



*York County
Early Childhood
Educational Conference*

BEYOND THE BASICS



Saturday, March 24, 2018

Dutchman Creek Middle School
4757 Mount Gallant Road
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29732



Dear Early Childhood Advocate:

We look forward to hosting you once again for our annual Early Childhood Conference on Saturday March 24, 2017 at Dutchman Creek Middle School in Rock Hill. We know that each of you is committed to helping the children in our community and your child development center reach their potential. This stage in each child's life is critical to establishing a firm foundation to grow and develop and you hold the key to unlock that potential.

Our theme this year is **Beyond the Basics**. Our keynote speaker this year is **Deanna E. Hibbard**, she has committed herself to help inspire teachers to make the most of their time in their classrooms. She brings a wealth of experiences and passion to share with you and we know you will be renewed in your desire to engage your children in new learning experiences. The early years of learning are the cornerstone for life-long learning and Deanna will be discussing strategies beyond the basic ABC's and 123's that you can incorporate into your classes.

We continue to seek presenters and topics that will interest you, whether you are a brand new childcare professional just beginning your career or a longtime practitioner continuing to advocate for early childhood issues. Here are just a few Workshops to consider:

- We have **Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson** back to provide workshops on "Making Way for Play". You may remember, Dr. Johnson was our keynote speaker two years ago and many of you expressed interest in hearing her again. She is back to discuss the importance of incorporating play in your educational setting.
- Once again, we have several chefs coming from **Johnson & Wales Culinary University** in Charlotte to share their expertise in making snacks and meals healthier. Their focus this year is in working with special dietary restrictions, including food allergies. There will be samples to taste and preparation guides discussed for many tasty options.
- We also have invited **Cleo Scott Brown** to join us to think more consciously about race and class. We all have hidden biases that we are not even aware of that shape our thinking; this workshop will help illuminate these hidden biases so we can consciously work to neutralize them as we work with the children in our classrooms.
- We have two opportunities to learn how to incorporate science into your classrooms, The **Children's Museum** will host a session and **Shaun Rogers** will offer a session on how to put the STEAM back into our STEM activities.

You will not want to miss these and other opportunities to hone your skills or learn new ones. As you can see, great topics and presenters, offering workshops that you can implement in your center and classroom. Thank you for the commitment that you make each day to make a difference in the lives of the children in your care. We are grateful for your continued support and participation in our Conference. **Enjoy the Conference and be sure to use what you learn!**

David W. Lisk, Sr.
Executive Director
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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 24, 2018

7:00 am – 8:00 am

- ✚ **Registration**
- ✚ **Continental Breakfast available in Cafeteria**

8:00 am – 8:15 am

- ✚ **Auditorium – WELCOME and Conference Information**

8:15 am – 9:15 am

- ✚ **Auditorium – Keynote Address by featured presenter, Deanna E. Hibbard**

9:25 am – 11:25 am

- ✚ **Session 1 – Training Room locations will be posted**

11:30 am – 12:10 pm

- ✚ **Lunch in the cafeteria**

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm

- ✚ **Session 2 – Training Room locations will be posted**



Meet Our Keynote Speaker



Deanna E. Hibbard
Professional Development Consultant
Lakeshore Professional Services Group

Deanna is a highly regarded professional development specialist, coach and educator who has spent nearly 25 years working in early childhood education. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree in the field.

Deanna began her career teaching pre-kindergarten. During her 14 years in the classroom, she also gained certification as a curriculum trainer. In that role, Deanna traveled throughout the United States and Canada training and coaching preschool and infant/toddler teachers and administrators.

Inspired by the impact that effective teacher training has on young children, Deanna continued to coach, train, and develop curriculum while working in a variety of consulting and staff positions. She worked with pre-kindergarten teachers and program directors as an assessment coach, developed a birth to pre-K curriculum for a major childcare chain and provided guidance to Georgia's pre-kindergarten programs. Most recently, Deanna was the director of Instructional Support and Pre-Kindergarten for the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL). In this role, she oversaw pre-kindergarten educator training and curriculum development, among other responsibilities.

