



REIMAGINING OUR FUTURE

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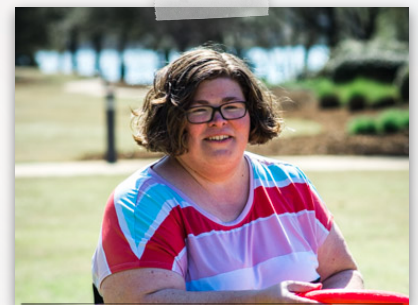


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7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL (TBA)

GENERAL SESSION 1
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
A MORE PLAYFUL ME

Keynote Speaker: Patty Stine

What would tomorrow be like if we took time to play today? As early childhood education professionals we encourage children to play every day because it helps them develop physical agility, problem solving skills, and social connection. Play provides these same benefits for adults. During this session we will explore the broad definition of play, methods of play adults can utilize and engage in some play too!



ENGLISH**A. Thinking Outside the Blocks****Patty Stine | CURR**

Children love to build because building is learning. Participants will learn how to select common and inexpensive materials and then place these things in the play environment to keep children building their intellectual ladder of success.

B. Community Resources and Family Engagement**Meghan Leach-Gwynn | COMM**

This training will identify the many levels of community and the resources available for the implementation of quality early childhood education programming. Participants will explore how to use these resources to engage and support the learning and growth of families within the early education program and their communities. Finally, providers will understand how both community resources and family engagement can be demonstrated within the Maryland EXCELS standards.

C. Financial Resiliency 101: Expense Tracking**Erica Young | PRO**

In this workshop, participants will learn how to use an expense tracker, created specifically for ECE providers, to maintain records, categorize spending and revenue, and highlight spending patterns or one-off events. Participants also walk away with concrete tools, custom designed specifically for the business aspects of ECE, as well as training videos for the providers to ensure comfort and ease of use.

D. Connecting Quality: Personal Pathways to Excellence for Family Child Care Providers**D. Christie Berkey | PRO**

Family Child Care Providers have unique professional development pathways to excellence in their programs. With the vast array of quality initiatives available, it can be difficult to navigate the different steps along the way to achieving quality standards. Providers will have the opportunity to discover the benefits of each quality initiative and discover the pathway to their individual professional development goals.

SPANISH | ESPAÑOL**SA. Diseño de Política de Manejo de la Conducta en Cuidado Infantil Familiar****Laura Jimenez Parra | PRO**

Este taller discutirá cómo redactar y diseñar la política de manejo de conducta que se necesita para satisfacer los requisitos de nivel 2 de Maryland EXCELS. Los proveedores de cuidado infantil familiar tendrán la oportunidad de compartir sus propias políticas de disciplina y comportamiento, así como hablar sobre sus experiencias con el proceso de diseño. Diálogo interactivo con los participantes también se enfocará en cómo conectar los estándares requeridos con las necesidades específicas de sus programas.



ENGLISH**E. Getting CLASSy with Maryland EXCELS****Vickie DiSanto | PRO**

This interactive workshop will explore the CLASS® (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) Observation tools and learn how Maryland EXCELS is using them.

F. The Bounce Back: Maneuvering Through Challenging Situations**Carlena Vaden | PRO**

Have you ever felt like giving up? Have you ever wondered how you were going to make it over / through a challenging situation? And the.... you get that since of motivation to keep going. What is that “since of motivation” and where did it come from? How do you thrive in the face of challenges? This session participant will engage in an exploration of resilience.

G. Bringing the WOW!**DJ Jensen & Jody Lamberti | CURR**

This session will teach you the tricks that we use to pump up the engagement and enthusiasm of learning every day. By looking at your children as partners rather than students, you will magically have additional creative support on your team. Our class will show you how to make any topic an engaging study, while giving your children experiences that touch on their interests and curiosities.

H. The Importance of Child Engagement in Play & Learning**Alan Guttman | CURR**

This workshop focuses on the importance of child engagement in play and learning. In this interactive session you will learn how to define and recognize when children are genuinely engaged with adults, peers, and materials in sophisticated play and learning. Join us as we view, analyze, and discuss videos of children engaged in daily activities to broaden and deepen your understanding of how best to support and promote child engagement in your program.

