



# Early Childhood Conference

Michigan District, LCMS

August 11, 2021

Agenda

**Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton** - 2101 S Hacker Rd, Brighton, MI 48114

**Doors Open @ 7:30 - Breakfast is served!**

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| <b>8:30 - 8:45</b>   | Welcome / Devotion |
| <b>8:45 - 9:00</b>   | Announcements      |
| <b>9:00 - 10:30</b>  | Keynote - Jim Gill |
| <b>10:30 - 10:45</b> | Break              |
| <b>10:45 - 11:45</b> | Sectional #1       |
| <b>11:45 - 12:45</b> | Lunch              |
| <b>12:45 - 1:45</b>  | Sectional #2       |
| <b>2:00 - 3:00</b>   | Sectional #3       |

Sectional titles and descriptions follow on pages 2-4.

You can pick up training hour certificates and turn in SCECH applications at the end of the conference.



## Sectional One / 10:45 – 11:45

| Speaker                      | Session Title   | Room           |
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| Jim Gill                     | Jim will share additional musical games and explain, in greater detail, the purpose behind his play. His active music play provides a context for children to develop abilities, such as self-regulation, essential to school success. Jim's clever word play and rhymes in the context of active movement games also provide broad opportunities for literacy development. | Worship Center |
| Travis Grulke / Karen Friebe | NLSA Accreditation and EC Centers -- Learn, or be refreshed, about the National Lutheran School Accreditation process for EC Centers.   | Music          |
| Greta Bower                  | Understanding and Responding to Children Who Bite - Learn how to approach this infant and toddler issue with a common sense, best practice approach.  | 407            |
| Karen Pitters                | GSRP - State Funded Great Start Preschool - OVERVIEW  | 405            |
| Rev. Sommerfeld              | Faith 5 - Connects church to home, faith to life, and family members to one another in a powerful way.  | Genesis Hall   |
| EC Roundtable                | Directors/PS. - Sharing on a Variety of Topics... Bring Ideas to Discuss (Kelley and Katie)   | 303            |
| Tammy Kelly                  | STREAM 2.0 - Interactive session where participants will experience a "sense of wonder" as they experiment with various developmentally appropriate STEM activities   | Art/Science    |
| Joan Tietz                   | Read, Art, Learn - Art projects inspired by pictured books!   | 406            |
| Sean LaRosa                  | Early Learning Essentials and the work being done through the Early Literary Task Force   | 200            |

## Sectional Two / 12:45 – 1:45

| Speaker                          | Session Title  | Room           |
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| Cindy Brown                      | Love and Logic Overview -- Have you ever wondered about the practical classroom management approach? Come and get a refresher, or learn something new that can be implemented to help you and the littles you serve.   | 303            |
| Kara Bratton                     | Addressing Challenging Behavior -Early childhood educators see many different types of challenging behaviors in their classroom, and it is often difficult to address these outside of the discipline structure for all students. One of the keys to effectively addressing these behaviors is understanding the reason for the behavior so that the response can be appropriate. This session will address both of those aspects of behavior with examples and effective strategies for addressing these challenging behaviors. | Worship Center |
| Tammy Kelly                      | STREAM 2.0 - Interactive session where participants will experience a "sense of wonder" as they experiment with various developmentally appropriate STEM activities.   | Art/Science    |
| Karen Pitters                    | GSRP Q and A -- State Funded Great Start Preschool Bring your burning questions you have about GSRP and the implementation process.  | 405            |
| Greta Bower                      | Potty Training Toddlers -- learn about some best practices that can be implemented when dealing with this challenging issue.   | 407            |
| Rev. Sommerfeld<br>Travis Grulke | Early Childhood Chapels... Creative & Powerful Practices for Early Childhood Worship. We'll also touch on ideas for connecting our early childhood families to our congregations.  | Music          |
| EC Roundtable --<br>K-3          | School Age -- Bring questions, thoughts and ideas, and we will share our resources with each other. (Jen Welch)  | 406            |
| Valerie Matyas                   | Visual Memory Work: Moving Past Recitation to Heart Formation - We want our students to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest scripture. Often, Memory Work becomes shallow grazing instead of rich digesting. Learn how doodles, sketches, illustrations, color, and drawings allow students an opportunity to shift Memory Work from their short-term to long-term memory via right brain/left brain synapses. This is a hands-on session, all supplies provided.   | Genesis Hall   |
| Sean LaRosa                      | Early Learning Essentials and the work being done through the Early Literary Task Force  | 200            |

## **Sectional Three / 2:00 – 3:00**

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| Kara Bratton                   | Autism in Early Childhood Settings - This session will discuss some of those early signs of autism and strategies for helping children with these challenges, whether there is a diagnosis or not.   | Worship Center |
| Jen Welch                      | Wee Worship - Worship and Bible activities for infants, toddlers, and twos. Join me as we venture into fun and age-appropriate Bible time and worship activities for our wee ones.   | Art/Science    |
| Travis Grulke                  | Personal Life and Professional Life... Harmony How do we as educational leaders maintain harmony (not balance) in the five main areas of our life?   | Music          |
| Joan Tietz                     | Read, Art, Learn - Art projects inspired by pictured books!  | 406            |
| Michael Skonieczny - Licensing | Rules and procedures update, Q and A -- General updates and time for questions and answers.  | 407            |
| Kelley Fehn                    | Positivity is KEY! - A relaxed presentation about fostering some key connections to make things run smoothly in your center. Woven throughout will be an emphasis on keeping things positive in your environment.  | 200            |