



Early Childhood Conference

Michigan District, LCMS

August 10, 2022

Agenda

St. Lorenz Worship and Event Center - 850 W Genesee St. Frankenmuth

Doors Open @ 7:30 - Light Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45	Welcome / Devotion
8:45 - 9:00	Announcements
9:00 - 10:30	Keynote - Adam Peterson / Best Day Ever
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:45	Sectional #1
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 1:45	Sectional #2
2:00 - 3:00	Keynote - Adam Peterson / Teach, Play, Learn

Sectional titles and descriptions follow on page 2-3.

You can pick up training hour certificates and you will receive a link for those that need SCECHs for professional development.



Sectional One / 10:45 – 11:45

Speaker	Session Title	Room	Level
Joan Tietz	Beyond the Book - Books and Beyond Using picture books as inspiration for teaching art, music, math, science, and language development.	146	PS - 1st
Tiffany Young	SEL - Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) encompasses a lot of relearning for both us and youth. This session will provide an overview around SEL research and frameworks while sharing specific strategies to help foster community within your spaces.	223	General
Scott Sommerfeld Travis Grulke	Worship Life / Chapel - Creative & Powerful Practices for Early Childhood Worship. We'll also touch on ideas for connecting our early childhood families to our congregations.	226	PS - 3rd
Tammy Kelly	STREAM 3.0 - STREAM hands-on collaboration activities for a small group	153	PS/K
Kelley Fehn	Survive to Thrive - An informational sectional that helps directors and staff utilize their gifts and thrive, not just survive. Presentation is based on a book from NAEYC.	147	General/ Directors
Greta Bower	Round Table - Guided discussion focused on infant and toddler related topics; bring your own questions!	149	Inf./Tod.
Jen Welch	Making Sense of Your World - We will explore the importance of sensory play in the early years and discuss fun & safe ways to help our littles explore with their senses.	148	Inf - PS
Nicole Scaglione	Early Education and Developmental Concerns: What to look for and steps to take.	114/115	PS - 3rd
Mike Skonieczny	Licensing - Rules and procedures update, Q and A General updates and time for questions and answers.	150	Directors
Windy Carroll Sara DeYarmond	Rocks, Sticks, & Mud: Creating & Utilizing an Outdoor Classroom for Meaningful Play - No matter your school's setting, you can create an outdoor learning space for the students in your Early Childhood program. Learn how to overcome perceived barriers to outdoor learning and work with the space and materials available to you to support meaningful outdoor play.	EC Gym	General
Roxanne Schmerheim	Thinking Outside the Box when it comes to family/school connections. Ideas for taking your Ministry beyond the classroom by using your God-Given talents to reach students, families, and members of the congregation and community.	Dining Hall	General
Megan Gallagher	"Seasons Readings" - Research says, reading a picture book a day to your students has so many benefits! Come hear ways to fit into your classroom "a book a day", get lots of suggestions of some really great literature to share with your students, and learn ways to implement this beneficial practice.	151	K-2
Lois Parsell	Look Until You REALLY See! - This sectional will emphasize the use of the Elements of Art and Principles of Design (your Art teacher will love you) to help your students 'see' the world around them. We know that learning is enhanced when many senses are involved. Our goal is to increase student awareness and help them interpret what they see every day. Let's have fun looking at some famous art works and, hopefully, really 'see' them for the first time! Can be adapted for all grades levels.	152	General
Courtnei Holst	Reframing, Redirecting & Reassuring - Three "R's" of Early Childhood Focusing on a variety of guidance techniques used to promote positive interactions and communication, these practical ways of reframing our language, mindset and approach to guidance enhance a child's social-emotional development, create quality, trusting relationships and cultivate a positive classroom culture.	Worship Center (WEC)	General

Sectional Two / 12:45 – 1:45

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Joan Tietz	Beyond the Book - Books and Beyond Using picture books as inspiration for teaching art, music, math, science, and language development.	146	PS - 1st
Tiffany Young	Supporting skill-based reading at home or in out of school time settings. We believe in creating spaces that foster a love of reading through easy to implement skills and read aloud moments. During this session we will explain our program offerings and provide positive ways to encourage reading when not in class.	223	Inf./Tod. PS
Scott Sommerfeld	Faith 5 - Connects church to home, faith to life, and family members to one another in a powerful way.	226	General
Travis Grulke	Wise Decisions - How do we use five simple questions to provide a framework for making wise decisions as educators, parents, spouses, and all the other hats you wear on a daily basis?	153	General
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Greta Bower	Potty Training Practices Learn about best practices when approaching potty training toddlers. This session will include signs of readiness, parent cooperation, stages of potty training, and keys for developing a plan for success.	149	toddler/ PS
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Kathi Pearson	JOY!?! What's Motivating Your Ministry? Jesus Others You - Encouraging you in your personal, child care, school, and church ministries. Find your inner joy for the kids as you end the summer and prepare for the school year. Be willing to share with others and leave the sectional with renewed JOY.	Dining Hall	General Child Care Emphasis
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