

## PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

**8:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**ME! M.E.N.T.O.R.ing Essentials** presented by Abbie Bill

**Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**10:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Baby Steps: Making Mindful Changes** presented by Jeff Johnson

**Sand Key**

### THURSDAY, JUNE 25

**8:00 am – Noon**

**Mentor I Certification** presented by Abbie Bill

**Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Early Learning Home Environments (OFF-SITE)**

Lynn Gibson, Julie Oliver & Gwen Wilson

**Arrive at 7:45 a.m at Lobby 2 Door  
bus leaves PROMPTLY at 8:00 a.m.**

**1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Managing Time before It Manages You** presented by Cynthia Krosky

**Sand Key**



**Cynthia Krosky, CSP, LCSW** is a Certified Speaking Professional and her diversity of knowledge, experiences, and understanding of group dynamics enrich her ability to influence the way people work together. She uses her expertise to assist organizations in developing leadership and team skills so that they may discover ways to increase productivity. Her interactive workshops are engaging, fun, and provide the audience with practical easy to apply information. Visit her website: [achievingcorporateexcellence.com](http://achievingcorporateexcellence.com)

**6:00 pm**

**Opening Welcome Ceremony \* Lobby #3  
Provider and Advocate Hall of Fame Awards  
Performance by Cultural Dynamics**

**6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Registration and Exhibit Hall Open \* Island 1 & 2**

**9:00 pm**

**First-Timer Orientation \* Palm  
Primera Orientación \* Bay**

**Obijuru (Obi) and Glory Okezie** Obi Okezie is a professional actor and is a Theatre Arts graduate. He co-founded Children's Workshop, a 30 minute TV program in Nigeria Television Authority, Aba, Nigeria. He brings you, traditional Igbo Stories, games, songs, drumming and dancing, which offers ways to explore the diverse cultural traditions of the Igbo people of Nigeria. Glory Okezie is an entertainer and storyteller. She has a major in Early Child Education and is currently a student at Kennesaw State University, Georgia pursuing a Bachelor degree in ECE. She operated and managed her family Home Day Care since 2001. Her passion for teaching and caring for children has continued to motivate and inspire her to make a positive impact in their lives individually and collectively. **Come discover the magic of IGBO Storytelling in workshops #10 and #34 and learn how IGBO Games help build our community at the Closing General Session on Saturday.**





**Jeff Johnson** is a motivational speaker, and presents keynotes and workshops at over 30 events a year. He opened Explorations Early Learning, a family child care home program, in 2003 with his wife, Tasha, after spending 16 years directing a child care center and community center for a large non-profit agency. Their FCC home program in Iowa focused on emergent learning in a play-based and child-centered environment. He is passionate about early learning, provider self-care, infants and toddlers, and promoting play. Visit: [explorationsearlylearning.com](http://explorationsearlylearning.com)  
**Discover what is best for babies in workshop #13, re-energize your block play area #20 and find out the learning possibilities of aggressive play in #55.**

**SESSION 1 & 2:  
3 HOUR WORKSHOP  
8:00 – 11:00 AM**

**1. Gardening Education: Growing Young Minds with Square Foot Gardening \***

**Eva Anderson**

**Sand Key**

Gardening is not only a great way for children to learn about fresh vegetables and fruits but also gives them hands-on experiences to learn math, science, social studies, and social/emotional skills too. Discover a fun and practical way to garden with Square Foot Gardening which is an organic growing method that allows you to grow a larger, more plentiful harvest using only: 50% of the Cost 20% of the Space, 10% of the Water, 5% of the Seeds, 2% of the Work. This is also a great way to teach children about stewardship of the environment and community.

\*Limit 30

**SESSION 1  
75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS  
8:00 – 9:15 AM**

**2. Child Care Resource and Referral**

**Courtne Wheelless**

**Beach**

Welcome to the "Front Door" of Child Care and Family Services. Participants will learn how Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) provides information and resources to families and providers in Florida.

**3. It's All about Me: Understanding and Supporting Young Children's Social/Emotional Development**

**Suzanne Riccaboni**

**Gulf**

Research in the development of the brain confirms the structure for healthy emotional development established in the first 18 months of life. This session will look at ways to support infants and toddlers on the road to self-regulation and emerging social skills.

**4. Take it Outside**

**Dawn Harvey-Espinoza**

**Palm**

Creativity runs wild in this training! Learn to create outdoor experiences that will create a place of wonder and discovery for young children. This training will focus on seizing opportunities and enhancing your lesson plans with outside activities.

**5. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Oh My! How to Overcome Your Fear and Discover with Children**

**Susan O'Carroll**

**Bay**

Simple activities that get even the most fearful teacher excited. This is an introduction to S.T.E.M. with activities and resources to build your enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering and math with preschool age children.

