

Celebrating 50 Years of Bright Ideas



50th ANNUAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE

July 29-31, 2010

The Millennium Centre by Sodexo

2001 Millennium Place

Johnson City, Tennessee

Early Bird
Registration Due
May 14th

Sponsored by:

ETSU Center of Excellence in Early Childhood Learning and Development
ETSU School of Continuing Studies, Office of Professional Development
Tennessee Department of Human Services

Conference Overview

Pre Conference Thursday, July 29th, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

What Matters Most in the First Five Years?



Eric Jensen

Practical, scientific
teaching

Eric Jensen is a former teacher with a real love of learning. Eric co-founded the first international brain-based learning program in 1982 and has authored 24 books on the brain and learning including *Teaching with the Brain in Mind*, *Enriching the Brain*, and *Deeper Learning*.

In this practical session you'll explore the key roles of language exposure, emotional development and physical activity during the first five years. Discover what the baby's brain "cares about" most. Learn the real role of nutrition and physical games. This session helps you understand why so many classroom teachers are puzzled about today's kids. Should kids be on computers or not? The first five years is literally changing their brains! Learn about early learning potential and 7 key ideas that drive positive change. Expect practical suggestions and handouts. It will be a great day for everyone.

Space will be limited for this exceptional full day workshop. Register early. Hot buffet lunch is included with the registration fee.

Conference Featured Presenters

Diane Trister Dodge is founder and president of Teaching Strategies, Inc., a company that seeks to improve the quality of early childhood programs by developing and providing training on comprehensive curriculum and assessment systems for children under 5. She has been a preschool and kindergarten teacher; served as the education coordinator for Head Start and child care programs in Mississippi and Washington, D.C.; directed national projects in education and human services; and served on the Governing Board of NAEYC. She is the lead author of *The Creative Curriculum®*, and is a well-known speaker who provides practical approaches to support meaningful learning.



Jim Gill is known as a musician and author, but he is also, by training a child development specialist with a Master's Degree in Child Development from the Erikson Institute. Jim's goal has always been to promote active play between adults and children with his music and books. He spent twenty years directing programs in music play for families with unique approach of combining word play and movement opportunities into songs were developed through this work. He now presents concerts of "music and play" to children and families that have received awards from both the American Library Association and the Parents' Choice Foundation.



Conference Featured Presenters

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John Almarode, educator and staff developer who has worked with all age groups from early childhood to graduate students. His interest in brain research led him to Eric Jensen and after three years of training he became certified by the Jensen Learning Corporation. He has presented locally, regionally, and internationally on the role of brain research in education. His presentation style allows audiences to experience brain-based learning, his action-packed workshops offer participants ready-to-use strategies and the brain rules that make them work.

Douglas Clements, Professor of early childhood, mathematics, and computer education at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. Previously a kindergarten teacher for five years and a preschool teacher for one year, he has conducted research and published widely in the areas of the learning and teaching of geometry, computer applications in mathematics education, the early development of mathematical ideas, and the effects of social interactions on learning. He is the co-author of the *Building Blocks for Mathematical Thinking for Pre K-2nd grade*.



Jeanne Goldhaber, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education at the University of Vermont. Her scholarship focuses on emerging curriculum approaches to early childhood education and how to help early educators come to view themselves as researchers in the classroom as a way to develop effective curriculum for young children. She is the co-author of *Opening Doors : An Introduction to Inclusive Early Childhood Education, Vol. 2* and *Poking, Pinching & Pretending : Documenting Toddlers' Explorations with Clay*.



Beverly Tyner, educator for more than thirty years with experience as a teacher, principal and curriculum director. Beverly is a best-selling author for the International Reading Association. Her first book was *Small Group Reading Instruction: A Differentiated Reading Model for Beginning and Struggling Readers*. She is currently a private literacy consultant who has worked in every state and Canada. Her focus is on Pre K to middle school.

Karen Nemeth, a teacher and teacher educator for more than 25 years. She has presented at national and international conferences on topics related to first and second language development. She is the author of *Many Languages; One Classroom*. Even the most experienced teacher can feel unsure about meeting the unique needs of all young children; Karen provides the latest information about best practices to all aspects of the preschool program.



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Workshop sessions will be specifically designed for early childhood age groups including:

- Infant/toddler
- Preschool
- Pre Kindergarten
- Primary
- Early Childhood Special Education

We are making every effort to make this the best conference ever. In addition to the awesome line up of featured presenters, we will have over 100 large and small group workshops for you to experience activities, hear new ideas to support early learning, and learn new music and movement strategies for adults and children. Topics will include:

- Brain development and learning
- Social emotional development
- Creative arts and music
- Literacy
- Early math
- Learning environments
- English language learners
- Curriculum approaches

ETSU Tours

Child Study Center

***Little Buccaneers
Student Childcare
Center***

University School

Vendors

***Located in the
upper and lower
levels of the Centre
on Friday and
Saturday from***

7:00 - 5:00

Tracks and Extended Length Sessions

Reggio Inspired

Social Emotional Development

Early Childhood Math

***Enriched Environments that
Support Early Learning***

***Tennessee Early Learning and
Development Standards***

Intentional Teaching

Poverty

Conference Details

Academic Credit

To earn one (1) hour of academic credit, you must pre-register for the course and pay appropriate university fees. Those wanting academic credit should not register for the conference. Currently enrolled ETSU students should register for the course through *Goldlink*. New and returning students should contact Dr. Pam Evanshen.

