



Friday, June 13, 2014, 11:30 – 1:00
Pre-Conference Informational Lunch
And ALFCCA membership meeting
State of Family Child Care
Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)
Early Head Start Opportunities
Ticket required upon entrance. (\$18 boxed lunch)
1 hr CCPF (DHR); (Core); (CDA)

Have you heard about all the alphabet soup? ALFCCA QRIS EHS and on and on! Interested in learning about decisions being made at the state level that could affect your business? Then this special pre-conference lunch session is for you! Come learn about what all of these things mean and how you can be a part of the excitement and progress taking place. The Alabama Family Child Care Association will provide its annual update to current and potential members followed by an introduction to the upcoming Quality Stars program (QRIS). Find out what the QRIS is and why you will want to be a part of it. Last but certainly not least, participants will learn about a wonderful proposal being made to expand Early Head Start in our state and include family child care providers in the process. All family child care providers, assistants, supporters, and interested parties are welcome to attend this important meeting.

Friday, June 13
1:00 PM
Join us as we kick off our conference and
Investigate, Discover, and Explore together this weekend.
Everyone is welcome to our opening event!

The Silent Auction, 50-50 Raffle, and Grand Prize Entries
will begin during this session, so don't be late!

The Vendor/Exhibitor Hall will be open for business
immediately following our kick off.

Featured vendors include Books Are Fun, iCraft Boutique,
M.A.T.S., and Mixed Bag Designs.

Vendor vouchers will be available again this year but in limited supply
(for licensed providers and their verified assistants).
Must be used for childcare business supplies only.
Vendor voucher amounts will range from \$10 - \$50.
Please plan accordingly!

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

*Indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices
on the registration form.*

Friday 1:30 – 3:00

101 Loving for a Living: Cultivating Business Relationships in a Caring Profession

Presented by Julia Brazier, Director, Child Care Programs Legacy YMCA

Intermediate level; 1.5 hours in CCPF (DHR); PPD/MA (Core); 5/6 (CDA)

As family child care providers; we are a combination of business owner, surrogate moms or grandmothers, aunties, and friends. It can be a challenge to create and maintain an atmosphere of professionalism. This session will explore strategies and solutions for navigating this variety of caring roles and using sound business practices at the same time.

102 Building a Creative Curriculum

Presented by Clara Robertson, Accredited Family Child Care Provider

Intermediate level; 1.5 hours in CD/QCCL (DHR); CGD/LEE (Core); 1/2/3 (CDA)

By the end of this session, family child care providers will know the basics for building a curriculum in a hands-on learning environment. Child care providers will also know how to build developmentally appropriate curriculum specific to the appropriate developmental stage through creative, diverse, and challenging daily routines.

103 Babies Can't Wait

Presented by Barbara Wright, FCCP Mentor

Basic level; 1.5 hours in CD (DHR); CGD (Core); 1/2/3/8 (CDA)

Participants in this session will learn how to create and maintain healthy relationships and stimulating environments and programming through interactions and activities designed for infants and toddlers in their care and why this is so important. Information about offering a sensory-rich environment and the importance of being consistent in responses to babies will be given. *This workshop will include special materials provided by PNCBank sponsorship both during the session as well as a bonus module that will be mailed to you in July. *Space is limited to no more than 20 participants.*

Friday 3:15 – 4:45

201 Empowering Providers to Become Better Advocates for Children

Presented by Jessica Burgess and Kelly Mumper, Child Care Central

Intermediate level; 1.5 hours in CCPF (DHR); PPL (Core); 6 (CDA)

Ever wonder what you could do to become a better advocate for children? How do you know if your message is getting across to the right people? Can your voice be heard?

This interactive session will answer the questions, what is advocacy and what are the different types of advocacy. Additionally, participants will learn how to frame their message to capture their targeted audience's attention. Participants will receive an Early Childhood Advocacy Toolkit and other advocacy resources for attending this session.

202 The Power of Stories

Presented by Sabrina Robinson, Child Care Central

Intermeditate level; 1.5 hours in LD (DHR); LEE (Core); 2 (CDA)

Children love stories – that's a given. But did you know that adults, including teachers, teacher educators, and directors do too? Discover ways to enhance literacy skills by using storytelling/story acting as part of your family child care curriculum. It's quite a tale...one you won't want to put down.

203 Growing with Kids in the Garden Part Deux

Presented by Peter Miller, M. Ed., Owner, Family & Home Solutions

Intermediate level; 1.5 hours in CD/QCCL (DHR); CGD/LEE (Core); 2/8 (CDA)

Whether you attended last year or not, if you want to know more about gardening with the children in your program or just to supplement your own menus, this is the session for you! Gardening with children can help you meet many accreditation standards. Come investigate, discover, and learn as we grow in the garden! *This workshop will include special materials provided by PNCBank sponsorship. *Space is limited to no more than 20 participants.*



Accreditation Celebration!!

Friday, June 13 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Featuring Nikki Darling-Kuria

& Alabama's Accredited Providers

Ticket required upon entrance.

