

31st Annual Early Childhood Conference

All of the sessions are approved for childcare licensing in Nebraska.

Children Are Our Business

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Divots

4200 West Norfolk Avenue

Norfolk, Nebraska

Cost: \$40

Brunch & Lunch Included in Registration

Payment must be received in the Extension Office by Friday, March 15, 2019
Registration is **not** complete without payment.

NOTE:
Location

Paid registrations must be received in the Nebraska Extension Office in Madison County to be registered for this conference must be received by Friday, March 15.

Walk-ins **will not** be accommodated. Must be pre-registered before the conference.

This conference provides 6 in-service hours for child care licensing, Rule 11, and CDA, and space is limited.
Vendor booths will be available.

Conference Schedule

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Early Childhood Conference

Vendors available during conference

Sponsored by these Northern Early Learning Connection Partnerships:

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Cari Ebert, M.S., CCC-SLP is a Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist in private practice in the Kansas City, Missouri area. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa in 1993 (Go Hawkeyes!) and her Master of Science degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1995 (Go Salukis!).

She has found her niche working exclusively with young children ages birth to five and their families. Cari firmly believes that early intervention is the key to future success and she has dedicated her professional career to helping young children achieve their maximum potential by partnering with parents and caregivers throughout the therapy process. Cari is a therapist, a consultant and a nationally recognized speaker who gets paid to do what she loves most...TALK!

Whether you are an early childhood educator or a pediatric therapist, you will benefit from the information provided in Cari's seminars. She has a unique perspective that sets her apart from other presenters: she has a son with autism and apraxia, which allows her to see things not only as a professional, but also as a parent of a child with special needs.

In direct therapy, Cari embraces the coaching model of service delivery and partners with parents to empower them to help their own child develop. When consulting with professionals, Cari provides individualized recommendations to support instructional programming for specific children. When presenting, Cari delivers evidence-based, clinically relevant information regarding the assessment and treatment of young children.

Join Cari as she explores important issues for enhancing the development of infants, toddlers and preschool age children...you'll be glad you took the time!

⇒ **8:00—“The Power of Play in a High Tech World”**

Young children learn best through play that is relevant and meaningful to their life, not through direct instruction, drill work, flashcards, or screen time. We have seen a societal trend in which young children spend more time playing indoors in front of a screen at home and more time learning indoors during adult-directed, academic-focused tasks in preschool. Technology and early academic expectations are creating a new kind of childhood for children being raised in the 21st century. Early childhood professionals must consider the ramifications of raising young children with developing brains and bodies in the unnatural absence of true play. While it is true that change is inevitable from generation to generation, the question we must pose and then answer is this: *Is true play worth preserving?* Join Cari as she discusses the power of play by examining the following topics: the developmental benefits of play, how high-tech toys are changing the dynamics of play, and the importance of relationship-based learning.

⇒ **9:30—Break**

⇒ **9:50-11:20— Continue “The Power of Play in a High Tech World**

⇒ **11:20-12:00—Lunch**

⇒ **12:00-3:00—More than the ABC’s and 123’s**

Our society pressures parents and early childhood professionals to begin preparing young children for school while they are still in diapers. The focus of “school readiness” is on select early academic readiness skills that may be easy to measure but fail to take into account other important considerations in a child’s development. In order to truly prepare young children for school, they will need to do more than memorize their letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. This course will outline the important differences between “school readiness” and “academic readiness” by examining seven key learning to learn behaviors.

31st Annual Early Childhood Conference Registration Form

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Deadline March 15th

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Name (**please print**) *Only one name per form, please. Additional copies may be made.*

(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Home Address _____
Street Address/Box City County State Zip

Home Phone (____)____ - _____ Work Phone (____)____ - _____

Cell Phone (____)____ - _____ Cell Phone Carrier _____

Email (Please **print** clearly) _____

Enclose Payment With This Registration Form

Conference Registration (Payment must be received in the
Extension Office by Friday, March 15) \$40 _____

NAEYC Membership ID # _____ \$35 _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Check Number _____ (make payable to University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

OR

Payment By Employer:

Employer Name and Address _____

****no registration confirmation will be given****

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due to our
facility contract,
we are not
able to
accommodate
food allergies”**

Conference **only** Questions:
Jeann Granstra, Department of Health &
Human Services, (402) 370-3126

Registration **only** Questions:
Pam Foltz, Nebraska Extension in Madison
County (402) 370-4040

**Lunch and Brunch
are included
in the Registration Fee**

Office use only

Date received _____
Check number _____
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Mail this form and check (made payable—University of Nebraska-Lincoln) to:

Nebraska Extension in Madison County, 1305 South 13th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701-6655

Registration is not complete until payment is received.

Space is limited, early registration is required.

Refunds will not be offered for cancelled registrations.

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