

# JACKSON AREA EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE



March 10, 2012

**Baker College**  
**2800 Springport Rd.**  
**Jackson, Michigan**

**8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
(8-8:50 Registration, Breakfast  
& Vendors)

## **Keynote Presentation:**

Baker College Student Center

### **“Music for Music Sake”**

Learn the secret to bringing more music into your day and the added health benefits it provides for everyone who actively participates.

**Beverly Meyer**  
The Music Lady

- \*A vending area will be available
- \*Attend all 4 sessions and receive  
5 training hours
- \*.5 CEU's available upon approval

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Register by February 17th to  
receive the discounted rate!

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## Information

The conference will be held at:

***Baker College  
2800 Springport Rd.  
Jackson, MI 49202***

## Meals

A continental breakfast is included. Biggby's boxed lunches are available on site. Include \$5.00 with your registration or call ahead to reserve seating and lunches at local restaurants. Menus will be available at the registration table.

## Continuing Education Units

The committee will apply for Continuing Education Units (CEU). If Continuing Education Units are approved for attending this conference, you must attend the entire day. To receive the CEU's individuals must check-in at the CEU table when arriving at the conference. There is paperwork you will be required to fill out. You may wish to **arrive a little earlier as you must sign in prior to 8:50 a.m.** You will be required to sign-out at the end of the conference; if you leave early you will not earn CEU's. No exceptions will be made.

**Cost: \$35.00 (on or before 2/17/12).**

**Add \$5.00 for registrations postmarked after 2/17/12**

**NO REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN**

**WITHOUT PAYMENT**

You must enclose payment for the entire registration fee. Final registration is due by **March 2, 2012**, along with lunch payment if electing to purchase lunch on site. There will be no registration at the door.

Make checks payable to: ABC Academy

REFUND of registration fee will be made only upon written receipt postmarked no later than **Feb 29, 2012**. A \$5.00 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds.

## Program Guide

**Registration, Sessions & Vendors are located in Building 100 of Baker College Campus**

**8:00 – 8:50 a.m. Registration, CEU Check In, Continental Breakfast, Visit Vendors**

**9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Session 1**

**10:15-10:30 a.m. Break & Vendors**

**10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Session 2 & Keynote**

**11:45 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch**  
(On your own. Biggby's boxed lunch available in the Student Center, \$5.00 prepay.)

**Don't forget to visit the vendors!**

**12:45 – 2:00 p.m. Session 3**

**2:00-2:15p.m. Break & Vendors**

**2:15 – 3:30 p.m. Session 4**

**3:30 p.m. CEU Checkout at Registration Table**

***Don't forget to visit the vendors  
between sessions!***

**Session 1: 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

**A. Children of Promise: Big Words, Big Thoughts-Little Body**

A young child talking like an adult yet crying the next moment? Deep/unusual questions? Gifted or just unique? Learn about children who remember everything, question constantly, exhibit extremes emotionally, with complex 'little brains'. Lots of teacher/parents helps!

*Marie Brucker, M. Ed., & Lynn Pomerleau, M. Ed. Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education* I/T/Pre/P

**B. Families with Food Allergies** Learn the facts about food allergies.

How food allergies might impact your role caring for children. Prevention of accidental exposures and emergency treatment. Evidence based implementation of policies and procedures.

*Nancy Polmear-Swendris, Food Allergy Initiative* All

**C. Using Music and Puppets to Make Literacy Connections**

Research tells us that music enhances cognition. Puppets make great teaching tools. Tricia takes these elements accessible to teachers no matter the experience level, making the creative process fun!

*Tricia Kjolhede, Tunes and Tales by Tricia* T/Pre/SA

**D. Scientific Skills & Methods for Preschoolers** A preschooler is naturally curious. This is the perfect time to help them create an understanding of how the world works. Learn ways in which to build that curiosity and sense of wonder and create a foundation for future learning and scientific understanding.

*Brenda Davis, Literacy Coordinator Jackson County Intermediate School District* T/Pre/SA

**E. Art on a Shoestring** Learn why the arts play an invaluable role in a child's emotions and mental development and practical ways to enrich children's lives with limited resources.

*Kim Hastings, Executive Director, Jackson School of the Arts*  
T/Pre/SA/A/P

**F. Put on Your Listening Ears! Using Music & Movement to Enhance Listening Skills for Tots to 8's**

Our visual oriented society provides few opportunities for young children to develop listening skills for learning and social success. Sample unique and simple activities to enhance your program that will even get the babies listening.

*Gari Stein, Owner, Music for Little Folks* I/ T/Pre/SA/A

**G. Clean-up Time Strategies** Tired of the struggles at clean-up time? Would you like some new ideas to help motivate children? Come to this session and learn new clean-up strategies.

*Kim Kloack, Little Rainbows Preschool & Daycare* Pre/SA

**H. Express Yourself: Demonstrating how Children Communicate**

Children are capable of expressing their needs and wants, collaborating on ideas, and working through conflicts. These skills should be taught just as academics. Early communication skills impact how children handle situations later in life.