Currently, Deanna is an early learning climate specialist with the Metropolitan Regional Educational Service Agency (Metro RESA), where she brings her expertise to coaching public schools and child care centers on the implementation of the Pyramid Model.



REGISTRATION

In order for us to process your registration, you must comply with the following instructions.

Registrations must be received no later than **Friday, March 16, 2018**

- + **Complete one form for each person registering.** You may duplicate this form.
- + Registration fee requirement below.
- + Send your completed forms and payment to:

Mail:
York County First Steps
PO Box 969
Rock Hill, SC 29731

or **Please call us at (803) 981-5780.**
We will come by and pick up your
registrations. This is due to our
temporary office location at Rawlinson
Road Middle School.

(Please do not bring registration forms to Rawlinson Road Middle School.)

- + Please call **803 981-5780** if you have questions about the registration process.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00 per participant (includes 5 certified training hours, continental breakfast, lunch, a souvenir to remember an incredible training, and professional trainers with years of early childhood experience to share).

PLEASE NOTE: DSS awards the credit hours through The Center for Child Care Career Development. They state that anyone arriving any later than 10 minutes after the training starts cannot receive credit. Therefore, participants registering after 8:10 am on March 24th will not receive credit for the keynote address. They will be able to attend the workshops they have registered for and will receive the 2 hours certified training hours per workshop attended. Regardless of late arrival or early departure, the \$25.00 registration fee is non-refundable.



WORKSHOP SELECTION LIST

WS #	WORKSHOP TITLE	PRESENTER		SESSION
1	Think About What You Just Thought: Thinking Consciously About our Biases (Professional Development)	Cleo Scott Brown	Scott Brown Group LLC d/b/a History Matters Institute	1 & 2
2	Making Way for Play – Creating a Balance in the Educational Setting (Curriculum)	Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson	Children’s Author and Professor	1 & 2
3	Learning to Look: Explorations, Observations, and Structured Investigations (Curriculum)	Carole Holmberg Angela Purcell	Museum of York County	1
4	The SC Early Intervention System: Support for Children 0-3 with Developmental Delays and Disabilities (Professional Development)	Crystal Boyd	BabyNet	1 & 2
5	Taking the Fear Out of Cooking for Kids with Food Allergies (Nutrition)	Megan Lambert Cece Krelitz, Quientina Stewart, & Sophitmanee Sukalakamala	Johnson and Wales	1 & 2
6	Movin’ & Groovin’ (Curriculum)	Mr. Nigel	Mr. Nigel’s Music	1 & 2
7	STEAM to STEM (Curriculum)	Shaun Rogers	Roylco	1 & 2
8	Social Emotional Competence in Your Classroom (Curriculum)	Deanna E. Hibbard	Lakeshore Professional Development Consultant	1
9	Creating Nurturing and Responsive Relationships in Your Classroom (Growth and Development)	Deanna E. Hibbard	Lakeshore Professional Development Consultant	2



The mission of the South Carolina Early Childhood Association (SCECA) is to enhance knowledge; advance evidence based practices; and provide leadership to increase public understanding and support for policy that results in high quality early care and education for every child from birth to age eight in South Carolina. Please stop by our booth to enter your name in for a chance to win a teacher basket and receive a gift for joining District 3 SCECA. SCECA provides one of the largest Early Childhood conferences in the State of SCC and participants come back with excitement and new ideas every year.



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Workshop Offerings:

1. Think About What You Just Thought: Thinking Consciously About our Biases (Professional Development)

Cleo Scott Brown

You meet a new parent and child. In a couple of minutes, maybe seconds, you make certain evaluations based on their look and conversation. It's human nature to have biases, but did you know that your unconscious personal values impact the effectiveness of your work with all children and their parents? Because of great reviews last year, we are bringing back this interactive workshop where you will explore how personal values impact communication and student/parent relationships and how you can look, beyond the limits of our experiences and biases.