**6. La Ciencia puede ser Divertida**

**Mariel Rivera**

**Coquina 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

Ven y Únete a nosotros y descubre cómo alcanzar diferentes posibilidades en tu rutina diaria dentro del salón de clase a través de la Ciencia y aprende como encontrar diversos recursos para tu clase.

**7. Come Climb the Seamless Career Ladder!**

**Bebe Rahaman**

**Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Debbie Bowe**

The presenters will discuss the educational opportunities available from non-credit/continuing education to A.S., A.A., and B.S. They will clearly expand each step so that participants can start on their appropriate rung.

**8. Importance of Gross and Fine Motor Skills**

**Kathy Jones**

**Cardita 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

Learn the importance of helping children develop their gross and fine motor skills through play and art. This is a very interactive class with tons of inexpensive ideas for hands-on activities for improving motor skills. Find out many ways to help children be more prepared for success when they enter Kindergarten.

**9. Preparing the Family Child Care Home for Emergencies and Disasters**

**Shelba Waldron**

**Conch 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**

This workshop uses current models of disaster preparedness and lessons learned from previously impacted communities to help guide in the process for local disaster planning for child care homes. Learn how to create a communication plan for parents and providers plus protection of crucial documents. Discover needed checklist, develop a complete safety plan, and explore the important role of child care after a disaster.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 26

### SESSION 2: 75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS 9:45 – 11:00 AM

#### 10. *IGBO Storytelling\**

*\*Repeated as #34*

**Obi and Glory Okezie**

**Bay**

IGBO Storytelling is about the bald headed tortoise, the wicked witch and our great ancestors. Most importantly, they are stories about ourselves; like reflections in a mirror. Every narration tells us about our history, our heritage and our future. Our objective is to use storytelling to help children develop their social, physical, intellectual, creative, and emotional wellbeing. The stories convey cultures, experiences, and values. It is a means of transmitting knowledge, wisdom, and morals in our societies.

#### 11. *Involucrando a los Padres*

**Yorislay Matos**

**Coquina 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

Los padres juegan un papel muy importante en la vida del niño, cuando los padres estan involucrados en las escuela el niño tiene un mejor rendimiento y una mejor actitud, como consecuencia de esto nosotros como profesores creemos que al involucrar la familia nos hace la tarea mas fácil. Para poder saber como lograr involucrar a los padres debemos conocer cuál es el factor principal por lo cual el padre no se involucra en las escuelas de sus hijos.

#### 12. *How to Be a Smart Consumer of Insurance*

**Collin Kosthia**

**Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Rafael Mendoza-Escalante**

Find out the importance of maintaining a quality insurance policy and what coverages to look for when shopping for one. An experienced exclusive family child care insurance agent will facilitate tips that avoid common costly mistakes. Important insights about insurance policy differences and properly dealing with accusations and claims will be presented. Learn how to prevent your business, your property, and everything you have worked for from being lost. Bring your questions.

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## VIERNES, 26 DE JUNIO

#### 13. *Babies in the Rain*

**Jeff Johnson**

**Cardita 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

Like it or not, since everything infants and toddlers encounter is new, exciting, and a chance to learn, caregivers are *Professional Role Models*. Sadly, too many small children are spending valuable learning time confined to swings, bouncy seats, and cribs or exposed to developmentally inappropriate practices and materials because their caregivers are pressured, misguided, or uninformed. This session looks at these issues and ways caregivers can be more thoughtful, intentional, and tuned-into the dance of early learning.

#### 14. *What Color is Your Personality?*

**Dawna Sarmiento**

**Conch 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Priscilla McFadden**

Join us in a fun and interactive personality assessment. Knowing your True Colors, and how to discover the True Colors of others, helps to recognize differences and similarities in communication styles, behaviors, and preferences and how to use this information to resolve conflicts, increase respect, and bring out the best in others. This workshop includes individual and group activities that are designed to create an atmosphere of learning and sharing.

### SESSION 3:

### ALL-CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

with **KEYNOTE** and **AWARDS**

**11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

#### 15. *Enhancing Our Minds . . . in 2015*

**Mindsets: Fulfilling Our Potential**

**Phyllis Kalifeh, Ed. D**

**Beach/Gulf/Palm**

This keynote will introduce the concept of Mindsets based on the work of Carol Dweck, Ph.D. and how our mindset influences all that we do. The session will provide an opportunity for attendees to evaluate their own mindsets to determine if it is limiting their potential or expanding their potential. Further, we will explore how mindsets affect our roles as teachers, leaders, and parents and how we can make conscious choices to promote a growth mindset.