SPANISH | ESPAÑOL**SB. Resiliencia financiera 101: seguimiento de gastos****Paola Bonilla | PRO**

En este taller, los participantes aprenderán a usar un registro de gastos, creado específicamente para proveedores de ECE, para mantener registros, categorizar gastos e ingresos y resaltar patrones de gastos o eventos únicos. Los participantes también se van con herramientas concretas, diseñadas específicamente para los aspectos comerciales de ECE, así como videos de capacitación para los proveedores para garantizar la comodidad y la facilidad de uso.



ENGLISH**I. Goal-Setting for Continuous Quality Improvement****L'Ornya Bowie | PRO**

In this interactive workshop, participants will explore goals: what they mean, how to create and achieve them, and the various types relevant to early childhood professionals.

J. The It Factor – Becoming a Confident, Competent Business Leader**Robert Gundling & Jahi B. Davis, MBA | PRO**

During this highly interactive session, the participants will have the opportunity to write an effective description of their Family Child Care Business. This first section of a Business Plan begins to create the story of their business that captures the attention of Foundations and Lenders.

K. Program-wide Positive Behavior Support and Social Emotional Skill Development in Family Child Care Homes**Ashley Fehringer | CD**

The Pyramid Model for social emotional competence in infants and young children has been a corner stone for supporting children's social emotional development and providing positive behavior support in child care centers and public pre K for years. However, the application of the model looks different in a family child care home. If you are interested in learning about how the Pyramid Model can support the social emotional and behavioral needs of children in your family child care home than this session is for you! In the session we will review key principles of the Pyramid Model and considerations for program-wide implementation.

L. For the Health of It**Amanda Holden | COMM**

Finding the right health insurance plan for you and your employees can be confusing. Maryland Health Connection can help. Maryland Health Connection is the state's marketplace for Health Insurance that makes it easy to shop for quality health plans from familiar insurance companies, like CareFirst, Kaiser Permanente and UnitedHealthCare. This workshop takes a deep dive in explaining health benefits, what's covered, how to enroll, and all of the insurance terminology that has your head spinning. In the end, you will have learned how to select the right plan for you.

SPANISH | ESPAÑOL**SC. Comprender las finanzas de su negocio: precios y márgenes****Nestor Gavidia | PRO**

Los participantes comprenderán el alcance financiero de su negocio. Comprender los números es fundamental para convertirse en un negocio exitoso, especialmente para las pequeñas empresas. Además, los participantes obtendrán conocimientos sobre la gestión de sus ingresos y gastos, cómo formular la estructura de precios adecuada en función de los márgenes comerciales y las ganancias (resultado final).



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1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	VENDOR, SALES, AUCTION, & BASKET VIEWING
1:45 PM	SILENT AUCTION BIDDING CLOSES
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	SESSION 5
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	PAY & PICK UP AUCTION ITEMS & BASKET
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL (TBA)

GENERAL SESSION 2
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
**TRANSFORMING MARYLAND'S EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM:
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE**

Keynote: Steven Hicks

The American Rescue Plan Act provides unprecedented opportunities to support Maryland's family home child care provider system. The Blueprint for Maryland's Future also gives early childhood educators and child care providers pathways to thrive. In this session, we will discuss these and other supports to strengthen these small businesses that make up two-thirds of the state's supply of child care providers.



ENGLISH**M. Guide to Self-Assessment: Using the Maryland EXCELS Standards to Guide Program Self-Assessment****Thea Quible | PRO**

In this training, participants will describe the differences between a self-assessment and a self-study, explore the Maryland EXCELS Self-Assessment Tools, and receive guidance as to how to complete a Program Improvement Plan.

N. It's a Simple Story, Tell It!**Darlene Schmidt | CURR**

Storytelling is an integral part of our lives. We can enhance communication and encourage language development by expanding our capacity to tell stories. Providers will:

- Participants will be able to identify types of storytelling available to them.
- Participants will identify components of a variety of stories.
- Participants will expand and practice their own storytelling talents.
- Participants will explore the benefits of storytelling.

O. Staff Development: If You Build Them, They Will Come**Carlena Vaden | PRO**

What is meaning of finding the “right staff”? People come looking for a job or maybe even following a passion, but what is your goal for them? As management it is the goal to find the people that can fill the staffing need. However, as a leader it should be the goal to cultivate, create, and support the people to become the “right staff”. In this session you will begin to think of your role in staff development:

- 1) What does it look like?
- 2) How are you building the “right staff”?
- 3) What keeps staff connected to the vision and purpose of your center?