2. Making Way for Play – Creating a Balance in the Educational Setting (Curriculum)

Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson

This interactive workshop will encourage educators to step outside of their box and learn to engage fully in play. It is through play process that early learners ignite their social and critical thinking skills. Also, play provides many opportunities to enhance the academic faculties of learning. Helping early learners laugh and learn can help them form their own ideas about growth and development. Come and engage in activities that will challenge you to raise the rigor in the classroom while still participating in a fun and creative setting.

3. Learning to Look: Explorations, Observations, and Structured Investigations (Curriculum)

Carole Holmberg and Angela Purcell

Science involves learning about the natural world by careful observation and prediction. It also often involves using tools. Learn how to use simple tools, such as a hand lens and child-friendly binoculars, to help children understand the work around them. This workshop takes place at the Museum of York County, across the street from Dutchman Creek Middle School. We will watch the planetarium show "In My Backyard," which encourages children to observe carefully, and we will spend time in the Museum's Naturalist Center, looking up-close at both plant and animal specimens, as a way of encouraging children to explore nature.

4. The SC Early Intervention System: Support for Children 0-3 with Developmental Delays and Disabilities (Professional Development)

Crystal M. Boyd

This workshop will be an overview of the South Carolina Early Intervention System. This presentation will: a) provide an overview of the early intervention system and services; b) discuss your role as a referral source and how to identify a child with possible developmental delays and disabilities, c) provide helpful guidance to assist families in directing services for children 0-3 years old with developmental disabilities and delays to increase their developmental potential.

5. Taking the Fear Out of Cooking for Kids with Food Allergies (Nutrition)

Megan Lambert, Cece Krelitz, Quientina Stewart, Sophitmanee Sukalakamala

Johnson & Wales chefs will give an overview of common food allergies and dietary preferences affecting many children. They will then demonstrate how to make a variety of healthy, easy, and delicious foods which are appropriate for allergies and special diets. Lots of samples will be provided.

6. Movin' & Groovin' (Curriculum)

Mr. Nigel (Nigel Smith)

Get ready to move your body! This interactive workshop will help you see how music is embedded into our existence-adding depth and dimension to our environment, exalting the human spirit, and contributing to our quality of life. Mr. Nigel will lead us on a musical journey to see ways music can be used to encourage social interaction, promote self-esteem, teach skills and nurture the musician in every child. Get ready to sing, move, and play your way into the world of learning through music!

7. STEAM in STEM (Curriculum)

Shaun Rogers

Preschool requirements are PACKED with Academic Standards these days, but kids just want to have fun! Science, Technology, Engineering and Math are mandated, but we know kids need open exploration and creative play. This workshop puts the STEAM in STEM! It's packed full of ideas to incorporate STEM into imaginative and creative expression.

8. Social Emotional Competence in Your Classroom (Curriculum)

Deanna E. Hibbard

There are a variety of materials in your classroom that can be used to promote social emotional competence. We will explore how these items can be used to help children recognize and express emotions, recognize and solve social problems, and learn to be friends.

9. Creating Nurturing and Responsive Relationships in Your Classroom (Growth and Development)

Deanna E. Hibbard

This session is designed to help teachers and caregivers think about the importance relationships play in providing a positive climate in their schools and centers. We will explore strategies and barriers to building relationships.



**“One hundred years from now
It will not matter
What kind of car I drove,
What kind of house I lived in,
How much I had in my bank
Nor what my clothes looked like.
One hundred years from now
It will not matter
What kind of school I attended,
What kind of typewriter I used,
How large or small my church,
But the world may be...
a little better because...
I was important in the life of a child.”**
Forest Whitcraft



Meet Our Presenters!

Cleo Scott Brown is a workshop leader and national speaker on race relations and class. Her company, History Matters Institute, specializes in engaging people in meaningful, insightful discussions that lead to introspection, which is necessary for change. She is the author of “Witness to the Truth” and “Raceology 101”.

Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson is an author of 19 children’s books and is a professor at Clemson University where she teaches Creative Activities for Youth, Working with Diverse Youth and Promoting Positive Youth Development in the educational setting. She also teaches at Clinton College in Rock Hill. Dr. Johnson works with school districts throughout the country helping them engage youth in creative and critical thinking skills. She recently completed her post-doctorate work at Harvard University and serves as a Course Facilitator at Harvard University.

Carole Holmberg has a BS in Physics. She has taught astronomy and space sciences at museums and planetariums since 1992. She was Director of Physical Sciences at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon, GA and Planetarium Director at Calusa Nature Center in Fort Myers, FL before becoming Planetarium Manager at the Museum of York County in November 2013.

Angela Purcell began her interpretive career at historic Brattonsville in 1997 as a volunteer. She became a staff member of the cultural and Heritage family of museums in 1998. She later served on the board of the “Friends of Historic Brattonsville”, and following her love of animals on the board of Hollow Creek Farm Equine and Canine Rescue. She is now a full time interpretive staff member at the Museum of York County where she combines her love of history, animals and teaching.

Crystal M. Boyd is the BabyNet single point of entry supervisor with SC Department of Health & Human Services BabyNet program for York, Chester, and Lancaster counties. She has a bachelor’s of arts degree in Psychology and a minor in Political Science from Winthrop University. She also holds a SC Part C Infant and Toddler credential. Crystal has 17 years of experience serving in several roles with the Early Intervention system. Before working with infant and toddlers, she worked as a residential counselor for teens and adults with disabilities and special needs. Crystal identifies and assesses children and families from birth to age three for developmental delays and disabilities and helps connect them to services that can increase their child’s development potential.



Megan Lambert is a Senior Instructor at Johnson & Wales University, where she has been teaching for 14 years. Chef Lambert is a Registered Dietitian and also has a MS in Nutrition Science. She has a particular interest in gardening and cooking with kids.

Cece Krelitz has been teaching at Johnson & Wales University for 7 years. She has a BS from UNLV in Hotel Administration. She teaches both culinary and baking and pastry students the fundamentals of baking and pastry and a variety of other classes. She has dealt with obesity in her life and is passionate about teaching anyone how to enjoy food and make it healthier.

Quientina Stewart is a Chef Instructor at Johnson & Wales University. Chef Stewart is currently also working with CMS School's food service program to promote more healthy innovative options for the school food program in conjunction with to high school culinary arts program.

Sophitmanee Sukalakamala earned a Ph.D. in Hospitality Administration and a master's degree in Food & Nutrition from Texas Tech University, and a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Kasetsart University in Bangkok, Thailand. Her research and publications focus on food consumption behavior.

Mr. Nigel was born into a musical family, so his love for music began at an early age. Mr. Nigel quickly studied voice, multiple instruments and began performing in several R&B jazz, gospel and vocal groups, winning several awards along the way. In 2004, he began visiting schools and Preschools as Mr. Nigel's Music, sharing his passion for educating children through music with over 2,500 children every week.

Shaun Rogers (Rogers) has assisted with product development and placement, and has taught teachers, administrators, distributors, and dealers the educational benefits of creative learning for 10+ years. He has conducted workshops across North America, primarily focused on incorporating creative arts and active play into the STEM curriculum. Rogers brings excellent ideas to the table that infuse critical thinking and innovation through hands-on learning.



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Directions to Dutchmen Creek Middle School
4757 Mount Gallant Road
Rock Hill, SC 29732

From Charlotte, NC or Fort Mill, SC: Total Est. Distance: 27 miles

- Take I-77 South to Rock Hill, SC
- Take the SC-161 W exit, EXIT 82C toward York
- Turn Slight right onto Celanese Rd/SC-161. Continue on Celanese Rd.
- Turn right onto Mount Gallant Rd. (beside the Walgreen's)
- Go 5.6 miles—turn left into Dutchmen Creek's parking lot.

