Keynote Speaker:

Happiness Starts with Gratitude

Energy and passion for gratitude, creates a message that any life, however difficult, can be lived to the fullest by utilizing several simple steps every day. Using gratitude principles, we will learn to successfully fend off negative forces that work against us and create a very positive and healthy set of coping skills. A message of healthy coping mechanisms to empower you every single day to deal with whatever life challenges come your way.

David George Brooke

David George Brooke has been a speaker, teacher, coach and bestselling author. David delivers a message of hope through the power of living a life with gratitude. The author of "The Brooker’s Daily Gratitude Journal" and co-author of "Ready, Aim, Captivate", he is considered a leading authority on gratitude and how living a life of gratitude can enhance and empower your life.

Pre-registration fee: $50.00
Walk-in Registration: $60.00
(Reimbursement through MERIT may be available.)

Reminders:

We are unable to provide child care. You will need to make other arrangements for your children. We can only accommodate those who have paid to attend the conference. If you have someone driving you, please arrange to meet them after the conference.

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Keynote Speaker: 8:45am - 9:45am

Morning Session: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Infant Toddler: How Our Perceptions Influence Our Reactions — Jenna Peterson, Fajar Farimin & Bernie Dunlap, Level 1-4

In this workshop we will reflect on our own past, temperament styles and arousal levels. We will use this information to help guide us to become more attuned with ourselves and our children we serve.

Creating Positive Interactions with Parents and Caregivers — Karen Summers, Level 1-3

Participants will identify things that make conversation more effective and analyze a personal conflicted conversation for the 4 disconnects. Participants will also look at times and ways they can connect positively with parents and families.

Understanding & Managing the Generations — Linda Crisalli, Level 4-5

Early Childhood Education providers range in age from late teens to mid-70’s. Learn about the different generations and insightful ways to manage different age groups to improve communication, support teambuilding and implement effective training techniques.

FLIP IT! — Courtney Nolen-Viducich, Level 3

Are you interested in supporting the social and emotional development of young children and reducing their instances of challenging behavior? FLIP IT! is a strategy that offers a simple, kind, strength-based, commonsense and effective four step process to address children’s day-to-day challenging behavior.

Badaboom Badabim!: Integrating Movement through Storytelling and Dance — Daniel Perez-Gibson, Level 1-3

We will explore the cognitive and emotional benefits of movement for both the child and the teacher utilizing storytelling to provide cultural context. The book Badaboom Badabim! by Daniel Gibson-Perez, will be used for teachers to create and develop their own stories and practice.

Lunch and Raffle Prizes12:00pm - 12:45pm

Networking Session 12:45pm-1:45pm

Networking with Reflective Practice—Michelle Roberts

A time to share and learn with others, and make connections with your community. 1 STARS hour

Afternoon Session: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Infant Toddler: Enhancing Social Emotional Awareness within Children and Ourselves — Jenna Peterson & Bernie Dunlap, Level 2-4

We will explore tangible strategies to decrease stress in children and increase cooperation through understanding developmental capabilities and social emotional competencies of children at various ages.

Raising Resilient Children: It’s For Their Health and Yours — Sue Ferguson, Level 3-5

Resilience is about ‘bouncing back’ and positive emotions or resiliency is directly tied to our immune function and health. Learning skills that help children build resiliency and strengthening our own resiliency helps to prepare for future challenges.

Creating a Healthy Organizational Climate — Courtney Nolen-Viducich, Level 3

This session looks closely at how dimensions of organizational climate help shape the quality of work life for staff.

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Mind and Body: Holistic Learning through Movement — Trudy Mossop, Level 3

Exploring mind-body connections and various strategies for incorporating meaningful movement into young children’s daily care and education. Focus on executive function skill development, sensory exploration and yoga practice.