2 hrs CCPF (DHR); PPD (Core); 6 (CDA)



**Join us for dinner as we recognize and celebrate providers
who have achieved national accreditation and
those who are actively seeking accreditation in Alabama.**

When it comes to nurturing and supporting the development of young children, nothing has a greater impact than the close, caring relationship the child shares with her family child care provider. It's no coincidence then that relationships are the heart of NAFCC Accreditation. Providers who achieve this extraordinary standard of excellence offer children the best possible start in life through these close nurturing relationships. Join me to celebrating and honoring the dedicated professionals who have achieved NAFCC accreditation in Alabama.

This event sponsored by



AND



After Party at Ariccia Italian Trattoria & Bar

In the Hotel and Conference center; Cash Bar

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Saturday 8:00 – 9:30

301 Hooray for Health!

Presented by APT Staff, Alabama Public Television

Basic level; 1.5 hours HSUPN (DHR); HSUPN (Core); 1 (CDA)

This workshop will introduce you to the health curriculum guide, “Hooray for Health,” which was developed by a team of health experts and early childhood educators to help caregivers and children have fun exploring five important health themes: good nutrition and exercise, dental health, emotions, head lice, and asthma. Each unit in the guide includes background information, age-appropriate activities (some of which we will try), a book list, a featured Arthur show (and we also look at clips from other PBS Kids programs which teach lessons on health), and family activity sheets.

302 Age Appropriate Activities

Presented by Shea Thompson, Project Coordinator, United Cerebral Palsy of Central Alabama, Childcare Enhancement with a Purpose

Basic level; 1.5 hours CD (DHR); CGD (Core); 2/3 (CDA)

A general overview of child development through the infant, toddler and pre-school stages will be presented. Participants will explore using a developmental checklist to track development, plan activities and break down activities to address specific skill areas if needed. Lots of activities and some strategies for making activities work for mixed age groups and inclusive settings will be discussed and demonstrated.

303 Science Cents: Low Cost, No Cost for Science Exploration



Presented by Melinda Carlson, Accredited Provider

Intermediate level; 1.5 hours QCCL/CCPF (DHR); LEE /ICFC (Core); 2/4 (CDA)

This session will provide everyday Science ideas for toddlers and preschoolers using household, recycled, and low cost items. Participants will receive information for resources available to early educators as well as ideas for family involvement in early education programs using science themes. *This workshop will include special materials provided by PNCBank sponsorship. *Space is limited to no more than 20 participants.*

304 Let's Take It Outside!

Presented by Angela White, FCCP Mentor, & Robin Gruber, FCCP Provider in Process of Accreditation

Basic level; 1.5 hours HSUP/QCCL (DHR); HSUPN/LEE (Core); 1/2 (CDA)

Let's rethink your playground. How does your playground teach? Does it allow you to incorporate learning activities? In this session, participants will learn how to have a more inspiring outdoor play space, how to promote active outdoor play, how to set up a natural play space, health benefits of all natural play spaces, and more.

305 Books My Way or Your Way

Presented by Karan Vincent, Accredited Provider

Basic level; 1.5 hours QCCL/LD (DHR); LEE (Core); 2 (CDA)

Participants will learn how to make simple, colorful books for children of all ages using materials you have on hand. We will discuss the importance of literacy and explore pre-reading skills that can be promoted by using homemade books in your program. Learn what other skills children can practice and master by using these books.

BREAK (9:30 – 10:00)
Come visit our vendors and exhibitors!
Remember to get your 50-50 raffle tickets, BINGO CARDS, and
check on your silent auction bids!

WORKSHOP SESSIONS
Saturday 10:00 – 11:30

401 Eco-Healthy Child Care®

Presented by Laura Booth, Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Basic level; 1.5 hours in HSUP (DHR); HSN (Core); 1 (CDA)

The national award-winning **Eco-Healthy Child Care® Program** supports child care providers in reducing children's exposure to environmental health hazards. In this session, participants will receive a helpful checklist, useful samples, and will learn simple, low-cost steps you can take to protect children. Come learn how your program can become EHCC-endorsed.

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FEATURED PRESENTATION



The Importance of High Quality Experiences for Infant/Toddler Development

Presented by Nikki Darling-Kuria, Zero To Three

Intermediate level; 1.5 hours in CD/QCCL (DHR); CGD/LEE (Core); 2/3/8 (CDA)

At a scientific conference in 1940, British pediatrician Donald Winnicott declared, "There is no such thing as an infant." Meaning that a child does not exist without a caregiver. This idea emphasizes the important role adults play in the development of young children. Without adults to guide and nurture young children through meaningful early experiences, an infant will not be able to reach their full potential. This session will explore the important role that family child care providers play by offering high quality experiences that promote brain development and help children not only get ready for school, but ready for life.

403 Encourage "Little Scientists" with Hands On Investigation

Presented by Caroline Martin, Alabama Public Television

Basic level; 1.5 hours in QCCL (DHR); LEE (Core); 2 (CDA)

This workshop will introduce you to fun ways to engage the "Little scientists" in your classroom! Participants will identify and explore ways to build on young children's natural, everyday encounters with scientific concepts by providing science experiences that are visual, concrete, and relevant to the children's lives. Together, we will actively view programs from PBS Kids, explore books, and complete hands-on activities that support learning in three areas of science: weather, water, and the five senses.