*Kimberly Curry, University of Michigan Flint ECDC & Janelle Pauldine Mt. Morris Consolidated Schools* Pre

**Session 2/Keynote (The Music Lady): 10:30 - 11:45**

**Keynote: Music for Music Sake!** You will be engaged in music activities that are fun for you and awesome for the kids you care for. You'll learn the secret to bringing more music into your day and the added health benefits it provides for everyone who actively participates! These popular songs will have you singing all day long which could lead to more active learning, happy socializing, productive conversations, good mood enhancing fun. Isn't that way you want to spend a Saturday anyway?

*Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady* T/Pre/SA/P

**I. Creating Curriculum: A Green Approach to an Exploration Explosion in your Infant/Toddler Classroom**

Demonstration for infant and toddler teachers on how they can fill their classroom using inexpensive and often recycled materials that will encourage them to develop extended projects.

*Wendee Hooker & Tara Hyatt, University of Michigan Flint* I/T

**J. Classroom Analysis** Do you know how many children have to be enrolled in each classroom to be profitable? Are you sure that your school-aged program is profitable all year? This tool can help you make critical decisions about ratios, staffing, marketing, managing expenses, and fundraising.

*Camarrah Morgan & Monica Duncan, First Children's Finance* A

**K. Mandated Reporter Training** Reporting child abuse and neglect is the law for professionals who serve children. This presentation will discuss mandated reporter laws and provide the information necessary to make a call to Child Protective Services and to complete the form 3200 to report actual or suspected child maltreatment.

*Michele Bowersox, Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect*  
All

**L. Creative EVERY Day?** Use household and recycled materials for creativity and learning. This hands on workshop features ideas to use tomorrow emphasizing process over product. They're also rather addictive!  
*Peg Upmeyer, Arts & Scrap* Pre/SA

**M. Moving and Learning: Transitional Tunes for Tots to 8's**  
Capture attention stimulate imaginations, help children problem solve & take turns. Sample activities for transitions, group management, listening, singing games, books to sing, end of the day blues and more.  
*Gari Stein, Owner, Music For Little Folks* ALL

**N. No Child Left Inside: Bugs** Join the "Bug Lady" to learn how insects tie in with Michigan Standards, bugs found around schools, their life cycles, inexpensive resources, and of course fun songs.  
*Evie Boss, [bossEtunes.biz](http://bossEtunes.biz)* Pre/SA

**O. Great Start to Quality-An Overview of the Quality Rating System-Centers** Participants will learn about the Great Start to Quality-Michigan's quality rating system. They will view the Self-Assessment Survey, review the standards & scoring system & have opportunities to ask questions about the new system.  
*Liz Colegrove, Child Care Network* A

**P. Ahhhh! This Child is Driving Me Nuts! Strategies for Dealing with Challenging Behaviors Within the Classroom**  
Communicate and negotiate with children to create an appropriate learning environment. Make connections with children that have disruptive behaviors. Understand different strategies for helping children that have difficult behaviors.  
*Kimberly Curry, University of Michigan Flint ECDC & Janelle Pauldine Mt. Morris Consolidated Schools* Pre

**\*Lunch is from 11:45-12:45 p.m. (on your own).  
Biggby's (\$5 boxed lunch) will be on site if preferred.  
Check out the Vendors!**

**Session 3: 12:45-2:00 p.m.**

**Q. Closing the Feedback Loop** Examine procedures teachers can put in place to use data collected on individual child and group activities to make curricular decisions.  
*Jean Allison, Baker College* I/T/Pre/SA

**R. Beyond the Golden Moments: Using the Ounce Scale for Whole Child Assessment from Birth to 36 Months** Use the Ounce Scale Assessment tool to document, evaluate, and communicate with families each child's developmental endeavors that will promote continuous advancement of their abilities.  
*Wendee Hooker and Tara Hyatt, University of Michigan Flint* I/T

**S. Developing a Marketing Plan**  
Marketing is more than just advertising. Learn to use tools to build and maintain enrollment and to tell your childcare program's story.  
*Camarrah Morgan & Monica Duncan, First Children's Finance* A

**T. Friends Against Bullying {FAB Kids}** Creatively/musically identifying all forms of bullying while equipping students, parents, & teachers with life skills for dealing with bullying situations!  
*Mr. Rudy, EduTainer & Mr. Harry J. Bonner* Pre/SA/P/A

**U. Team Building** A training intended to help create a sense of belonging among team members while having fun during your workday.  
*Beth Garza, Child Care Network* A

**V. Using Puppets in Creative Ways as an "Extra Hand" for Teachers** Participants will become believers in the power of puppets when puppets demonstrate their versatile abilities to enhance memory, listening, literacy and thinking skills.  
*Joyce Davis, Joyce Davis-N-Puppets* T/Pre/SA

