

Eastern Washington Family Child Care Association



“Reach for the STARS” Annual March Conference

This year’s conference line up has something for everyone. Join us for this exciting opportunity to engage in dialogue, reflect on practice, and engage in professional growth!

Saturday, March 10th, 2012

8:00 am—3:30 pm

**Spokane Valley Church of the Nazarene
15515 E 20th Spokane Valley, WA**


*Offering up to 6 Washington MERIT/STARS
Continuing Education Hours*

www.ewfcca.org

Early Registration deadline is March 3rd

Registrations postmarked after that date will be considered ‘at the door’ registrations.

☆ *Your map to the STARS* ☆

Interstate 90	
Sprague Ave	
20th	Sullivan 

**Spokane Valley Church
of the Nazarene**
15515 E 20th
Spokane Valley

*The first 150 attendees through the door will
receive a ‘goodie bag’*

*Spokane Valley Church of the Nazarene is a wonderful
site, handicap accessible, with plenty of free parking.*

*EWFCCA is proud to be your choice when you
“Reach for the STARS”*
www.ewfcca.org



EWFCCA's "Reach For The Stars" Conference is available to all Early Childhood Educators and is approved for up to 6 hours of Washington STARS Continuing Education Hours.

You may enroll the morning of the event but the Professional Development Scholarship will not be available and class choice will be limited.

Early enrollment is suggested to ensure scholarship eligibility and your first choice of classes.

Registration postmark deadline is March 3rd. Registration forms received after this date will be considered 'at the door' registrations.

Your cancelled check is your confirmation. Receipts will be available the day of the conference. **ABSOLUTLY NO REFUNDS.** Your conference fee amount is reimbursable through Washington STARS. The necessary forms will be in your conference packets the day of the conference. If you are unable to attend, please pass your registration to another provider and notify EWFCCA as soon as possible so we can correct our records.

****If you need additional forms, please copy the registration and Professional Development Scholarship page or call Debbie Thurber at 509-926-6144 to have forms mailed or visit www.ewfccca.org, click on the training button to download and print the registration.**

Session classes are coded as follows in the Core Competencies (CC:) required by Washington STARS

Adm = Administration

Dev = Child Growth, Development & Learning

Guid = Child Guidance

Com = Communication

Divs = Cultural & Individual Diversity

Cur = Curriculum Development

Env = Environmental Design

Fam = Family Systems

HS&N = Health, Safety & Nutrition

Obs = Observation & Assessment

Prof = Professionalism



Your registration includes a **breakfast (7am—8am)** consisting of: Muffins; Breakfast breads; pastries; Fresh fruit; coffee and juices.

You will also be offered a **complimentary lunch with beverage (12:30—1:30pm)**

This years lunch menu consists of:

Mexican Chicken Bake; Tortilla Chips; Homemade Salsa; Green Salad; Cookies and Carrot Cake for dessert!

You may bring a sack lunch if you prefer or visit a near by restaurant.

7:00—8:00am Open Registration & Sign in

Your registration includes a **light breakfast** consisting of Muffins, Breakfast breads and pastries, etc. Fresh fruit, coffee and juices.

8:00—8:15am Conference Introduction

Deborah Thurber—EWFCCA President

8:15—10:45am Keynote (2 1/2 STAR Hours)

Keynote Presenter:

Julie Rose



In her role as Educational Services Director for Dimensions Educational Research Foundation/Nature Explore, Julie works with groups throughout the United States to meet their requests and needs for Nature Explore workshops and design consultations. Prior to that time she served as the Staff Development Coordinator and co-researcher for Dimensions Early Education Programs. She also taught for the Dimensions Early Education Programs and Lincoln Public Schools for over twenty-five years. Julie has taught classes at the college level on early childhood development and literacy. As a certified lead trainer for Nature Explore, Julie presents keynotes and workshops all over the country. She served as an analyst and facilitator at the Working Forum on Nature Education. She has authored articles for *Exchange Magazine*. Julie is a member of the international Nature Action Collaborative for Children, the North American Association of Environmental Education and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Keynote:

"The Life Changing Benefits of Connecting Children with Nature"



Dimensions Educational Research Foundation, will highlight the life-changing benefits for children who make connections with the natural world as a part of their daily learning. Ideas will be presented from the Nature Explore national initiative (a collaborative project with the Arbor Day Foundation and many other organizations) that provides research-based ideas for educators, families and designers. Nature Explore Classrooms are designed to make nature an integral part of outdoor spaces where children spend the majority of their time, such as in early childhood programs, elementary schools and parks. Photos from programs around the nation that are incorporating daily connections with nature into their work with children will be shown as a way to inspire others to use these successful ideas in their own work.