Phyllis Kalifeh, Ed. D. has 35 years of experience in the field of early learning and afterschool in Florida. She has served as a classroom teacher, child advocate, owner/director of her own school, executive director for a regional nonprofit, plus served with Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Since 2000, she has served as the President/CEO of the Children's Forum and oversees the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Scholarship Program, Child Care WAGE\$ Florida, the Quality Counts Career Center and Professional Development Registry in Miami-Dade County and Palm Beach County. She is currently President of the National Workforce Registry Alliance. Dr. Kalifeh holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, a Master's in Educational Leadership and a Doctorate in Educational Policy and Evaluation. Visit [www.flchild.com](http://www.flchild.com) for more information.







**Maryann "Mar." Harman** is a music educator with a Bachelor's Degree in Music and a Master's in Education. She writes songs that are musically and educationally sound for children as well as fun and easy to use for teachers and parents. She is the founder of the internationally-enjoyed "Music with Mar.", a brain research based program for adults and children. For more information, visit her website at [www.musicwithmar.com](http://www.musicwithmar.com). **Find out what music is best for toddlers in workshop #17 and how to teach self-regulation with music in #53.**

**SESSIONS 4:  
75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS  
2:00 – 3:15 PM**

**16. *Totally Tods!***

**Maryann "Mar." Harman**

**Sand Key**

Toddlers enjoy music, too; but they have special needs. Many times materials are too old for them. This workshop will present developmentally appropriate activities and materials for toddlers as well as educate participants on their value in development.

**17. *The Invisible Threat of Childhood Diseases*  
Dr. Greg Savel, M. D.**

**Beach**

Childhood diseases thought nearly eradicated are returning with over 120,000 disease cases and over 1,200 deaths. Learn how vulnerable we are to outbreaks, through an interactive activity, a riveting documentary, and lecture. Currently children ages 0-5 are under-immunized, making outbreaks not just a possibility, but a very real "Invisible Threat."

**18. *You Make a Difference***

**Patricia Dischler**

**Gulf**

Everyone hopes their life has meaning and an impact on others but how many of us let our busy lives get in the way of doing big things? Patricia helps you find opportunities to make a BIG difference in the SMALL moments of time you have in your busy day. Whether with children, their families, your colleagues, or other professionals in our field, every interaction is an opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life – and your own. Learn to recognize your "Moments of Opportunity" and live a life full of joy in knowing that what you do matters.

**19. *We All have One of Those Children***

**Robin Dean**

**Palm**

We all either have, or will have, one of those children that have multiple tantrums which make us rethink how we do things, or make our day really tough. Learn some things that work for helping the child, and consequently, you and the child will have a better day without meltdowns.

**20. *Building Better Block Play***

**Jeff Johnson**

**Bay**

This session looks at reenergizing your block play area with fresh do-it-yourself block ideas; extending block play with props and adult support; and understanding the wide and deep learning block play promotes.

**21. *Ven y Descubre Cosas Maravillosas!***

**Mariel Rivera**

**Coquina 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

En este taller los proveedores de cuidado de niños en casa de familia podrán adquirir las herramientas que le ayudaran a obtener una mejor comprensión y desarrollar una conexión entre una observación y una enseñanza eficaz. Vamos a ofrecer directrices y estrategias específicas para ayudar a maestros y cuidadores a transformar la observación diaria en un componente esencial de su práctica docente. Los cuidadores de hogar y maestros podrán aplicar estas estrategias en su día a día las actividades de clase.

**22. *Quality Inspections for Healthy Children in Safe Environments***

**Stephen Delgado**

**Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

Want to be proactive in creating and maintaining a healthy, safe environment that meets Head Start, FCC, VPK, and government requirements? We will discuss a sample Property Condition Report which details problems that we typically find – problems that can be prevented and fixed. Learn how to catch problems early and you will save money later on big repairs. Understand how to control your physical environment before little problems become big issues!

**23. *How DCF can Help YOU Succeed***

**Dinah Davis**

**Cardita 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Samantha Wass de Czege**

Learn about the Department's role in the child care community. The Office of Child Care Regulation staff utilizes a variety of methods to keep providers informed and to offer technical assistance that includes provider meetings, trainings and routine inspection visits. Find out the most common non-compliant standards and how to achieve and maintain compliance.

**24. *Family Child Care Taxes & Records***

**Erick Thacher, C. P. A.**

**Conch 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**

This workshop will specifically cover topics including bookkeeping, gathering proper documentation, as well as, understanding and reporting deductions for any home child care.





