JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE
FAMILY CHILD CARE CONFERENCE 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
PRESENTED BY
PARTNERSHIPS FOR EARLY LEARNERS

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Welcome to Journey to Excellence: Family Child Care Conference. Connecting and collaborating with like-minded family child care providers is the perfect way to continue your journey to providing high-quality early care and education services from your home to the children and families in your community.

To take a journey means that you will travel a course, perhaps from one place to another. What has your journey in family child care been? Who has joined you in your journey? We hope that this conference supports your journey by providing new ideas on ways to best care and educate the children in your programs, as well as building a network of support.

Today, you will find a variety of engaging, exciting chances to learn and have fun! Our planning committee has worked very hard to ensure that we've incorporated your suggestions and professional development needs in the selection of presenters. You can choose from sessions covering better business practices, family engagement, meaningful curriculum planning, and health and wellness. As you increase your knowledge and expand your professional community, you make it possible for Indiana to advance quality in early care and education.

Sincerely,

Kim Rule
Conference Chair
Manager of Family Child Care Program Support
Partnerships for Early Learners

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9:00 A.M.  WELCOME  |  GRAND BALLROOM

9:15 A.M.  SESSION 1
Family Child Care Cafe
Kim Rule and the Partnerships for Early Learners Team | Grand Ballroom

10:15 A.M.  SESSION 2
You’re an Entrepreneur: Let’s Build Sustainable Business Practice
Sarah MacInnis | Salon 1/2
Time for Lunch: Family Style Dining
Marta Fetterman and Rebecca Heerdt | Salon 3
Follow the Child’s Lead! Child-Centered Lesson Planning
Heather Bernt | Salon 6/7

11:30 P.M.  BREAK & VENDORS

11:45 P.M.  LUNCH AND KEYNOTE
ERIN RAMSEY  |  GRAND BALLROOM

1:30 P.M.  BOOK SIGNING
This is a brief break and opportunity for you to purchase one of Erin’s books at a discounted price, as well as have her sign your book in person!
Erin Ramsey

2:00 P.M.  SESSION 3
Marketing Your Family Child Care Business
Kirsten Eamon-Shine | Salon 1/2
The Best Possible Care for Babies
Tracy Johns | Salon 3
Partners! Families and You!
Lenore Friedly | Salon 6/7

3:30 P.M.  SESSION 4
Messy Art without the Mess!
Kelly Bradbury | Salon 1/2
Toddlers Sometimes Bite - and Other Challenging Parent Conversations
Carrie Murphy | Salon 3
Putting it Together: Planning for a Multi-Age Group
Vicki Lehman and Lori Oliver | Salon 6/7
Erin will inspire and rejuvenate through stories, photos and tools based on six choices everyone can make to brighten up their life to brighten up the world. Her address is full of humor and offers realistic and relevant tools to help you go from depleted to self considerate, afraid to courageous, stressed to joyful, judgmental to compassionate, exhausted to grateful and distracted to present.

Erin has worked in the non-profit sector for over two decades, beginning her career as a family child care provider. She served as executive director of a child care resource and referral agency for twelve years and later the director of early childhood for the third largest urban school district in Indiana. She also led Indiana’s statewide marketing initiative for families and the quality rating and improvement system.

Currently, she works for a national nonprofit working to bring research to people that they can use in their everyday lives. In addition, Erin is the author of Be Amazing: Tools for Living Inspired and Be Amazing Workbook. She founded a movement to bring women together to dream big and build authentic friendships via the POW WOWs. Erin speaks to audiences all over the world to empower and inspire others to use their gifts and talents for their greatest contributions.

Erin’s undergraduate degree in Child Development and Psychology is from California State University at Sacramento. She earned a Master of Science in Public Service Administration from the University of Evansville.
SESSION ONE 9:15 AM

FAMILY CHILD CARE CAFE | GRAND BALLROOM
KIM RULE AND THE PARTNERSHIPS FOR EARLY LEARNERS TEAM

Providers please join this wonderful networking opportunity! You will have the opportunity to work in small groups, share your personal journey to family child care and gather new ideas to add to your important work with children and families.


SESSION TWO 10:15 AM

YOU’RE AN ENTREPRENEUR: LET’S BUILD SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES | SALON 1/2
SARAH MACINNIS, BUSINESS OWNERSHIP INITIATIVE

Participants will be introduced to free and low-cost business resources designed to help support, sustain and grow their child care home. They will engage in exercises they can use to streamline business operations and improve the financial health of their business.

