

2018 Early Childhood Conference



**Celebrating Early Learning,
Child Care Providers, Early
Childhood Professionals,
Families and Caregivers**

Date: April 21st, 2018

Place: First Southern Baptist Church, 1101 S. Albany in Yuma

Time: 8:00 am to 4:15 pm

Cost: Early Bird Registration \$30 (register by April 9th, 2018).
Registrations after April 9th- \$35

Includes lunch and 6 hours of continuing education

For more information contact Claudia 970-360-9099
or email cstrait@eccywk.org



~ KEYNOTE ~

Jedd Hafer

PAYING ATTENTION- INTENTIONALLY MEETING A POWERFUL HUMAN NEED

We've all seen and heard kids (and other humans) acting out to "get attention". But What's really going on with this need and how can we meet it in healthy ways? Jedd will share practical actions adults can take to meet this important need and the powerful results that are produced when we strategically pay attention.

For more than 20 years Jedd Hafer has worked with severely troubled youth in treatment centers and alternative schools where he has witnessed time after time the effectiveness of Love and Logic skills. Jedd is a father of four kids, two who are adopted out of the foster care system. His experience with challenging kids fuels his flair for training professionals and parents. He has presented to schools and organizations in 42 states and 5 countries As a former touring professional comic, Jedd's presentations are always filled with humor and passion, blending his own hilarious style with solid Love and Logic techniques. Check out his latest webinar, Love and Logic Strategies for Kids with Hurtful Pasts and his latest books 'The Pocket Grandpa' & 'The Pocket Teacher'.

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LOOK WHAT WILL ALSO BE AT THE CONFERENCE!

- SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
- PAMPERED CHEF
- DISCOVERY TOYS
- KODO KIDS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION 1 WORKSHOP 10:15-11:45

☐ **CHOICES AND SHARED CONTROL- Jedd Hafer**

The art of offering choices that work for us and empowering young kids to become good decision-makers. Keynote speaker Jedd Hafer will share about the art of offering choices that work for us and empowering young kids to become good decision-makers. The need to feel some control is a powerful driver of all human behavior. These strategies will help you recognize and meet control needs in healthier ways.

☐ **USING THE 3 R's TO TEACH ABOUT ENVIRONMENT-**

Darlene Blackford- Children grow up in a world of "stuff" and enormous waste. Let's teach children a better way. This workshop provides simple but practical strategies for "reducing" "reusing" and "recycling" that are fun and teach good environmental stewardship. *"The earth does not belong to us – we belong to the earth".*

☐ **TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH-Erin Pounds and Amy Nation-**

This session covers how to be trauma-informed when working with children and families. We will focus on how to approach certain difficult situations, how to be mindful of trauma and how to provide adequate supports for children in your care. We will examine the basic concepts of the trauma-informed approach, and practice how to change the way we view children and families while supporting healthy development and building positive relationships.

☐ **THE LANGUAGE OF SCIENCE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS- Adrienne Sedlak**

Enhance your science practice and engage your youngest learners. You don't need to wear a white lab coat to be a scientist. For infants and toddlers, science is a part of their natural curiosity and exploration. Training materials promote natural exploration and scientific discovery. You will learn strategic ways to engage infants and toddlers in science and key methods for incorporating scientific language in your program or classroom. Come prepared to push your current understandings of science and learn ways to encourage the next generation of scientists.

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SESSION 2 WORKSHOPS 1:00 to 2:30 PM

☐ IF YOU CAN'T SING GOOD, SING LOUD-Debbie Clement-

Get UP! Get Active!! Get Moving!!! Come learn simple songs and dances that are based on active movement. Learn the choreography that brings the dances to life. Patterns and sequences that scaffold upon each other. Cross the midline with your feet! Build group cohesion through shared dancing experience. Let's MOVE!

☐ I'VE GOT THE BEAT IN ME! -Darlene Blackford-

In the womb, we hear the beat of our mother's heart and throughout our lives, we are wired in to "the beat". What kinds of activities can we do to tap into this natural rhythm of life? This workshop focuses on all kinds of clapping, stamping, moving activities that engage and enliven the classroom, and the spin-off into reading, rhyming, poetry and songs that enhance literacy.

☐ MOVING BEYOND BIG AND LITTLE: MATH LANGUAGE FOR TODDLERS- Adrienne Sedlak-

Your math practice and engage your youngest learners. "I'm not good at math," is a phrase we often hear from colleagues and friends. Embrace math language in the toddler classroom and explore ways to incorporate math throughout your program. Learn how books and literacy are essential tools for encouraging math language in the classroom. It's never too early to encourage the next generation of mathematicians and to learn how to be mathematicians ourselves.

☐ PYRAMID- SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL FOR PRESCHOOLERS- Kerri Horton-

The Pyramid Model includes evidenced-based teaching practices and intervention approaches that promote children's social emotional development or are effective at addressing changing behavior.

~FOOD FOR THOUGHT ~

~Breakfast~

Light breakfast- donuts-muffins-coffee

~Lunch~

Catering from On The Green- Hawaiian Chicken- Rice- Salad- Vegetable

~Afternoon Snack~

Afternoon snack will be donated and provided by Colorado Christian University

SESSION 3 WORKSHOPS—2:45– 4:15

□ **CLAP, SNAP, RAP: GET YOUR BRAIN ON TAP-**

Debbie Clement- Our brains are responsive when songs are all about the BEAT! The songs selected for this workshop have a common denominator of a driving beat. It is the rhyme and meter within each song that gets the lyric to 'snap' into your memory through repetition and anticipation. The choreography moves and grooves, building a stronger group dynamic over time, and you are likely to hear, "Do it AGAIN!"