P. Walk This Way: Reimagining the Future of Family Child Care**Lacey Egerton & Karen Eisenhuth | COMM**

Explore systems thinking with a human-centered design approach as we explore the mapping of the family child care system and imagine a stronger and more vibrant pathway for family child care to thrive. Participants will collaborate on the development of a systems map that connects pedagogy, business practices, and leadership to support new providers in starting their business and experienced providers in preparing for the future.

SPANISH | ESPAÑOL**SD. Comercialice su negocio de manera efectiva****Nestor Gavidia | PRO**

Comercializar sus productos o servicios es un componente crítico de un negocio exitoso y diferencia a su empresa de la competencia. Durante este taller, los participantes crearán un plan paso a paso para desarrollar una estrategia de marketing para captar clientes, que incluye:

- Elaboración de sus objetivos de marketing.
- Identificación del público objetivo ideal.
- Investigación de la competencia
- Establecer un presupuesto realista.
- Crear una estrategia de ventas ganadora



ENGLISH**Q. The Maryland Early Learning Standards and Intentional Learning****Dianna Aguirre | CURR**

In this interactive and hands-on training, participants will identify the rationale and benefits of the Maryland Early Learning Standards, how to apply the standards to guide lesson plan development and implementation according to Maryland EXCELS requirements, and to individualize to meet the needs of all children.

R. The Skin You Live In**Deborah Wood & Renee Spears | CURR**

This workshop addresses the simple but complex topic of differences in human skin color. Participants experience a variety of activities that can be used with school-age children. Handouts include a booklist for children.

S. Taking the Next Steps with Your CDA**Michele Hall | PRO**

In this interactive workshop, participants will be provided an overview of the CDA process, experience working collectively with other participants to locate resource collection pieces, be provided a look at the reflective dialogue experience, and will receive resources to locate a program development specialist and the link for state funding for their materials and application fees.

T. Contracts in Family Child Care**Simon Jaime & Molly Stevens | PRO**

Do you have a contract for your family child care business?
Join us to learn the importance in creating and using a contract for your business.

SPANISH | ESPAÑOL**SE. Fomentando las competencias de líderes serviciales para un aprendizaje profesional continuo****Jill McFarren Aviles & Ana Hoover | PRO**

Esta presentación interactiva explorará cómo las competencias de liderazgo servicial creadas por Robert Greenleaf, es una perspectiva y herramienta que se puede utilizar como base para apoyar a las educadoras con su aprendizaje profesional continuo. Las participantes tendrán la oportunidad de practicar las competencias de liderazgo servicial y reflexionar sobre cómo estas competencias contribuyen a vigorizar su compromiso profesional.



MENU

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022

BREAKFAST

Classic Breakfast Buffet

Breakfast potatoes, pancakes, and oatmeal
Bacon and scrambled eggs
Cream chipped beef and biscuits
Juices, tea, coffee, and water
Fresh fruit

LUNCH

Deli Express

Maryland crab soup
Sliced deli meats include:
Turkey, ham, and roast beef
Sliced American, cheddar, Swiss and provolone
cheeses
Lettuce, sliced tomato, sliced onion and pickle spear
Assorted breads and rolls
Red bliss potato salad and coleslaw
Cookies and brownies

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Sorted Hor D'Oeuvres

Crispy chicken tenders
Chicken quesadillas
Spinach and artichoke dip with chips
Bruschetta Bites
Mini deep dish pizza
Fruit and cheese tray
Veggie Tray

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022

BREAKFAST

Classic Breakfast Buffet

Breakfast potatoes, French toast, and oatmeal
Sausage and scrambled eggs
Cream chipped beef and biscuits
Juices, tea, coffee, and water
Fresh fruit

LUNCH

South of the Border

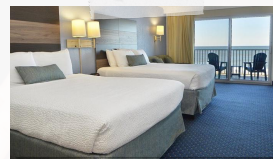
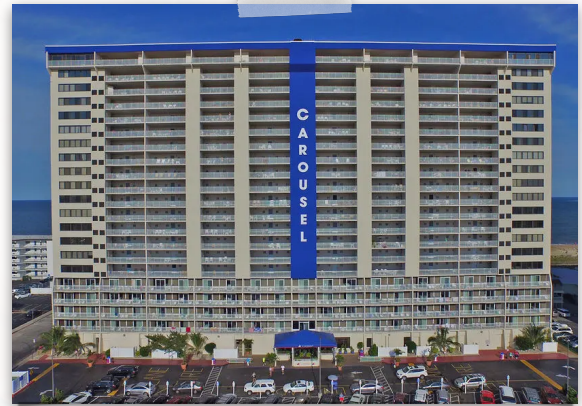
Chicken and tortilla soup
Build your own tacos, taco salad and fajitas with:
soft flour tortillas and crisp corn tortillas, seasoned
ground beef, sliced grilled chicken breast, roasted
peppers and onions, lettuce, tomato, zesty salsa,
guacamole, sour cream, cheddar cheese
Refried beans and Spanish rice
Churros

