



Promoting Early Childhood

2020 Promoting Early Childhood Conference

March 3-5, 2020

[K1 Convention Center](#)

333 Main St, Green Bay, WI 54301

(As planning continues, information may be subject to change)

March 3: Pre-Conference All-Day Preconference Sessions	
8:00-4:30	<p>1 Nature-Based Education: Spend a day with fellow colleagues learning about how nature-based education can support learning for young children. <i>More information coming soon!</i></p> <p>2. Inclusive Education: The Ability to Learn Together: <i>Wisconsin DPI, Early Childhood Special Education Team</i></p> <p>This preconference session will provide interactive and reflective learning opportunities for teams to deepen their understanding of inclusive education. Participants will examine and enhance how programs, classrooms and activities are developed and designed so that all students participate and learn together. Schools, districts and programs are encouraged to attend as teams if possible.</p>
March 4: Main Conference Day One	
8:00-9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45-9:00	Conference Orientation: Welcome and Opening
9:00-10:30	Key Note Presentation: <i>Susan MacDonald, MEd</i> Inspiring New Perspectives
10:30-10:45	Break

10:45-11:00	WI DPI State Superintendent: Remarks Carolyn Stanford Taylor, DPI State Superintendent **Tentative	
11:00-11:15	Break	
11:15-12:30 Breakout Sessions	Key Note Break Out <i>Susan MacDonald</i>	12:00-5:00 Exhibits Open Courage to Explore and Play Space Learning Exhibits
	Articulating DAP Beyond a Handout <i>Lisa Jones</i>	
	You Gotta Have Friends: Using Peer Mediated Strategies to Support the Development of Friendship <i>Julie Betchkal & Carissa Kusilek</i>	
	Learning Continues At Home: Building Partnerships With Families <i>Bev Schumacher</i>	
	Play Based Learning Approaches <i>Katie Robertson</i>	
	Unlock the Mystery of Registry Training and Training Approval <i>Christine Moldenhauer</i>	
	Creating a Transformational Partnership Between a Wisconsin School District and a Theoretically-Based Early Childhood Curriculum: Implementation, Collaboration, and Data-Driven Decision Making <i>Giordana Cote</i>	
12:30-1:30	Lunch	
1:30-2:45	Caucus or Regional Sessions	
2:45-3:00	Break	

3:00- 4:15 Breakout Sessions	Play-Based Kindergarten <i>Sherry Stanczyk</i>	12:00-5:00 Exhibits Open Courage to Explore and Play Space Learning Exhibits
	Supporting Families with Intention: Using the PIWI Model to Promote Responsive Relationships <i>Amber Carlsrud & Julie Betchkal</i>	
	Universal Design for Learning in Early Childhood Settings <i>Sue Erickson & Catherine Daentl</i>	
	Cultural Humility as a Path To Equity <i>Jenna Finley</i>	
	Science: It's All About the Wondering! <i>Dr. Jennifer Koel</i>	
	Proactive Approaches to Supporting Children with Challenging Behaviors and Trauma Informed Practices <i>Sara Jane Lee</i>	
	Stepping Back: Using Video and Photos to Document Children's Learning <i>Carol Spoehr</i>	
4:45- 5:45	Topical Tapas	
March 5: Main Conference Day 2		
8:00- 9:00	Continental Breakfast Community Partner Exhibits Open Courage to Explore and Play Space Learning Exhibits Open	
8:45- 9:30	Morning General Session	

9:30-9:45	Break	
9:45-11:00 Breakout Sessions	Teaching Play: Strategies for Teaching Play when Play Doesn't Come Naturally <i>Heather Luecke</i>	9:30-2:00
	Building Reflective and Supportive Communities to Support your Youngest Learners <i>Jenny Durand</i>	
	Early Learning in the Digital Age <i>Janice Mertes & Chad Kliefoth</i>	Community Partner Exhibits Open
	Our Journey with PTR-YC <i>Jennifer Willoughby</i>	
	The Power of PLAY in a 4K/5K Looping Classroom <i>Cathy Boldger</i>	
	New Approaches to Math in a 4K Program <i>Pam Kugi and Sarah Hapeman</i>	
All Students Socially and Emotionally Competent: Supporting Development Through Play **Double Session <i>Amy Alt</i>	Courage to Explore and Play Space Learning Exhibits	
11:00-11:15	Break	
11:15-12:30	Caucus or Regional Sessions	
12:30-1:30	Lunch	

1:30 2:45 Breakout Sessions	Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Toolbox or Young Children Promoting Social Emotional Competence for Our Youngest Learners <i>Jen Kalis</i>	9:30-2:00
	The Importance of Play in 4K: Using the ECERS-3 to Boost Play-Based Learning Environments <i>Sherry Stuart & Jenny Sweeny</i>	Community Partner Exhibits Open
	Mathematize Your Class: A Collaborative Research and Professional Learning Series <i>Kathryn Boonstra</i>	
	Making and sustaining change: Thinking and planning for high quality through Leadership Teams <i>Suzette Preston</i>	
	Meaningful Play: Look at Me Learning! <i>Terryl Wheelock</i>	Courage to Explore and Play Space Learning Exhibits
	Connecting With Families through School-to-Home Nature Activities <i>Nicole Filizetti</i>	
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PEC Registration Information: *Registration Closes on February 17, 2020*

Pre-Conference **only** (3/3/20) \$100

Main PEC Conference **only**, two days (3/4/20 & 3/5/20) \$200

Pre-Conference **and** Main Conference, three days (3/3/20-3/5/20) \$250

Note: Participants may **not register for two days and choose to attend the Pre-Conference and only one day of the Main Conference.*

Two-day registration is for the Main Conference only.

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Hyatt Regency Room Block Information: State rate of \$82 (exclusive of taxes and service fees) until **February 10, 2020**. Use event name: *Promoting Early Childhood 2020 Conference*.
Phone-920-432-1234 or Online-Hyatt.com

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