



August 13-15, 2024

10th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

GREAT BEGINNINGS

Great Families

Great Northern Hotel in Helena, Montana

Conference Agenda

Come to connect and learn...leave inspired!

Tuesday, August 13th			
11:00 – 12:00 pm	In-house Registration, Lunch & Exhibitor Hall Opens – Foyer		
12:00- 12:15 pm	Opening: Remarks & Welcome from Planning Committee - Ballroom		
12:15 – 2:15 pm	Keynote: (2hr) Jennifer Schoffer Closson, EdD, CCC-SLP: Neurodiversity in the Workplace - Ballroom		
2:15-2:30 pm	Break - Visit Exhibitor Hall		
2:30-3:30 pm	Mary Ellen Maunz –Health How Can Accessible Learning Contribute to Your Child's Health?	Roch Turner, PhD, EdD -Data Incorporating Cultural Competencies in Your Teaching Practice	Kimberly Baishnab –Health and Nutrition Nutrition Priorities for Young Children: Standards of Practice
3:30-3:45 pm	Transition Break -Visit Exhibitor Hall		
3:45- 4:45pm	Jennifer Schoffer Closson, EdD, CCC-SLP Understanding and Solving Sensory Barriers in Children	Jami Rokala -Health and Nutrition Addressing Feeding Concerns in Children & Understanding Individualized Approaches to Nutrition Therapy	Ellysse Boughey and Kara Hughes –Health and Nutrition Mapping Milestones: Using GIS to tell Montana's Breastfeeding Story
4:45-5:00 pm	Visit Exhibitor Hall		
5:00-7:00 pm	Networking Event to Celebrate WIC's 50 th Anniversary		

Wednesday, August 14 th			
7:00 – 8:00 am	In-house Registration & Exhibitor Hall Opens – Foyer		
8:00 – 10:30 am	Keynote: (2.5 hr with mid-session break) Charlie Appelstein, MSW: No Such Thing as a Bad Kid – Understanding and Responding to Kids At-Risk Using a Positive, Trauma-Informed, Strength-Based Approach		
10:30 – 10:45 pm	Transition Break - Visit Exhibitor Hall		
10:45 – 11:45 am	Charlie Appelstein, MSW: No Such Thing as a Bad Kid Part 2	Kirsten Krane -Data The Marshmallow Challenge: Building Quality into Your Processes	Beth Demmons -Family Wellness QPR Gatekeeper Training
11:45 – 1:00 pm	Lunch—2 buffet areas - Capital Room and Natatorium (back of Lobby)		
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Charlie Appelstein, MSW: No Such Thing as a Bad Kid Part 3	Erin Campbell –Health and Nutrition Raising Intuitive Eaters	Marjorie Vegoren -Family Wellness Do No Harm
2:15 – 3:15 pm	Kristi Aklestad -Health and Nutrition Syphilis in the Reproductive Lifespan: Montana Epidemiology, Challenges, and Lessons Learned	Kody Ramler -Family Wellness The EQ Blueprint: Crafting a More Emotionally Intelligent Future	Aimee Duncan and Lacy Little -Health and Nutrition The WIC Food package: addressing nutrients of concern for maternal and child health
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Break – Visit Exhibitor Hall		
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Charlie Appelstein, MSW: "Use the Force, Luke!" Managing Number One, First! & Staying Motivated to Do the Job!	Patrica Cutshall-Bailey -Health and Nutrition Empowering Caregivers: Strategies for Balance and Resilience	Jennifer Racicot -Data and Quality Improvement The Power of Words
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Visit Exhibitor Hall		

Thursday, August 15 th			
7:00 – 8:00 am	In-house Registration & Exhibitor Hall Opens – Foyer		
8:00 – 9:00 am	Amanda Eby –Family Wellness Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC) panel discussion	Lora Cowee -Family Wellness "Learn the Signs. Act Early" Promoting Early Identification of Developmental Delay and Disability	Kathy Rich and Bright Futures B5 Team –Data and Quality Improvement Bright Futures B-5 Preschool Development Grant
9:00 – 9:45 am	Transition Break - Visit Exhibitor Hall		
9:45 – 10:45 am	Tonette Hollingsworth -Health and Nutrition Beyond the Brush: Oral health integration and innovation for better health outcomes.	Sara Schreiner -Family Wellness Balancing Acts: Thriving in Care and Career	Alex DuBois -Family Wellness Empowering Parent Voices: The Impact of Community-led Early Childhood Initiatives
10:45 – 11:45 am	Keynote: (1 hr.) Roch Turner, PhD, EdD Whole Child - Ballroom		
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Closing Remarks, Raffle & Evaluations – Ballroom		

**** Please note: A short description of each workshop is listed in the online registration (after your profile has been created).**