Examples of children's increased skill development and decreased behavioral issues will be highlighted.

CC: Env & Dev

AM Session 11:00am—12:30pm (LUNCH to follow)

AM-1 “Making a Splash In Childcare” — Christina Eagle & Kathleen Ewing

Add a variety of under-the-sea activities to your daycare curriculum which includes felt stories, ocean science and learning activities, sensory table projects, make and take ocean crafts. There is a \$10 material fee payable at the door due to the large amount of art supplies provided. Please bring a container for you copies and projects. This class will be limited to **30 participants**. *CC: Cur*

AM-2 “Marketing Madness” — Pamela Haley MBA

In this economy marketing is an essential part of your childcare business. Learn how to market your business inexpensively and effectively. It can even be fun!!!!!! *CC: Adm*

AM-3 “MERIT” — Deborah Harris, DEL MERIT Program Specialist

The Managed Education and Registry Information Tool (MERIT) replaced the STARS database to house information about STARS approved trainers and trainings, and child care providers’ professional training and education records. Come learn about the benefits of MERIT, how to register, how to create a professional record, and how to complete a the facility registration application. The workshop will also cover information about the new trainer approval process and the benefits of becoming a state approved trainer. *CC: Prof*

AM-4 ”The Wondrous World of Puppets” — Dena Chappell

Back by popular demand! Learn about the important role that puppets play on early development while building confidence in introducing puppets in your work. Participants will learn how to incorporate puppets into their daily routine for use with communicating and teaching different skills to children, as well as learning an easy technique for giving puppets their own personality. *CC: Com*

AM-5 “Learning Centers for Early Childhood” — Susan C Evans

Find out how to set up simple learning centers that will help young children thrive in their learning. Maximize space with creative play areas, science and art centers, sand and water activities, reading , music and drama areas. The PowerPoint includes 200 pictures to clearly illustrate each learning center. (This presentation will be videotaped) *CC: Env*

AM-6 “QRIS (Quality Rating and Improvement System) is Expanding! Get Ready to Jump on Board! — Kathy Blair and Nancy Ashworth

Learn how QRIS is measuring quality in early childhood education programs. You’ll gain an understanding of QRIS, what it would mean if you participated, and hear from a panel of QRIS providers already involved. *CC: Prof*

AM-7 “It All Starts With The BODY!” — Laurie Rollins Walsh

Intentionally-facilitated activities optimize cognitive, social/emotional, creative, and motor development. Explore the elements of movement. Observe, assess, implement. Experience FUN, hands-on, DAP activities for children. Fight childhood obesity! LET’S MOVE; LET’S PLAY! *CC: Dev*

AM-8 “Creative Conflict Resolution” — Patty Shastany

Conflict is a natural part of everyday life with children, parents, and co-workers. Ideas for turning conflict into learning experiences will be introduced. *CC: Prof*

AM-9 “Follow the CAR...What does that have to do with facilitating language and literacy skills in young children?” — Sheryl Billey

The CAR technique will be described as a way to facilitate language and literacy skills in the young child. It is easy and many of us do these things without even realizing what we are doing. After this workshop, you will have the language to talk to parents and other caregivers about how to foster language and literacy skills in infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Hands on experiences and activities will also be shared. *CC: Dev*

12:30—1:30 Free Catered Lunch and Door Prize Giveaway

(must be present to win)

PM SESSION 1:30 — 3:30 pm

PM-1 Professional Childcare Providers want better health and vitality and to eat chocolate.”—Diane White (retired early childhood teacher)

Come join us as we explore powerful suggestions that will positively impact your health and stamina. We will have fun as we consider ph balance, coconut oil, sea salts, eating dirt for cleansing, stress, New weight loss ideas, omega3, fermented soybeans Natto, and of course CHOCOLATE. *CC: Prof*

PM-2 “Talking to the Brain behind the child: How to effectively Guide Difficult Children” — Rebecca Rudd Phd LMFT RPT

The presentation will give participants hands-on training and skills to use with children in practical settings. Participants will learn how to use the child-centered ACT model for correcting behaviors with difficult children. This model has proven to be effective in teaching children how to correct his or her own behavior, increase self-esteem and self-confidence and build a mutually respectful relationship with care providers. Participants will walk away with tools that can be immediately used. *CC: Guid*