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Sorted Hor D'Oeuvres

Sesame chicken skewers
BBQ Meatballs
Hot crab dip with baguettes
Chicken salad crostini
Vegetarian Spring rolls
Fruit and cheese tray
Veggie Tray
Dessert tray

HOTEL INFORMATION



Non-Ocean View, Deluxe 2 Queen Beds

\$75 Th & Su | \$95 F & Sa

Ocean Front, 2 Queen Beds

\$95 Th & Su | \$135 F & Sa

Suite Non-Oceanfront

\$95 Th & Su | \$135 F & Sa

Condo - 2 Bedroom 2 Bath

\$145 Th & Su | \$185 F & Sa

Condo - 3 Bedroom 2 Bath

\$175 Th & Su | \$230 F & Sa

+11% State and Local tax on all rooms

All guests will be responsible for contacting the hotel directly to secure overnight accommodations. Call their toll free number, **1-800-641-0011** request for the Maryland State Family Child Care Association room block when making reservations. All reservations must be made on or before **September 13, 2022**.

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY

Alan Guttman

Alan Guttman holds a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education from New York University. He began his career as a preschool and public school kindergarten teacher in New York City and Los Angeles. Alan served children birth to 12 years old, their families, and programs for 40 years, including 20 years leading and managing public and private non-profit Head Start, preschool, and child care programs. He recently retired from the Johns Hopkins University School of Education where he served as the Director of Early Childhood Policy & Systems. From 2001 to 2012 he served on federal review teams evaluating the quality of education services and program management systems in Head Start and Tribal Head Start programs across the United States.

Amanda Holden

Amanda Holden has been with the Worcester County Health Department's Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program (LSHIAP) since November of 2016. Amanda graduated from Salisbury University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and later plans to pursue her Master's Degree in Social Work. Amanda values being a part of her local community, and providing assistance to people whenever and wherever she is able to. She received The President's Volunteer Service Award in addition to a Senatorial Citation in 2007 & 2008 for her service in Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. In addition to providing Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester County residents with assistance in enrolling in health insurance, Amanda is also responsible for coordination of attendance of events throughout our local community as well as marketing and outreach efforts for the program.

Ashley Fehringer

Ashley Fehringer, MPH, is A Senior Training & Coaching Specialist for the Parent, Infant and Early Childhood Program, at the Institute for Innovation & Implementation at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work. In this role, she works to support statewide implementation of the Pyramid Model through training, coaching and technical assistance to local leadership teams. Ms. Fehringer has several years of experience in early childhood development, adult education and coaching. Most recently she served as a Maternal & Child Health Specialist with the Peace Corps in Guatemala. In this position, she used adult learning methodologies to train health professionals on behavior change theory to support the programs they were developing. Ms. Fehringer obtained her Master's in Public Health from Tulane University and has a bachelor's degree in biology from the Pennsylvania State University.

Carlena N. Vaden

Dr. Carlena N. Vaden holds a Doctoral Degree in Education Leadership (EdD) from Northcentral University, a Master of Education Degree (MEd) with a concentration in Management from Strayer University, and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree in Political Science from Morgan State University. Dr. Carlena has worked with children for over 20 years, in addition to over 10 years in office administration. In 2017, Dr. Carlena founded Divine Illumination Agency LLC, an education consultant agency. Dr. Carlena provides leadership training and professional workshops for educational organizations public and private and at national conferences. Dr. Carlena has been highlighted in the Early Childhood Report, February 2017 issue on leadership and professional development. Dr. Carlena is also a Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Professional Development Trainer, MSDE Excels Program Quality Assessor, MSDE Accreditation Validator, and CLASS observer. Dr. Carlena is also an approved trainer with the Office of The Superintendent in the District of Columbia. It is her desire to see that all students be given the proper tools and support needed to be successful in their educational journey.