From Columbia, SC or Chester, SC: Total Est. Distance: 79 miles

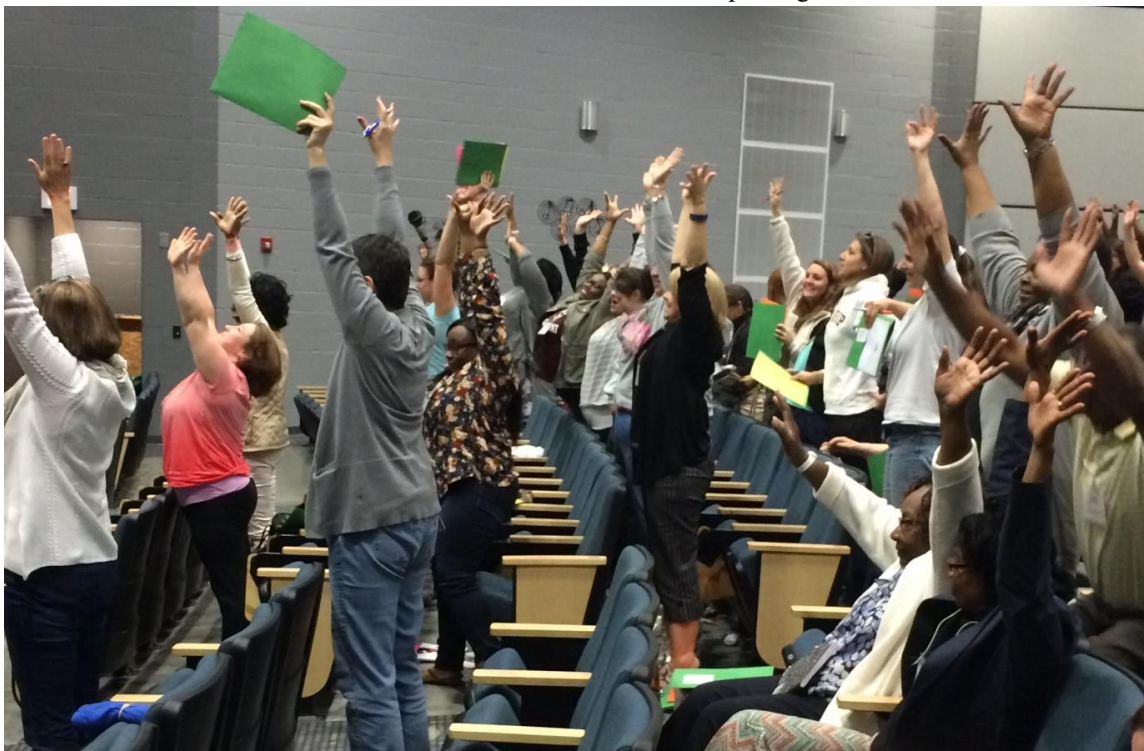
- Take I-77 North to Rock Hill, SC—
- Take the SC-161 exit, 82C toward York—
- Turn Slight right onto Celanese Rd/SC-161. Continue on Celanese Rd.
- Turn right onto Mount Gallant Rd. (beside the Walgreen's)
- Go 5.6 miles—turn left into Dutchmen Creek's parking lot.

From Clover, SC: Total Est. Distance: 19 miles

- Take Hwy 55 toward Hwy 271
- Turn right onto Hwy 271 (Hands Mill Road)
- Turn right onto Mount Gallant Road
- Turn left into Dutchmen Creek's parking lot (right before York County Museum)

From Lancaster, SC: Total Est. Distance: 27 miles

- Take US 521-N toward Rock Hill/Charlotte
- Merge onto SC-5 via the ramp on the left toward Catawba/Rock Hill
- Merge onto US-21 N/Anderson Rd. S/SC-5
- Take Hwy-72 Bypass to the right pass York Technical College
- Turn left onto Mount Gallant Road (as soon as pass Rock Hill School District 3)
- Continue on Mount Gallant 6 miles—turn left into Dutchmen Creek's parking lot





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