**Dr. Greg Savel**, is currently the President of Myrtle Avenue Pediatrics and an adjunct Professor of Pediatrics at the University of South Florida's College of Medicine. As the Chair of PITCH (Pinellas Immunization Team for Community Health) he wants to help educate the public about the importance of immunizations for our children. **Learn more about childhood immunizations in workshop #17 and find out when a kid should stay home or go to their doctor in #26.**

**SESSIONS 5:  
75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS  
3:45 - 5:00 PM**

**25. *Learning How to Bring Stories off the Page and onto the Stage***

**Robert King**

**Sand Key**

Learn how to create interactive and participatory storytelling from picture books, storybooks, folktales, mythology, and personal stories. These interactive methods are then incorporated as a vehicle for kinesthetic and creative learning, curriculum development, supporting multiple learning styles and cultural bridging.

**26. *Is it Allergies or Teething this Week? A Look at Pediatric Myths and Concerns***

**Dr. Greg Savel, M. D.**

**Beach**

What do you do when that 100.8 temp from teething last week becomes a 104 temp that causes the child to throw up all over your carpet before the parent can pick them up? Was it actually teething or something else? Find out when a kid should stay home or go to their doctor!

**27. *Get It Done: Going Beyond the Planning to Strategic Action***

**Patricia Dischler**

**Gulf**

This segment helps guide your board into real work, taking your strategic plan and building from it policies that will support the work, a work plan that will track accomplishments, and operating procedures to facilitate communications during role changes. Learn how to create a system that not only starts getting things done now, but helps your organization stay consistent in it over time and throughout position changes.

**28. *Using Social Media to Market Your FCC***

**Arleen Lambert**

**Palm**

Learn strategies using social media to market your business. Find out the do's and don'ts of social media and how it can affect your child care business.

**Don't forget to complete your evaluation form after each workshop. Turn in completed evaluation at end of the Saturday closing keynote for a chance to win**

**29. *Building Communication Means Building Connections***

**Sheila Chambers**

**Bay**

No more blank looks or empty parent involvement books! Effective communication skills are essential in building connections with children and families. Strengthen your communication skills and learn strategies for engaging parents in the learning process!

**30. *Estrategias de Guía y Disciplina Positivas***

**Lisa Anes**

**Coquina 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

Los participantes aprenderán a identificar los factores de estrés en los niños, diferenciar entre la actitud de comportamiento y la etapas de desarrollo, y como aplicar el método de guía de desarrollo apropiado.

**31. *Nature Play***

**Carole Caffentzis**

**Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

Find out how to enhance children's play by incorporating natural items of wood, shells, stone, sand, grass, and plants into your learning environment. Exploring backyard wildlife and the weather will be discussed. Discover how to connect to natural elements and bring more nature into the realm of children in their daily lives and activities.

**32. *Terrific Transitions***

**Dawn Harvey-Espinoza**

**Cardita 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

It is amazing how well your day can flow in your classroom when transitions are handled appropriately. Transitional songs and activities are powerful tools. They guide children through the day, help groups move from one area to another smoothly, and gives each child positive interaction with their caregivers. Learn rhymes, songs, and creative fun activities to help transitions flow smoothly.

**33. *Early Head Start Partnership with Family Child Care Homes***

**Carlita Miller**

**Conch 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**

Find out how the Early Head Start (EHS) Child Care Partnership (CCP) grants and family child care homes are collaborating to strengthen and narrow the early childhood education gap in service provision to our most vulnerable populations. Highlights of both entities will be covered to show how they complement each other and are able to provide full day continuity of care for children.



## SATURDAY, JUNE 27

## SÁBADO, 27 DE JUNIO

### SESSION 6: 75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS 8:00 – 9:15 AM

#### 34. *IGBO Storytelling*

Obi and Glory Okezie

*\*Repeat of #10*

Sand Key

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#### 35. *Math = All Age Groups*

Creshawna Griffin

*\*Repeated as #45*

Beach

Number Operations . . . Geometry & Spatial Sense . . . Patterns . . . Measurements . . . These math skills are not just for our Preschoolers but for infant and toddlers too. Learn how to create meaningful experiences with math concepts throughout the day. Take away simple DAP activities that are tied to state standards.

#### 36. *The Ins and Outs of a Large FCC*

Karan Hiester

Gulf

What does it mean to operate a large family child care home? The DCF qualifications and requirements of owning a large licensed Family Child Care Home will be explained. Learn the true facts about ratios, hiring an employee, the difference between employee vs 1099, the importance of reliable substitutes and many more tips to making this a successful business.

#### 37. *Parents Can't Hear Me!*

Patricia Dischler

Palm

Learn techniques for successful communication with parents, how to reach even the "busy" parents with creative ways to get their attention, how a Parent Handbook will stop issues before they start and guidelines for conducting interviews and conferences.