□ **USING STORIES AND DRAMATIC PLAY TO ENHANCE LITERACY-Darlene Blackford**

The workshop shows teachers and others many strategies to help children be an active part of the story-telling experience using props, puppets, and costumes. Throughout, we'll discuss how these techniques can be used to practice literacy skills.

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□ **NURTURING PARENTING- Jennifer Deam-** The Nurturing Parenting Programs are a family-centered trauma-informed initiative designed to build and enhance nurturing parenting skills.

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PRESENTER INFORMATION

~Debbie Clement~



Debbie Clement brings a patchwork quilt of experience to all of her performances, from concert and stage to staff development. With over Thirty years of experience working with children, she has been a classroom teacher, an administrator, and now serves as a consultant for her company "Rainbows Within Reach." The Arts are Debbie's passion and she weaves her love of music and movement together with storytelling, humor, sign language, and vivid, visual props and music programs for young children with special needs. Her experience serving adverse population of children informs all of her presentations. She has written and recorded nine CDs of original songs for children. These songs are appreciated in schools, libraries, and homes across the country and are known happily as "Debbie's Ditties." Debbie now travels as author/illustrator, having translated her songs *You're Wonderful*, *Tall Giraffe*, and *Red, White and Blue* into bold, graphic picture books. She chose to underscore the text of each with playful, graphic 'quiltlets' of color. Sign language charts & music notation are included to support the text. Her first nationally award winning project is a music DVD entitled: "Kweezletown: Let's Work Together", an hour-long visual format of her first songs brought to life with puppets, props and animation. This work has been awarded national recognition from the Dove Foundation with their "Family Approved" seal. Ms. Clement presents programs through the Greater Columbus Arts Council's Artist-in-the-Schools program. She has long been associated with Very Special Arts and the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Debbie continues her travels around the world and sang with our troops & their children for a celebration of Month of the Military Child across Germany and Italy. She also performed and toured in Reggio Emilia, Italy!

~Adrienne Sedlak~



Adrienne Sedlak is the Outdoor Learning Specialist and Trainer at Qualistar and works on the Early Childhood Health Outdoors (ECHO) Initiative to bring naturalized outdoor learning environments to early childhood programs across the state in partnership with the National Wildlife Federation and the Natural Learning Initiative. Adrienne also worked with the Plains Conservation Center and has worked as a preschool teacher for Teach for America and for Aurora Public Schools. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy and Environmental Science and a Master of Education: Curriculum and Instruction

~Erin Pounds~

Erin Pounds is the Early Childhood Specialist for Centennial Mental Health Center in Fort Morgan. She began her career at Centennial in January of this year. Her father was in the military so she moved around quite a bit while she was growing up, living in Louisiana, Texas, and Germany. She enjoys being involved in the community and experiencing different cultures. She has lived in the Fort Morgan area since she was eleven and has always had a love for Eastern Colorado. She has worked in early childhood for about twelve years, working in childcare centers and as a preschool teacher



PRESENTER INFORMATION

~Darlene Blackford~



Darlene Blackford, educator movement-education specialist, has worked with thousands of children in the area of movement-education and dance. She has developed and implemented practical and fun strategies that encourage children to learn math, science, literacy, and social skills through interactive movement-dance. Drawing from a rich and diverse background, this instructor has taught biology, nutrition, fitness-wellness, and dance as well as teacher-education classes. Her teaching experience includes all ages from preschool to adult, including classroom experience in middle school, high school, and junior college settings. In addition, Darlene has extensive teacher-training and workshop presenter experience. She was selected Otero Junior College Faculty of the Year (1998) and Adjunct Faculty of the Year (2017). Mrs. Blackford holds a B.S. in Biological Science Education from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, CO and an M. Ed – *Integrated Arts in the Curriculum* from Lesley University, Cambridge, Mass.

~AMY NATION~

Amy Nation is an Early Childhood Specialist with Centennial Mental Health. She has a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood development and working on her Masters in Family Science. She has worked over 20 years in several different ECS fields; like Head Start, Migrant Head Start, Director, Child development specialist. She currently provides services in Morgan and Logan counties to children from birth to 5 years old. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her grandkids, cooking and reading.



~Kerri Horton~



Kerri Horton is the Yuma County coordinator and parenting educator for BABY bear hugs home visiting program. She has been in this position since November 2016. Prior to 2016, Kerri worked at Rural Communities Resource Center where she provided assistance to families in our communities. She is trained to teach Bridges out of Poverty and Pre-K Pyramid Social and Emotional.

~Jennifer Deam~

Jennifer Deam is the Program Supervisor for Baby Bear Hugs. Before this role, Jennifer's work in Early Childhood included many other roles within Baby Bear Hugs; including, County Coordinator and Parenting Educator.



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Smile— to make a positive deposit to your brain.

Laugh— to transfer your positive deposit from your brain to your soul.

Breathe In...Exhale! To continuously enjoy the dividends that smiling and laughing delivers to your heart.

REGISTRATION FORM

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 9TH
ALL REGISTRATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 16TH

Name: _____
Program Name (If Appropriate): _____
Address: _____
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**~ PLEASE INDICATE WHAT SESSION YOU WILL ATTEND
CHOOSE ONLY ONE PER SESSION~**

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**AGENDA AT A
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REGISTRATION &
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KEYNOTE—8:30 AM
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LUNCH 12:00 PM
SESSION 2 — 1:00 PM
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