404 Creative Movement Through Music and More

Presented by Gloria Sutton, FCCP Mentor with MaryAynne Miller

Intermediate level; 1.5 hours CD/QCCL (DHR); CGD/LEE (Core); 2/3/8 (CDA)

Participants in this session will learn new techniques for encouraging children to engage in active play. Adding movement to activities can support children's learning and help with behavior issues. Come play games, sing songs, and have fun with us. Be ready to move!

405 Getting in Order: The Power of Sequencing

Presented by Jessica Burgess & Kelly Mumper, Child Care Central

Intermediate level; 1.5 hours in CD/QCCL (DHR); CGD/LEE (Core); 2/8 (CDA)

Red, yellow, blue, red...what comes next? Teaching sequencing to early learners is important because logical order of thinking is fundamental to reading and everyday life. Participants will explore different types of sequencing from simple to complex and will receive several sequencing activities to use in their family child care setting.

Lunch with Leaders & Share Fair Displays

11:45 – 1:15

Ticket required upon entrance for food.

All questions for leaders must be written and submitted prior to the session.

To showcase your program on a display, submit "share fair" application.

Join the FCCP and ALFCCCA Leadership in a question and answer session over a buffet lunch! Do you have an issue or situation that has impacted your business or children in your care? Have a question about Accreditation? Curious about how and why FCCP program decision are made? Not sure who to tell or what to do about it? This is your time to ask questions, bring issues to the forefront, and get to know those involved in leadership activities on behalf of family child care in Alabama. To submit your question, be sure to follow instructions on the registration form!!

All-Conference Session

1:30 – 3:00 PM

**Join Us for Announcements, Recognitions,
Nikki Darling-Kuria, and more!**

**Don't be Late! Be here on time to get a chance to win
some great prizes!**

Saturday All Conference Keynote

1:30 – 3:00 PM



Infant/Toddler Brain Development with a Focus on Science Experiences

1.5 hrs CD/QCCL (DHR); CGD/LEE (Core); 2/3/8 (CDA)

Children are natural born explorers. From birth their brains are wired to seek out novelty and learn through their environment. Scientific exploration begins with a child's natural curiosity to discover how the world works. A learning environment that fosters exploration and discovery helps children hone their investigative skills and allows science to unfold through everyday learning experiences.

Come to the vendor hall immediately following this session to see the final door prize drawings, make your final 50/50 raffle ticket purchases and finish your SILENT AUCTION bids.

SHOPPING BREAK 3:00 – 3:30

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Saturday 3:30 – 5:00

501 Physiology and Stress: How a Caregiver's Reactivity Affects Children

**Presented by Julianne McGill, M. S., CFLE, Alabama Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Initiative
Basic level; 1.5 hours CD/HSUP/CCPF (DHR); CGD/HSN/PPD (Core); 1/3/6 (CDA)**

How can stress impact our ability to remain calm, reach out, and regulate ourselves to support our children's growth and development? This session will explore the background of physiology in relationships and how we can regulate our bodies to interact skillfully instead of reactively for the betterment of children's development.

502 Teaching via Themes: Why and How to Teach with Thematic Units to Young Children in a Multi-Age Setting

Presented by Amy Loyd, Accredited Provider

Basic level; 1.5 hours CD/QCCL (DHR); CD/LEE (Core); 2/8 (CDA)

We are learning to teach thematic units to young children in multi-age settings through understanding children's needs, interests, and developmentally appropriateness of materials.

503 No Time 4 Worksheets

Presented by Carol Samuel, Accreditation Specialist, Family Child Care Partnerships

Intermediate level; 1.5 hours in CD/QCCL (DHR); CGD /LEE (Core); 3/8(CDA)

The debate of whether to use worksheets with preschoolers is ongoing. This workshop will explore strategies that provide ways to demonstrate the progressive nature of children's learning, encourage divergent thinking and support the idea that children involved in play-based developmentally appropriate environments have NO TIME 4 WORKSHEETS. *This workshop will include special materials provided by PNCBank sponsorship. *Space is limited to no more than 20 participants.*

504 Understanding and Including Children With Autism

Presented by Shea Thompson, Project Coordinator, United Cerebral Palsy of Central Alabama, Childcare Enhancement with a Purpose

Intermediate level; 1.5 hours in CD (DHR); CGD/DIV (Core); 1/3 (CDA)

This presentation will offer participants a look into the world through the eyes of a child with autism and help them to discover adaptations and strategies for working with children with autism. Caregivers will gain a better understanding of ways to truly include children with autism in the home childcare setting.

505 What Do You Do with the Mad That You Feel?

Presented by Geneva King, FCCP Mentor.

Basic level; 1.5 hours in PDG (DHR); ICFC (Core); 3 (CDA).

What do you do with the mad that you feel? When you feel so mad you could bite? When the whole wide world seems oh, so wrong...And nothing you do seems very right? Come to this session to find out how to help children learn to manage their anger with Fred Rogers' timeless wisdom and these developmentally appropriate activities.

5:15 – 5:30

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRIZE DRAWINGS (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)

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