#### 38. *The Brain Matters: Recent Research for Early Care and Education Practitioners*

Penney Norton

Bay

Learn about the brain and what research tells us is most important for young children. Positive early experiences and quality care impact the developing brain in fascinating and opportunistic ways. Recent research defies the myth that windows for learning close early. Find out about brain plasticity and epigenetics in a friendly and fun but meaningful way.

#### 39. *Efectos de la Implementación de un Programa de Lenguaje en Español para Niños Pequeños de Origen Hispano*

Carmen Medrano

Coquina 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Esta presentación está basada en un estudio de investigación realizada en 4 casas de cuidado infantil. El estudio hace referencia a la implementación de un programa específico de lenguaje y literatura que estimula el desarrollo de lenguaje oral.

#### 40. *You Can Do It! "Get Accredited"*

Gwen Wilson

Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Learn about Quality Standards for NAFCC Accreditation. Find out which standards are new and what standards are updated. Get answers to questions about accreditation observation. Are you thinking about being accredited? If yes, then join our discussion with other accredited providers to learn how to explore options and discover ways to achieve accreditation.

#### 41. *Play-Based Learning*

Janice Niemann

Cardita 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Children gain the cognitive skills through dramatic play, art, and block play. The teacher's role is to carefully observe the play and guide the children, giving structure to concepts as they arise. Learn the benefits of play for ages 0 - 4 as well as teaching strategies to help children grow developmentally as they play.

#### 42. *Let's Make Money the Right Way*

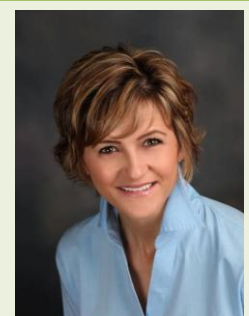
Tasheba Berry

Conch 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

Offering quality child care is very important to our business, but understanding that making the right amount of income is also just as important. Learn how your child care fee affects the market rate. Get tips on marketing your business at little or no cost. Discover how a detail contract can save you so many headaches!

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**Patricia Dischler** is a nationally recognized speaker and author who inspires audiences with her creative ideas and entertaining presentations, sharing stories from her 25 years of experience as a family child care provider and teacher. Her many books include *Teaching the 3 C's: Creativity, Curiosity & Courtesy* and *From Babysitter to Business Owner*. She offers a variety of products and trainings through her company, KIDBIZ Resources. Serving as President of NAFCC, she is a strong advocate for early childhood professionals and strives to help them strengthen their careers as they do what they love – make a difference in the life of a child! **Come to her creative and motivating workshops #18, #27, and #37.**





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**Jason Kotecki** is an author, artist, and speaker. Jason is an expert at helping individuals “Escape Adulthood” by reinvigoration energy, restoring balance and achieving new levels of productivity. He believes there is more to life than the hectic busyness, cynical lethargy and overwhelming stress that is typical of most modern lives. His mission is to fight Adultitis, helping people create lives with less stress and more fun. Check out [www.escapeadulthood.com](http://www.escapeadulthood.com), his fabulously funny website. **Enjoy his General Session Keynote on Saturday, “Curing Adultitis: Your Prescription for Less Stress & More Success” and discover how to balance your life better while also making it more fun with simple ideas in workshop #46.**

**SESSION 7:  
GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE**  
Accredited Provider Recognition  
9:45 – 11:15 AM

**43. Curing Adultitis: Your Prescription for Less Stress and More Success**

**Jason Kotecki** **Beach/Gulf/Palm/Bay**  
Stressed? Busy? Overwhelmed? If you’ve ever wanted to resign from adulthood, you may be struggling with a case of Adultitis. Make your escape! Our passion and energy levels are regularly depleted by Adultitis and the burden of increased regulations and the need to do more with less. You may not be able to be six again, but Jason shares how recapturing wisdom from childhood can help you reignite your passion, turn stress into laughter, and get more done while having more fun. Jason provides witty observations, humorous anecdotes and real-world techniques that will entertain and inspire you to live a richer, more balanced life.

**4 Saturday Lunch options:**

Food Cart in Lobby #2 - (cash only) for Grab & Go wraps, sandwiches, chips, fruit, drinks

Blue Water Provisions - light lunch options to take and eat and network at tables in the Exhibit Hall

Island Grille - opens at 11:00 am, get a fast and fresh lite bite that’s just right (soups, salads, and sandwiches) located across from the Palm and Bay

Poolside Café – opens at 11:00 am, great place to take a break with an assortment of energizing bites, including a chicken salad sandwich, chef’s salad, pizza, hot dogs and chicken tenders.



**Water Safety in Child Care Programs (WSCC)**

Available July 1, 2015 Online!