CKC6 CKC7 | Effective Business Practices

TIME FOR LUNCH, FAMILY STYLE DINING | SALON 3
MARTA FETTERMAN AND REBECCA HEERDT, TAKING STEPS TO HEALTHY SUCCESS, PARTNERSHIPS FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Meal time can be learning time! Family style dining is a great way to enjoy meal time with your kids. Let’s talk about how we can build healthy eating habits, vocabulary, manners and community during meals and snack time. You will come away with tips and techniques, as well as an understanding of how family style dining can enhance your interactions with children and their families.

CKC2 | Health and Wellness

FOLLOW THE CHILD’S LEAD! CHILD-CENTERED LESSON PLANNING | SALON 6/7
HEATHER BERNT, THE EARLY CHILDHOOD NERD

Every day in our work with young children, we have a choice. We can choose to do the same things over and over again...or we can choose to see the magic and depth behind children’s drive to learn. This session will help you move from planning adult-oriented themes to incorporating your observations of children to plan a child-led environment.

CKC3 CKC4 | Educational Best Practices
SESSION THREE 2:00 PM

MARKETING YOUR FAMILY CHILD CARE BUSINESS | SALON 1/2
KIRSTEN EAMON-SHINE, EARLY LEARNING INDIANA

In this session, we will explore how highlighting your program's unique qualities can boost enrollment and decrease turnover. You will also learn a bit about how families find care today and how your marketing efforts can connect with those pathways. By using market insights and your program's special assets, you can help families find you - and help them market your program too!
CKC7 | Effective Business Practices, Family Engagement and Positive Relationships

THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE FOR BABIES | SALON 3
TRACY JOHNS, THE CHILD CARE RESOURCE NETWORK

Understanding the stages of child development are crucial when we include infants and toddlers into family child care programs. In this session we will focus on child development ages and stages for children birth—3 years old. We will also learn ways to incorporate developmentally appropriate toys and activities for our younger learners.
CKC1 | Educational Best Practices, Health and Wellness

PARTNERS! FAMILIES AND YOU! | SALON 6/7
LENORE FRIENDLY, EARLY LEARNING INDIANA

Children have better outcomes now and in the future when we partner with families. Let's look at what family engagement really means to you as a family child care provider. How you can offer more meaningful experiences? What tools are available to support this practice? In this session you will learn how to focus on your families’ strengths and discover that building relationships is much easier than you thought!
CKC5 | Family Engagement and Positive Relationships

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SESSIONS

SESSION FOUR  3:30 PM

MESSY ART WITHOUT THE MESS!  |  SALON 1/2
KELLY BRADBURY, CREATIVE CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS
Visual arts are essential to early education, teaching children communication and flexible thinking skills. But the question remains: how can we provide meaningful art experiences without creating a giant mess?! It is possible! In this workshop you will learn easy, affordable ways incorporate art into your daily schedule.
CKC4 | Educational Best Practices

TODDLERS SOMETIMES BITE - AND OTHER CHALLENGING PARENT CONVERSATIONS  |  SALON 3
CARRIE MURPHY, EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE
One of the most difficult challenges in early care and education is talking with parents about sensitive topics. Issues like biting, hitting, toilet training, developmental delays and learning through play often lead to a breakdown in communication and even to families withdrawing from the program. This session offers tips on combining research, resources, empathy and humor to strengthen parent-caregiver relationships.
CKC1 CKC3 | Educational Best Practices, Family Engagement and Positive Relationships, Health and Wellness

PUTTING IT TOGETHER: PLANNING FOR A MULTI-AGE GROUP  |  SALON 6/7
VICKI LEHMAN, CHILD CARE ANSWERS
LORI OLIVER, A BLESSED CHILD, LEVEL 3 FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME
Don’t let lesson planning get you frazzled! Join this session where you will explore the art of lesson planning for a multi-age group. We will discuss the different tools you need to create high-quality, multi-age lesson plans. You will even have the opportunity to create an actual lesson plan. Let’s get planning!
CKC4 | Educational Best Practices
INDIANA CORE KNOWLEDGE AND COMPETENCIES

Please note the descriptions and Core Knowledge and Competencies (CKC) listed for each presentation when choosing which session to attend. There is a wide range of content from which you may choose.

**CKC1.** Child and Youth Growth and Development  
**CKC2.** Health, Safety and Nutrition  
**CKC3.** Observation and Assessment  
**CKC4.** Learning Environment and Curriculum  
**CKC5.** Family and Community Engagement  
**CKC6.** Leadership and Professionalism  
**CKC7.** Organizational Development and Administration