PM-3 Complying with Legal Guidelines—Colleen Cliff, SPHR

In this workshop you will have the opportunity to learn the areas of employment law that provide a risk of liability to every small business. The course will give you guidance on federal and state laws, personnel policies and practices that should assist you in avoiding lawsuits and interference from governmental agencies, and aid you in building productive employee relations. Also, you will learn how to create documentation to support your actions in hiring, supervising and terminating employees. There will be time for a question and answer session. *CC: Adm*

PM-4 “Building Healthy Children through Art” —Dena Chappell

This is a hands-on interactive workshop where you will learn why providing “process” focused art is beneficial to the social, cognitive and physical development of young children. Participants will learn the difference between process and product art while gaining skills on how to support a child’s healthy development through daily art experiences. *CC: Cur & Dev*

PM-5 Why does This Child (or I) Act Like This? - Susie Leonard Weller, M.A.

Wonder why one child (or adult) reacts to the exact same situation differently? In this workshop you’ll discover new insights from brain research about the dance between nature and nurture. Expand your toolbox to include 28 strategies for whole-brained discipline. Learn how to change the patterns of your response by practicing the six “P.R.” skills for positive relationships—with children, their parents and your staff/co-workers. *CC: Com & Guid*

PM-6 Supporting Children's Big Body Play! - Bobbi Cobb

Explore why very active, physical play is essential to all children's development and learning. Learn about different types of "big body play", and how they are different from aggressive behavior. Learn strategies for safely and effectively supporting this type of children's play. *CC: Dev*

Registration Form

Conference fee	\$55.00
Professional Development Scholarship Complete the application on the following page. This credit is available on a first come first served basis and is limited to the first 50 qualified applicants.	- 10.00
Add EWFCCA Membership (visit www.ewfccca.org for more info.) If you are including an association membership with this registration...please take the discount below.	+ 30.00 OR + 15.00
EWFCCA General Member Discount You must be a current general member of EWFCCA to take this credit. Visit www.ewfccca.org for a membership form and more information.	- 10.00
EWFCCA Associate Member Discount You must be a current Associate member of EWFCCA to take this credit. Visit www.ewfccca.org for a membership form and more information.	OR - 5.00
Total amount included:	

Make Checks Payable to: EWFCCA
Mail to: 7620 E Maxwell
 Spokane Valley, WA 99212
(Early Registrations deadline March 3rd—any registration received after this date will be considered 'at the door registrations')

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/zip: _____
 Phone: _____ STARS #: _____

I am a: ___FCC Provider ___FCC Assistant ___Center Employee

*** Breakfast (7am—8pm) ?? Yes / No**

AM Session Class Choice 11:-00am-12:30pm

First Choice: _____ Second Choice: _____

**** Complimentary Lunch (12:30—1:30) ?? Yes / No**

PM Session Class Choice 1:30-3:30pm

First Choice: _____ Second Choice: _____

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~~Professional Development Scholarship Application~~

~~All licensed Family Child Care Providers, their assistants and Center Staff are eligible for this scholarship, however only 5 scholarships per center facility will be awarded. This credit is available on a first come first served basis and is limited to the first 50 qualified applicants. After completing this form, take the Professional Development Scholarship credit on the registration page.~~

~~Conference Name: Reach For the STARS
 Date: March 30th, 2012~~

**Scholarship
amount: \$15.00**

~~Contact person: Deborah Thurber
 Email: debbie@ewfccca.org Phone: 509-26-6144~~

~~***You must completely fill out this form to be eligible.
 *Incomplete forms will result in loss of scholarship.**~~

~~Recipient's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Daytime Phone: _____
 Name & Address of the facility you own or work for:

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- Eligibility:** (Check ALL that apply)
- ~~___ I am a resident of WA state.~~
 - ~~___ I am not an employee of WA state, (including but not limited to, Head Start, ECEAP or a school district.)~~
 - ~~___ I am a licensed family childcare provider. (facility indicated above)~~
 - ~~___ I am a licensed family childcare assistant. (facility indicated above)~~
 - ~~___ I work in a licensed childcare center; a certified tribal or school-age program. (facility indicated above)~~

~~Please sign and date below that the information above is true and correct (scholarship cannot be awarded without both signatures)~~

~~_____
 Recipient's Signature Date Conference Rep's Signature Date~~

~~Scholarships are funded by the Department of Early Learning/Distributed by WAECY~~