The Department of Children and Families Office of Child Care Regulation is offering a new 2-hour course to help child care programs improve water safety practices to protect children in their care. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Explain how drowning occurs
- Summarize water safety rules and regulations
- Identify the best practices for protecting children

To access this course, go to [www.myflfamilies.com/childcare](http://www.myflfamilies.com/childcare) and select “Training and Credentialing.”

**Visit the Exhibit Hall**

Opens at 9:00 am

**Don’t forget to get your Incentive Game Tickets!!**

**Visit the FFCCHA Fundraising Table for great deals at our**

**Go Green Table**

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SESSION 8:  
75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS  
12:15 – 1:30 PM

### 44. *Extraordinary Books from Ordinary*

#### **Materials**

**Dorothy A. Ports**

**Sand Key**

Explore ways to fabricate creative and unique books, from cans, boxes, envelopes, and other recyclable materials. These developmentally appropriate books can be incorporated into and interwoven with curricular content.

### 45. *Math = All Age Groups*

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### 46. *Balancing Act: Overcoming Adultitis Amidst The Stress Of Everyday*

**Jason Kotecki**

**Gulf**

You were not designed to live a life that leaves you stressed out, worn down, and constantly running on empty. But in the crazy, fast-paced, technology-driven, always “on” world in which we live, there is more change, more choice, and more demands than ever before, pulling you in a million different directions. Maintaining a mindful and meaningful level of life balance is HUGE. And messing it up can wreak havoc with your career, your health, and your relationships. In this session, Jason will share insights that get to the heart of the problem and simple ideas for designing a balanced life that is less stressful and more fun.

### 47. *What Comes Next? Making a Visual Schedule Work in Family Child Care Homes*

**Robin Dean**

**Palm**

Would you like your child care to run smoother and have happy children who love to come to school/FCC? Learn how to use a visual schedule to meet YOUR needs, and help the children in your care be more independent, calm, and excited about what they are going to do during the day. Learn what type of child needs a visual schedule and who it will benefit. Take it to the next level!

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### 48. *Domestic Violence and It's Impact on Children*

**Dale Thompson LMHC, Kenneth Visser Ph.D., Bay  
Valerie Fisher LMHC, Angela Murray MA**

Participants will review the Domestic Violence exposure impact on children at different stages of their lives. Emotional, physical, and spiritual areas of impact will be reviewed and discussed in an open information exchange with a panel of Mental Health Professionals.

### 49. *Como Crear una Cultura de Pensamiento Utilizando la Literatura Infantil*

**Carmen Medrano**

**Coquina 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

Esta presentación está basada en el marco del Proyecto Zero de la Universidad de Harvard que estimula a las maestros a crear un ambiente que ayude a los niños a hacer su pensamiento visible.

### 50. *Employee Handbook – to Have or Have Not in Family Child Care*

**Karan Hiester**

**Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

Do you want things done a certain way? What is your mission/vision for your business? What is your learning philosophy? In family child care, whether you use an occasional substitute or a daily assistant, it is important to lay a foundation of communication to who is working for you.

### 51. *Healthy Habits for Healthy Minds*

**Alina Soto**

**Cardita 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

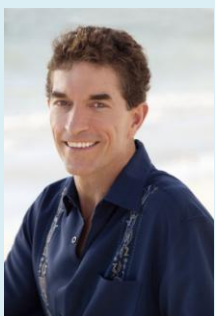
Learn how you can make a direct impact on the health and well-being of the children in your care by seeing obesity prevention from a healthy perspective. Learn best practices and tools in the areas directly linked to obesity prevention; nutrition, physical activity and alternatives to screen time. Gain skills and ideas to engage parents in healthier habits. Join us as we MOVE IT!

### 52. *Extending Infant Toddler Learning Beyond the Framework of the Curriculum*

**Marilyn Fuller**

**Conch 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**

Discover the importance of powerful interactions that goes beyond planning lessons (following the curriculum) which children must sit through even though both child and teacher is disconnected. What is a powerful interaction and what really is curriculum?



**Robert King** is the President of Educational Resources Unlimited. He provides In-service curriculum development workshops for staff trainings, performance and presentation skills training for educators, age-appropriate participatory story presentations, creative hands-on dramatic art techniques for all learning levels, story writing, book making, movement and rhythm workshops. He is also a massage therapy instructor and a licensed rehabilitation and massage therapist providing rehabilitative techniques for clients experiencing acute and chronic pain. **Discover fabulous storytelling in workshop #25 and re-discover your passion and excitement for early child care education in workshop #58.**



## SATURDAY, JUNE 27

### SESSION 9: 75 MINUTE WORKSHOPS 2:00 – 3:15 PM

#### 53. *My Mindful Music*

Maryann "Mar." Harman

Sand Key

In preschool years, teaching children how to control their bodies is much more important than reading and writing. It is through self-regulation children are able to sit still to read, write and do math. Have fun with Mar. in this workshop that will teach self-regulation through music and movement.