Darlene M. Schmidt

Darlene M. Schmidt holds a BA in Elementary Education and an AA in Early Childhood. She began her teaching career in 1971 teaching Kindergarten in Garrett Co. From there she taught Head Start in Garrett Co. as both an assistant teacher and teacher. She retired from teaching in 2013. Six months later she became a Quality Assurance Specialist for Maryland EXCELS working in Garrett, Allegany and Washington counties. Now she works in Garrett Co. with Child Care Choices as an Early Childhood Education Specialist. She lives on a 231 acre farm in Accident with her husband, John. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. Darlene spends most of her free time with her grandchildren, doing crafts, camping and showing rabbits. She also enjoys working with youth in a local 4-H club and leading the youth in a puppet ministry at her church.

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY

Deborah Wood

Dr. Wood is a child development specialist. Her work experience includes group childcare and preschool settings, parenting education, counseling, and childcare training. She is the founding director of Chesapeake Children's Museum and weekly blogger of "Good Parenting" for Chesapeake Family Magazine.

Dianna Aguirre

Dianna Aguirre is a Quality Assurance Specialist for MSDE's Maryland EXCELS. Ms. Aguirre was raised in southwest Virginia and received her BA from Virginia Tech and her MA from the University of Connecticut. Ms. Aguirre began her career in early care and education as a registered family child care provider where she achieved national accreditation through the National Association for Family Child Care four times.

DJ Jensen

DJ began her career in ECE 34 years ago with a family child care home, then in the capacity of leader for early childhood centers. She is passionate about helping teachers reach their professional goals. DJ holds a M.Ed from Towson and completed her undergrad at the University of Georgia. She was recently selected as a National Master Teacher by Child Care Exchange Magazine and is the author of Monday Memo: Creating Excellence in Early Childhood Education, One Memo at a Time. When she's not working, she loves to be creative, play with her pets, and watch Hallmark Movies.

D. Christie Berkey

Christie is an early childhood professional with over 18 years of experience in various roles including Family Child Care Provider and Child Care Resource Center Training Coordinator. Her career has included training through the Child Care Resource Network and supporting the Council for Professional Recognition Credential and National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation processes as a trainer and Professional Development Specialist. She values supporting Early Child Care Educators in their education and professional development goals utilizing her Bachelor's in Child Development and Master's in Teaching and Learning with Technology. Christie is currently the Early Childhood Program Coordinator for Maryland Family Network.

Erica Young

Erica Young is Financial Resilience Director – Early Childhood Education and Board Management for 20 Degrees. Erica has directed 20 Degrees' Early Childhood Education training to over 100 providers in the Washington Metropolitan region. In addition to working with ECE providers, she has over twenty years of experience working with association operations and over a decade of experience working solely with Boards. She also brings experience in event planning, project management, budgeting, and human resource administration which add to her versatility, agility, and cross-functionality. Erica earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University and a Master of Science degree from Johns Hopkins University

Jahi B. Davis, MBA

Jahi B. Davis, MBA formerly served as Loan Fund and IDA Manager for YouthBuild USA, a nonprofit which pioneered the art of providing young adults the opportunity to receive their high school diplomas or GED's while learning job skills beginning in 1979.

Mr. Davis has worked with YouthBuild USA since 2006. Mr. Davis provided assistance in credit, business planning, financial management, management information systems (MIS) and organizational development. For 10 years, Jahi served as a Facilitator for College Summit, Inc., responsible for all workshop curriculum delivery across the country.

Mr. Davis serves on YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School's Friends of YouthBuild Board of Directors. Since 1997, he has participated in numerous panel discussions, speaking engagements, and college lectures on youth and asset development.

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY

Jody Lamberti

Jody is a former family child care provider and one of the founders of the Alliance. She is dedicated to advancing the profession of Family Child Care and supporting the ECE workforce. Jody earned her BA in English at Immaculata University and has a Master's of Education.