**W. Calming Down & De-stressing** Stress! It's the pressure we feel to meet a deadline or to keep a schedule. Getting a handle on stress can mean a healthier, happier and longer life.  
*Suzanne Pish, MSU Extension* All

**X. Circle Time with The Music Lady** Enjoy more songs about colors, clean up and a goofy farm that is like no other! Learn how to expand from a simple song and leap into a week's worth of lesson plans complete with projects, discoveries, charts and more music!  
*Beverly Myer, The Music Lady* T/Pre

**Y. Great Start to Quality – An Overview of the Quality Rating System – Home Providers** Participants will learn about the Great start to Quality-Michigan's quality rating system. They will view the Self-Assessment Survey, review the standards & scoring system & have opportunities to ask questions about the new system.  
*Liz Colegrove, Child Care Network Quality Improvement Specialist* A

**Z. Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure: How to Keep Your Classroom Running Smoothly**

Teachers need to be proactive in the classroom. Stressors can be eliminated in your classroom by planning ahead, organizing, knowing your children, setting up the classroom effectively, preparing materials, and having appropriate environmental elements.

*Kimberly Curry, University of Michigan Flint ECDC & Janelle Pauldine Mt. Morris Consolidated Schools* *Pre*

**Session 4: 2:15-3:30 p.m.**

**AA. Engaging Small Group Times** You have your children gathered at the table... now what? Come to this session to learn the components of an effective small group time and many ideas to take back to your classroom!

*Ginelle Skinner, Hillsdale County Great Start Coordinator* *Pre*

**BB. Building Relationships with Families in Infant & Toddler Programs**

Session will demonstrate how infant and toddler staff can master the art of using documentation and communication as tools to strengthen relationships and bonding with families.

*Wendee Hooker and Tara Hyatt, University of Michigan Flint* *I/T*

**CC. Dynamics of Children's Grief** Participants will be able to describe the issues and experiences of the grieving child, provide interventions appropriate to different age groups and develop a short-term bereavement group for children.

*Bina Ambani, BA & Patricia Cox, LMSW Child Bereavement Support & Bereavement Coordinator* *All*

**DD. The Commercialization of Childhood** In this workshop you will learn about the effects of marketing on the growth and development of young children and what you can do about it!

*Cheryl Chaves-Torres, Early Childhood Consulting, LLC* *All*

**EE. Play Every Day** As the standards for early childhood become more demanding we need to find ways to incorporate play and meet these standards. Come see how.

*Sandra Weyer, Giggle Gang Daycare & Preschool* *Pre/A*

**FF. "Non-Cookie Cutter" Art for the Classroom Teacher** An interactive presentation that combines children's literature with fine art. Participants will explore various art techniques through a follow-along approach that encourages individual expression with impressive results!

*Kim McGowan, Owner, Got Art Studios* *T/Pre/SA*

**GG. Licensing Complaints and Policies: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly**

Special investigations can occur with child care family homes, group homes, and centers. This presentation explains the licensing process associated with special investigations, tips for providers and center policy assistance.

*Jenny Camburn & Timothy Swope, Child Care Licensing Consultants All*

**HH. 12 Days in the Jungle** Great addition to your jungle segment. Teach numbers from 1-12 and 12-1, animals, habitat, speech and singing. We will create a version of the book "12 Days in the Jungle" by 9 year old Caden Mack, and sing his song.

*Robin Mack* *Pre*

**II. Creating Simply Effective Newsletters** Learn helpful tips and tricks to creating simple and effective newsletters in Microsoft Word. Develop a greater understanding of creating simply effective newsletters and your very own newsletter template.

*Jolene Crawford, ABC Academy* *I/T/Pre/SA/A*

**JJ. Load Up Your Guidance & Discipline Tool Belt** With guidance and discipline, one "tool" does not fit all! Hear about all the "tools" you can add to your "belt" to help young children.

*Kathleen Burchi, Director of Professional Development & Brooke Rains, Quality Improvement Program Coordinator* *I/T/Pre/SA*

**3:30 pm. C.E.U. Check Out**

**Register for the Keynote in Session 2!**

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# Conference Registration Form

Registration is limited. Please register early!

One person per form please. This form may be duplicated.

**EARLY REGISTRATION \$35.00, DISCOUNT DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2012.**  
**FINAL DEADLINE: March 2, 2012, \$40.00 PER PERSON**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to purchase a Biggby's boxed lunch on the day of the conference? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the workshop letter of your first, second and third choice during each session. Limited spaces available in each session.

	First Choice Session #	Second Choice Session #	Third Choice Session #
Session 1	_____	_____	_____
Session 2	Session # _____	Keynote or Session # _____	Session # _____
Session 3	# _____	# _____	# _____
Session 4	# _____	# _____	# _____

If CEU's are approved, you will receive written confirmation and instructions.

**Registration Fee: Includes continental breakfast**

**Discounted Registration if received prior to Feb. 17, 2012: \$35.00**

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Conference attendance counts toward mandatory child care licensing training requirements.