Dr. Pam Evanshen will teach the Special Topics course HDAL—4957-050 for undergraduate credit and HDAL –5957-050 for graduate credit. In addition to attending the entire two-day conference there will be a class meeting session on Thursday evening (July 29) from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoon (July 31) from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Direct questions about academic credit to:

Dr. Pam Evanshen

Phone: 423-439-7694

E-mail: evanshep@etsu.edu

Training Documentation

A document of attendance and training documentation form will be provided for all participants in the program booklet.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Important: The CEU certificate may be used for CDA renewal. Conference participants are eligible for Continuing Education Units (CEUs). There is an additional pre-registration fee of \$15 to purchase the optional CEU certificate; the on-site cost of a CEU certificate is \$25.

Pre-conference (6 hours) participants can receive .60 CEUs. One-day (5.5 hours) conference participants can receive 0.55 CEU; those attending both conference days (11 hrs) can receive 1.1 CEUs; and participants attending three days (17 hrs) are eligible to receive 1.7 CEUs. Participants wishing to purchase an optional CEU certificate must add the required fee to their registration cost.

Note: CEU certificates must be picked up by individual participants at either the end of the day, or the end of the conference. CEU certificates will not be mailed and will not be issued after August 30, 2010.



Conference Registration

Area Hotels

The official conference hotel is the Carnegie Hotel. Please identify yourself as a conference participant when making your reservation at any of the hotels listed. The rates shown are in effect until June 29 and do not include tax.

<u>Carnegie Hotel</u>	(\$99) 866-757-8277
<u>Hampton Inn</u>	(\$109) 423-929-8000
<u>Comfort Suites</u>	(\$74) 423-610-0010
<u>Comfort Inn</u>	(\$65) 423-928-9600

Special Dietary Needs

Conference registration includes lunch daily. Registrants with special dietary needs, such as requests for Kosher, vegetarian, or diabetic lunches, **MUST** notify the Center of Excellence by July 9 at doylel@etsu.edu or by phone at 423-439-7555. **Requests for special lunches can only be accommodated with advance notification.**

Special Accommodations

Persons with disabilities who require special assistance including interpreters should call 423-439-7555. Notification of at least 7 days is requested. East Tennessee State University is a Tennessee Board of Regents institution and is fully in accord with the belief that educational and employment opportunities should be available to all eligible persons without regard to age, gender, color, race, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

Registration

- 3 Ways to Register:**
- (1) Register on-line and pay with a credit card <http://etsuaw.etsu.edu>. You must first set-up a login to access registration pages. Click on Complete Listing on left to access program registration
 - (2) Register using registration form, one for each participant, and fax or mail form to address on form with enclosed check or credit card information
 - (3) Register using registration form, one for each participant and fax or mail form/s to address on form with Purchase Order

To qualify for the “early bird” registration rate, payment and registration must be postmarked by May 14. Registrations will be accepted only until July 12.

Pre-registration is required, there is no on-site registration.

Social security number is required for individuals requesting CEUs. Student ID is required for student discounts and students must be enrolled at the time of the conference.

Conference Registration Form

July 29-31, 2010

Completion of this form is required for each person not using on-line registration. Please complete all sections that apply

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Social Security (Required for CEU) or Student Number (Required for Student Discount) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work/Daytime Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Employer/School _____ Position _____

Registration fees include lunch each day	Early Bird May 14	Final July 12	Enter Amount (Payable to ETSU)
Thursday Full Day Pre-conference	\$100	\$120	
Friday Conference Only	\$72	\$95	
Saturday Conference Only	\$72	\$95	
Friday and Saturday Two-Day Conference	\$92	\$115	
Friday and Saturday Conference Student	\$45	\$55	
CEU Certificate	\$15	\$15	
CEU Certificate On-Site		\$25	

Total Payment Included \$

Important Note: Paid registration must be postmarked by May 14 to receive the Early Bird rate.

Credit Card Type: VISA _____ Master Card _____ Discover _____

Card # _____ Exp Date _____/_____/_____

Signature _____ Security Code # (On Back) _____

- In order to keep conference costs down, please observe these guidelines:**
- Participant substitutions may be accepted in advance
 - Multi-day registrations may not be split by two people
 - Full payment must accompany the registration
 - There are no refunds

Make Check Payable to ETSU and mail form to:

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 Office of Professional Development
 Box 70559
 Johnson City, TN 37614-1707
 Phone: 423-439-8084 or 800 222-ETSU
 Fax: 423-439-8267

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