Karen Eisenhuth

Karen has been an educator, coach, and small business owner for 24 years. As a young, military spouse and mother, she became a family child care provider due to the rising costs of high quality child care. Karen opened her family child care business in 2000 and remained open until 2016. During this time, she was also the owner and operator of a competitive all-star cheerleading gym; Eastern Elite Training Center LLC. After working as a sole proprietor for 16 years, she elected to become a preschool teacher and curriculum mentor and joined forces with a large child care center in her area. In 2017, Karen was promoted to Assistant Director and after earning Assistant Director of the Year for her leadership and tenacity, became a School Director of the largest center within their corporate structure. She is currently the Early Childhood Business Coordinator for Maryland Family Network, a non-profit organization whose goal is to create systems and support for educators, families, and children. Within that role, she manages two programs that assist family child care providers navigate the pathway from start-up to qualifying for Maryland's Mixed Delivery Universal Pre-K program. In addition to her work with MFN, she is the president of the Harford County Director's Association; a chapter of the Maryland State Child Care Association. She is passionate about early childhood education and seeks to ensure that children, families, and educators have equal access to high quality care and that all child care providers are viewed as the professionals that they are.

Lacey Egerton

Lacey Egerton is dedicated to ensuring that child care providers have the supports they need to succeed. She began her career in before and after school child care and summer camps, before spending a brief time working in human resources. For the last 14 years, she has worked with the Maryland Child Care Resource Network, first as the Professional Development Coordinator at the Howard County Child Care Resource Center before moving to Maryland Family Network. In her current role as Director of the Child Care Resource Network, she provides guidance and leadership to the child care resource centers. Her work continues to focus on improving the quality and accessibility of affordable child care for families in Maryland. She has been an approved MSDE-trainer since 2008 and has presented at several local, state, and national conferences. Lacey received her bachelors from Albright College in Child and Family Studies, has completed graduate work in Education and Business Administration, and recently completed the Professional Certificate in Management through the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame.

L'Ornya Bowie

L'Ornya Bowie is a Quality Assurance Coordinator for MSDE's Maryland EXCELS. Ms. Bowie has her M. Ed in Education NK - 8th grade and more than 25 years of experience in the field of early care and education; serving as a classroom teacher for infants, toddlers and two, a center director as well as multi-program oversight in both the corporate and not for profit child care sectors.

Meghan Leach-Gwynn

Meghan Leach-Gwynn, M.Ed. earned her M.Ed in Early Childhood from Towson University and her B.S in Early Childhood Program Administration from Cazenovia College in NY. She has been in the Early Childhood field for more than 15 years and her experience comes from a variety of program settings (Head Start, Private Centers, Corporate On Site Programs, and Franchises) as well experience in different states (NY, PA, TX, and MD). She now serves as a Quality Assurance Coordinator for Carroll, Frederick, Howard Counties, Baltimore City, and Western Maryland.



PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY

Michele Hall

Michele Hall, M.Ed – Michele Hall, Founder and Educational Trainer at MMH Early Childhood Training and Consulting LLC, graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a BA in Psychology and holds a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Towson University. She has been active in the field of training and educational development focusing on early childhood education, staff development, advocating for special needs children, and supporting adult learners through many roles. Over her 20 plus years in Early Childhood, Michele has worked as a Program Coordinator, Training and Curriculum Specialist, Director and College Adjunct. Currently, Michele serves as a PDS for the Council for Professional Recognition, an approved trainer for the Maryland Department of Education, an approved affiliate trainer for Maryland Family Network, a Zero to Three Certified Trainer, Certified Maryland Pyramid Model Trainer, and a peer book reviewer for MVP Kids.

Molly Stevens

Molly was born in Connecticut and moved to Colombia at a young age where she was raised. She has a bachelor's degree in Environmental management with a major in Community Service and a dedication of research towards helping rural families and children of Colombia. She has a masters degree in Sustainability and is an entrepreneur of small businesses and non profit organizations in South America. In 2020, Molly joined All Our Kin in Connecticut as a business coach, where she currently supports family child care providers in the development and sustainability of their businesses.

Patty Stine

Patty is dedicated to helping children thrive emotionally, socially, physically and intellectually. Throughout her more than 30-year career as a play environment designer, preschool teacher, curriculum developer, administrator and entrepreneur, Patty has focused on empowering others to give children an abundance of playfully engaging learning opportunities. In her role as co-founder and Executive Director of Pure Play Every Day, she brings open-ended, self-directed play using loose parts to community events and to provide hands-on, engaging training workshops for adults to help them understand the benefits and value of play for children. Patty advocates for the children in her community and across the nation through her role as a Play Ambassador for the U.S. Play Coalition, former Outreach Chairman for the Charles County Early Childhood Advisory Council and member of the Charles County Commission for Women.