#### 54. *Concilio Latino*

*Nutriendo a la Proveedora*

Mayra Marquez and Alina Soto

Beach

Las proveedoras de cuidado infantil por naturaleza nutren, educan, alimentan y crían. Ven y aprende cómo convertir esas cualidades naturales hacia como cuidarse uno mismo. Tu puedes manejar el stress y agotamiento con comer saludable, hacer ejercicio y planeando el tiempo haciendo algo que amas.

#### 55. *Zombie Vampire Veterinarian Moms*

Jeff Johnson

Gulf

Weapons play, rough-and-tumble-play, superhero play, and death play get a bad rap in many early learning settings. Attempts are made to restrict and outright ban these types of play because they are loud, rowdy, aggressive, violent-looking, and make many adults uncomfortable. The problem is such play is ripe with learning possibilities. This session looks at the positive side of such play and offers suggestions for making it a part of your program.

#### 56. *Going Green in the FCC Home*

Adrienne Jitta

Palm

Early childhood educators will learn different strategies to help save the earth and educate their young students as well. Find out about different forms of technology and recycled materials that are green and can be use in classroom. The interactive training gives participants opportunities to learn how to use materials such as milk jugs, toilet paper rolls, water bottles, and newspaper to teach and create arts and crafts with young children.

#### 57. *Healing Classrooms – Maintaining Effective Teacher Participation*

Ana Gonzalez

Bay

Supporting children affected by trauma is arduous and highly rewarding work. As educators, we strive for best practices. Research shows that building relationships and providing safe, calm educational environments yield positive academic and social results. Learn effective techniques for maintaining effective teacher participation and managing compassion fatigue when promoting and improving children's educational outcomes.

## SÁBADO, 27 DE JUNIO

#### 58. *Creative Stories from Our Brilliant Moments in Teaching*

Robert King

Coquina 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Learn how to access and illustrate personal anecdotes and memories of past successes in teaching. Come and re-discover your passion and excitement about education and leadership in the early childhood educational field. Our personal anecdotes serve as a wonderful palette of colorful emotions, training experiences and learned lessons. This combination of experiences can lead us back to our deepest reasons for becoming educators and assisting young ones into their own creative discoveries.

#### 59. *Hand-In-Hand Programs Encouraging Professional Development*

Lisa Adams and Kiki Carter

Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program and Child Care WAGE\$® Florida Project links training, compensation and commitment to improving the quality of early childhood care. Learn how to receive scholarships for early care educators to work towards earning an Associate's degree or credentials in early childhood education through the T.E.A.C.H. program. Explore how the WAGE\$ program is designed to provide young children with more stable relationships with teachers (a key component of quality). This program rewards teacher education and continuity of care

#### 60. *"Dare to Be Different" – A Culturally Inclusive Approach through Health & Nutrition*

Felicia Toson

Cardita 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Learn strategies of unconventional methods towards a balanced relationship between family, children and staff. This is a multicultural approach using food, family, fun and music promoting healthier minds and bodies.

#### 61. *Playground Safety & How You Play a Role!*

Casey Price

Sundial 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Learn how YOU play a role in: the physical layout of the outdoor play environment; planning for good sight supervision; creating a play area with age appropriate design; and ensuring safe fall- zone surface materials of a play area.

### CLOSING SESSION KEYNOTE: 3:45 – 5:00 PM

#### 62. *IGBO Games Build Community*

Obi and Glory Okezie

Beach/Gulf/Palm/Bay

Traditional IGBO games were the earliest forms of community building strategies. It formed the basis for strengthening and fostering unity in the community. IGBO traditional games provide opportunities for parents, and other adults to inculcate the children early in life with the basic structure of respect, obedience, success, hard work, learning processes, building skills, maintaining good health, building strong arms and legs, endurance, patience, consistency, integrity, and honesty.

**COMPLETED EVALUATION FORMS ARE DUE AT THE END OF THE CLOSING SESSION!**

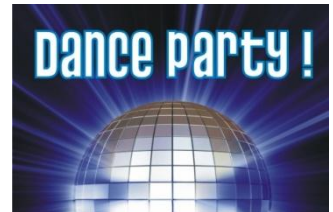


## Provider Celebration!

Saturday Night, June 27

8:00pm – Midnight

(Family time 8-9pm, Adults ONLY after 9pm)



Jeff Farley has vast entertainment experience which allows him to be the perfect choice for any type of event, but his first love is working with children and families. Jeff has entertained in 52 countries all over the world. His ability to connect with and read a crowd, has helped him establish a remarkable rapport with audiences everywhere. Having been a professional dancer for over 29 years allows him to be your #1 choice for interactive dance parties. Everyone is welcome to attend, network, share, dance, listen and enjoy!



