gayle Callis* Resource and Referral Specialist for CCR&R Upper Cumberland  
Chattanooga

#### **Reenergizing Your Outdoor Play Environment**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this session is to share simple and developmentally appropriate ideas for enhancing outside play

**Presenter:** *Jeff A. Johnson*, Husband, Father, Child Care Provider, Speaker and Author, Sioux City, IA  
Memphis

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## Presentation Objectives

### Friday Session 4

1:50 - 2:50

#### **Positive Discipline with Infants and Toddlers**

**Workshop Objective:** Participants will be able to define Positive Discipline and Guidance for Infants and Toddlers. Participants will also be able to identify positive strategies for handling everyday behavior issues of infants and toddlers

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Capitol I

#### **The Frugal Provider**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to learn ideas on doing more with less!

**Presenter:** *Cheryl Hamrick* Family Child Care Provider, Chattanooga, TN & TOPSTAR Mentor  
Capitol II

#### **The Credential Framework for Elevating Quality**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this presentation is to explain the framework for the Tennessee Administrator Credential, discuss criteria to Apply for and Renew the Credential and use the Business Administrator Scale to focus on research-based practices.

**Presenters:** *Melissa Fleck* TSU TECTA Regional Administrator Credential Specialist, Norma Mason TECPAC Program Manager  
Knoxville

#### **The Silent Killer**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to help participants recognize Instant Stress Busters; Learn Sleeping tips/exercises and focus on individually feeling calm and in control.

**Presenter:** *Wardell Seals, Jr.*; President/CEO Heartbeat-CPR  
Chattanooga

#### **Be A Professional Play Technician**

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Memphis

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### Friday Session 5

3:00- 4:00

#### **Providing Safe Sleep Saves Lives**

**Workshop Objective:** Participants will learn how to help to reduce the risks of SIDS, Suffocation, and accidents during sleep; Discover the risk factors for children during naptime; Know the Power of Quality Care; Understand the impact of safe sleep on families

**Presenters:** *Rhonda Middleton*; Infant Toddler Specialist CCR&R Upper Cumberland  
Cumberland

#### **What Does That Mean?**

**Workshop Objective:** The participants will actively participate in discussions to help clarify how best practices for family child care settings are incorporated into the FCCERS-R Environment Rating Scale.

**Presenters:** *Heather Wallace*, Assessment Anchor; *Angie Henson*, Assessment Anchor; *Cheri Lindsley*, TECTA Assessment Anchor, *Jan King*, Assessment Anchor, and *Briana Jimenez*, CCR&R Assessment Anchor  
Capitol I

#### **Simple Science Activities**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to offer assistance/guidance for family childcare providers working to provide quality science experiences in a mixed-aged group setting. Meeting the needs of multi-age groups can be challenging. Through interaction and sharing, providers can become empowered with knowledge about inexpensive ways to meet the needs of children enrolled in our programs.

**Presenter:** *Annette Bishop* Proprietor of Ms Nette's Family Child Care Home, Ethridge, TN, NAFCC Accredited Provider & TOPSTAR Mentor  
Capitol II

#### **Early Literacy: Cultural Sensitivity and Diversity in Families**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this presentation is to give providers ideas and book titles that they can use in their homes to help children in their language and cultural development.

**Presenters:** *Kathy Ennis* Infant Toddler Specialist; Middle Tennessee; Signal Centers and CCR&R Network  
Knoxville

#### **Charting Your Professional Journey**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this presentation is to (1) inform participants of education and training trends; (2) Analyze Tennessee education and training expectations versus national perspectives-future and (3) Create professional development plan for future use.

**Presenter:** *Katari Coleman* TECTA Program Director  
Chattanooga

#### **Using the TN-ELDS and Assessments for Learning**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this session is to explore using the TN-ELDs, discuss and provide ideas for documenting learning

**Presenter:** *Lin Venable*, TECTA Assistant Director  
Memphis

**GOLD STAR BANQUET**

**Friday Night 6:00-10:30**

**Capitol I & II Ballrooms**

SATURDAY

SESSIONS

OVERVIEW



**Saturday Opening Session; 8:00-9:30 Cumberland Room**  
**Keynote Speaker, Tennessee Voices for Children's,**  
**Paul Coggins**  
**"Being Happy Traveling Life's Highway"**

**CONFERENCE SESSIONS OVERVIEW**  
 Presentation Objectives

**Saturday Session 1**  
**9:45-10:45**

**Move It or Lose It**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective is to fight obesity in young children. We will provide activities and ideas to promote moving and exercise for young children.

**Presenters:** *Tabitha Hall* and *Pati Hardy* Baxter and Sparta, TN FCC Providers & TOPSTAR Mentors  
 Cumberland

**Short Multicultural Flannel Board Stories**

**Workshop Objective:** the objective of this workshop is to share with other providers, ways to use multicultural ideas in their daycares with simple little flannel board story. We will have a short make and take activity of the story for each childcare home attending this session.

**Presenter:** *Anne Buckner* Warren County Association for the Education of Young Children Treasurer & Family Child Care Provider McMinnville, TN & TOPSTAR Protégé.  
 Capitol I

**How to Form a Successful Support Group in Remembrance of Diane Morgan**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to help other providers develop support groups that meet the needs of providers in their area.

**Presenter:** *Patricia Gibson*, S.P.I.C.E. Ladies, Patricia Gibson, President & TOPSTAR Mentor  
 Capitol II

**Exploring Books with Feelings**

**Workshop Objective:** Help providers understanding "Emotional Intelligence"; Give providers idea to use in their classroom to help children control their behavior through books and reading activities.