Renee' Spears

Mrs. Spears is the Cultural Diversity Coordinator for Severn School in Anne Arundel County. Her experience includes Before and After care, Media Center teacher, as well as early childhood teacher. Community work includes Chesapeake Children's Museum, the Arnold Preservation Society and the Kunte Kinte Festival.

Robert Gundling

Robert Gundling, Ed.D. has 44 years of experience working in the field of Early Childhood Education and co-founder of Better Futures, LLC. He has experience as an administrator, teacher, leader, adjunct faculty member at several colleges and universities, teaching courses in Early Childhood Education, a coach for early childhood teachers and a mentor for Early Childhood Education Directors and Family Child Care Providers. He currently serves as the Past President of the DC Association for the Education of Young Children.

Simon Jaime

Simon is a Mentor Business Coach in the Technical Assistance Team at All Our Kin. He recently joined the TA team but has been working with All Our Kin over 4 years supporting family child care educators. He has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a major in International Business. He's has extensive knowledge on implementing the Business Series and has been part of the creation of it as well.



PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY

Thea Quible

Thea Quible works for the Maryland State Department of Education as a Quality Assurance Specialist for Maryland EXCELS (Anne Arundel County). Early on in her career she had the opportunity to impact children and families as a pre-k teacher, child care center director, as well as an early childhood coordinator while working with Early Head Start. Thea has also had the opportunity to support early childhood educators while working as a Technical Assistant and Education Director with the local resource and referral center in Anne Arundel County. In her current role as a Quality Assurance Specialist she is able to impact the lives of children, families and early childhood educators. Her goal is to empower you so that you can be the best you can be and in turn impact the families and children enrolled in your programs.

Vickie DiSanto

Vickie DiSanto is a Quality Assurance Coordinator for MSDE's Maryland EXCELS. Ms. DiSanto has earned the degree of M.A.Ed in Early Childhood Education. She has over thirty years of experience in the early childhood field, both as a Head Start teacher-home visitor in Pennsylvania and as a child care director in Maryland. She is also an adjunct professor at Montgomery College.

RATES

	Member	Non-member
Full Conference		
• Early-bird	250	300
• After August 31, 2022	300	350
Saturday Only		
• Early-bird	175	200
• After August 31, 2022	200	225

Full Conference access:

- Friday & Saturday General Sessions
- 5 Breakout Sessions
- Friday & Saturday breakfast and lunch buffet
- Friday & Saturday Social with appetizers

Saturday Only access:

- Saturday General Session
- 2 Breakout Sessions
- Saturday breakfast and lunch buffet
- Saturday Social with appetizers



APPLY FOR A TRAINING VOUCHER

An application for training voucher can be submitted for:

- Pre-Service training
- Registration at statewide and national child care conferences

Child care providers participating in the Credential Program at level two or higher are eligible to receive up to \$400 each year as long as funds are available. Requests for training voucher or reimbursement, must not exceed \$400.

The following are not eligible for training voucher/reimbursement:

- Training that has not been approved by MSDE according to COMAR 13A.14.09
- Fees incurred for training
- Association membership fees
- CDA credential/ CDA renewal fees

Source: Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) – Division of Early Childhood

If you are applying for a training voucher at MSDE for the MSFCCA Annual Conference, please follow these steps:

1. Please go to <https://onestop.md.gov/forms/msde-application-for-training-voucher-608af42b6bce330222afb5ca>.
2. Click "Apply Now". Log in if you have an account or click "Register" to create one.
3. Fill out the form and input the following information:
 - OCC assigned approval number: CWO-160684
 - Title: Reimagining Our Future
 - Date: 10/14/2022
 - Training Organization Name: Maryland State Family Child Care Association (MSFCCA)
 - Address: 10612 Harpoon Hill, Columbia, MD 21044
 - Please choose an option: check "Provide a link to conference/pre-service training advertisement"
 - Conference/Pre-Service Advertisement URL Link: <https://www.msfccca.org/annualconference>
4. Click "Submit".

ARE YOU USING A VOUCHER?

Please forward your training voucher approval to marylandstatefamilychildcare@gmail.com once you receive it in your email. Your application for your voucher will hold your spot until your Validated Voucher is received by the Conference Committee. If your MSDE Voucher is not received by September 14, 2022, you have until September 30, 2022 to send in a personal check or credit card information to keep your spot. If not, your registration will be forfeited.

ALL vouchers must be received by September 14, 2022. The attendee is responsible for MSDE Vouchers, it is not the responsibility of the MSFCCA Conference Committee.