*Refreshments sponsored by Sheraton Sand Key Resort  
Decorations sponsored by U.S. Toy Company*

## Sunday Morning, June 28 - FFCCHA Annual Meeting

- 8:45 am** Continental Breakfast: Sponsored by Lakeshore Learning Materials and FFCCHA  
(Breakfast is for all Registered Conference Attendees only – sorry, no family members)
- 9:00 am** Cardboard Creations presented by Ron Mohl  
With cardboard creations, we will engage in using our imagination combined with hands-on problem solving. As we twist, bend, tear, cut, and decorate cardboard, we will be bringing to life real world STEM experiences to every child. Small groups will collaborate with their ingenuity on machinery, cause and effect experiments, and one-of-a-kind conceptions that can be shared. Cardboard creations will spark learning through play!
- 10:00 am** FFCCHA Annual General Meeting – for all members and guests
- 10:30 am** Installation Ceremony of all FFCCHA Full Board Members and More Prizes!





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THUR	6:00 pm Opening Ceremony: Cultural Dynamics!					Island 1-2 Exhibits Open 6:30-9:00 pm				
6am-7am Fit Camp in Beach room 2015 Workshops At-a-Glance 6am Walkers Lobby #2										
Time	Sand Key	Beach	Gulf	Palm	Bay	Island 1-2	Coquina 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Sundial 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Cardita 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	Conch 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor
FRI 8:00-9:15 Ses 1	1 Limit 30 Growing Young Minds with Square Foot Gardening Anderson	2 Child Care Referral Wheless	3 It's All About Me Riccaboni	4 Take It Outside Harvey	5 STEM Activities O'Carroll	EXHIBITS  9am to 5:30 pm	6 La Ciencia Divertida Rivera	7 Career Ladder Rahaman	8 Motor Skills Jones	9 Disaster Prep Waldron
9:45-11:00 Ses 2		Lunch Set-Up			10 Repeat #34 IGBO Storytelling Okezie		11 Involucranos a los Padres Matos	12 Liability & Compliance Kostiha	13 Babies in the Rain Johnson	14 True Colors Sarmiento
11:30-1:30 Ses 3		15 AWARDS LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE DR. PHYLLIS KALIFEH Mindsets: Fulfilling Our Potential					Continuing Education Units are available for an additional fee. See page 9 in program book for instructions.			
2:00-3:15 Ses 4	16 Totally Tods Harman	17 The Invisible Threat Savel, MD	18 Make a Difference Dischler	19 We All Have One Dean	20 Better Block Play Johnson		21 Ven y Descubre Rivera	22 Safe Environments Delgado	23 How DCF Helps You Davis	24 FCC Taxes & Records Thacher
3:45-5:00 Ses 5	25 Stories; Page to Stage King	26 Allergies or Teething? Savel, MD	27 Strategic Action Dischler	28 Social Media Lambert	29 Communicate and Connect Chambers		30 Disciplina Positivas Anes	31 Nature Play Caffentzis	32 Terrific Transitions Harvey	33 Early Head Start Miller
SAT 8:00-9:15 Ses 6	34 Repeat #10 IGBO Storytelling Okezie	35 Repeat #45 Math Activities Griffin	36 Large FCC Ins & Outs Hiester	37 Parents Can't Hear Dischler	38 The Brain Matters Norton	EXHIBITS  9 am to 3:30 pm	39 Literatura Infantil Medrano	40 Get NAFCC Accredited Wilson	41 Play Based Learning Niemann	42 Making Money Berry
9:45-11:15 Ses 7		43 GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE: JASON KOTECKI Curing Adultitis: Your Prescription for Less Stress & More Success!					Continuing Education Units are available for an additional fee. See page 9 in program book for instructions.			
11:15-12:15	Lunch on your own – food for sale in Lobby #2 Seating available in Exhibit Hall						Visit the Exhibit Hall			
12:15-1:30 Ses 8	44 Extraordinary Books Ports	45 Repeat #35 Math Activities Griffin	46 Balancing Act Kotecki	47 What's Next? Dean	48 Impact of Violence Thompson		49 Lenguaje Prescolares Medrano	50 Employee Handbook Hiester	51 Healthy Habits Soto	52 Infants & Toddlers Fuller
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3:45-5:00 Ses 10		62 CLOSING SESSION Keynote: OBI & GLORY OKEZIE IGBO Games Build Our Community					Continuing Education Units are available for an additional fee. See page 9 in program book for instructions.			
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