**Presenters:** *Michelle Ciapponi*, TECTA Specialist DSCC  
 Knoxville

**Winning with the CACFP**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to explain the importance of the CACFP and serving nutritious meals to children; teach providers more specific ways of record keeping that will save them time and money; demonstrate the use of online claiming and other useful insights; raise awareness about CACFP and its benefits for child care providers.

**Presenter:** *Philip Hester*; President of Our Daily Bread of Tennessee, Inc.  
 Chattanooga

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 Memphis

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11:00-12:00

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**Presenter:** *Natalie Wade*; Owner/Operator of Mrs. Natalie's Childcare; Paris, TN & TOPSTAR Mentor  
Cumberland

#### Successfully Working with Families

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this presentation is to share ideas of the importance of having pictures, lesson plans, calendars, children artwork, displayed on bulletin boards or photo albums for parents to view.

**Presenter:** *Connie Ferguson* Memphis Family Child Care Provider and TOPSTAR Mentor  
Capitol I

#### How to be Family Child Care Provider and *Live Like a Millionaire* \$\$

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to provide information for the management side of family child care business; Success on the management program side. The goal is to improve overall quality for FCC; the information covers financial management and understanding the insurance needs for a child care business.

**Presenter:** *John Governor* DCI Tennessee Representative  
Capitol II

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Knoxville

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Chattanooga

#### Cooking with Kids is Fun and Messy

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to explore cooking projects, children are experiencing how to work together to meet an accomplished goal (Social), measuring and estimating (math and science), reading a recipe or picture recipe (language) all while they are having fun! To top it all off they get something yummy to eat in the end.

**Presenter:** *Gayle Callis*; CCR&R; Cookeville  
Memphis

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN 12:00-1:30**

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### Saturday Session 3

1:45-2:45

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Cumberland

#### **Wait! Don't Toss That OUT!**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this presentation is to share ideas to make learning materials from trash. Why toss it out, when you can recycle and reuse items to create materials children will want to play with.

**Presenter:** *Brenda Conn and Carmen Davis* Nashville Family Child Care Provider Professionals & TOPSTAR Mentors  
Capitol I

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Capitol II

#### **Designing and Creating Natural Play Part I**

**Workshop Objective:** The participants will explore safe and inventive ways of designing their outdoor areas in ways that will encourage and promote child development, growth and learning; Participants will list components of environments and name ways in which they will maximize children's potential to learn while engaging in self - directed play.

**Presenters:** *Laura Stadtfeld*, Casper, Wyoming Family Child Care Provider  
Knoxville

#### **Organizing Your Records in Family Child Care**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this presentation is to provide ideas to create filing system and introduce tools that are available to make life easier for providers.

**Presenter:** *Michelle Taylor & Michelle Bowen*, Clarksville, TN Family Child Care Providers and TOPSTAR Mentors  
Chattanooga

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Memphis

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### Saturday Session 4

3:00-4:00

#### **Rediscovering Joyfulness: Defining the Keys in Your Life**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to engage participants to take a journey from the world of obligation into the land of opportunity to define joyfulness and redefine the keys in life.

**Presenter:** *Tracy Harper*; TSU TECTA Site Coordinator  
Cumberland

#### **School-Age Activities and Things to Do**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to share ideas that will utilize everyday items and converting them into craft projects school agers will enjoy creating.

**Presenter:** *Catrina Jackson* Lead Teacher/Educational Assistant at Open Hearts Home Care, Memphis, TN & TOPSTAR Protégé  
Capitol II

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Capitol I

#### **Designing and Creating Natural Play Part II**

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**Presenters:** *Laura Stadtfeld*, Casper, Wyoming Family Child Care Provider  
Knoxville

#### **Language is the Key**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this session is to: Learn & Practice a new, fun way of reading with children; Learn how important it is to read to children and the benefits of reading at least 20 minutes a day; Learn how reading together can strengthen family and caregiver relationships.

**Presenter:** *Shelly Gray*, Family Literacy Trainer, Books from Birth of Middle Tennessee & TOPSTAR Protégé  
Chattanooga

#### **Keeping Kids Safe: An Internet & Mobile Safety Workshop**

**Workshop Objective:** The objective of this workshop is to provide a clearer understanding of the issues kids are focusing; resources for providers/parents to better communicate with their children about making safer decisions; overview of technology to help providers/parents protect their children from predators and bullies and to help them manage their child's privacy and reputation online.

**Presenter:** *Dr. Kordie Green*; NAFCC Regional Rep Delegate  
Memphis

# CONFERENCE SESSIONS OVERVIEW

Presentation Objectives

**Saturday Session 5  
4:15-5:15**

## **ALL CONFERENCE SESSION...**

### **Let's Boogie! Moving with Books, Songs, and Props!**

Children were born to move noting that activity and movement helps kids develop not only their bodies, but also their brains, their ability to learn, and their social skills. It impacts not only physical development, but cognitive, social, and emotional development—the whole child. Movement and exercise for kids should be as much of a habit as brushing teeth daily—but more fun.

We will look at books, ideas and hear songs that promote moving.

During this session you **WILL** be moving!

YOUR LAST SESSION PRESENTER...

**LISA MADDOX-VINSON**

*Special Thanks to School Specialty for Sponsoring this ALL Conference Session!*

**Saturday Night Helper's Event  
And  
TFCCA Conference 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Birthday Bash**

