



Winter PTAC — January 23, 2010

Welcome to the Winter Preschool Teachers Adventure Conference!

Winter PTAC is a smaller version of our annual PTAC summer conferences. We hope that this one day Winter version will serve those of you who perhaps missed training with us in the summer or want a mid-year motivational 'push' to greet the New Year! It is our hope that you will leave Winter PTAC renewed in body and spirit — ready to have a positive impact on the lives of the children and families that you work with!

Your Day at Winter PTAC 2010

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
8:00 am—8:45 am	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:35 am—8:50 am	Praise & Worship
9:00 am —9:50 am	Keynote Speaker - Gene Wright
10:00 am —11:00 am	Session #1 Workshops
11:10 am —12:10 pm	Session #2 Workshops
12:20 pm —12:50 pm	Lunch for all participants*
1:00 pm — 1:50 pm	Session #3 Workshops
2:00 pm — 3:00 pm	Footnote - David & Teesha Ministries

* Lunch is served in the gym.

Choosing a Workshop

Please note that we have workshops directed towards different audiences. There are workshops geared to Directors, Preschool Teachers and Mother's Day Out/Toddler Teachers. You will find the audience that the workshop is geared for directly underneath it's description, along with its Functional Area designation.

Questions? Problems?

We want your day to be informative, entertaining, and inspiring! Should you have a question or an unforeseen problem should arise, anyone wearing a red bird pin will be able to help you.

We are GREEN!

We are trying to be environmentally friendly again this year! Handouts will only be available on the website unless the presenters bring their own. Go to www.windwoodpc.org (click on the PTAC link)

Disclaimer

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Session 1

10:00 am—11:00 am

Fine Motor Skills. . . Write Out of the Box!

Speaker: Marianne Gibbs

Increase your knowledge of fine motor development as it relates to the handwriting abilities of children 3-6 years old. Fun and easy-to-implement activities and strategies are demonstrated with supporting rationale for the WHATs, HOWs, and WHYs of improving students' future handwriting efficiency.

Audience: Directors
FA: Administration

Room: A124

Don't Leave Me! The Four Stages of Attachment

Speaker: Alyssa Countryman

In this session, participants will explore the four stages of attachment. The definition of attachment will be discussed, as well as its significance to a child's future. Specific behaviors of children during each phase of attachment will be discussed. Attendees will also learn what they can do to support the child and family during each stage of attachment.

Audience: MDO
FA: Child Growth and Development

Room: Summit

Take Your Classroom Outside!

Speaker: Kara Gore

So much of what we do inside the classroom can be done outside! Although it takes a little extra planning and creativity, the results are amazing! Outdoor learning can help children to absorb information more quickly and can motivate them to participate with more positive behaviors! So, let's get planning and discussing. . . Your curriculum is about to get a BOOST OF ENERGY and a BREATH OF FRESH AIR!

Audience: Preschool or MDO
FA: Methods & Curriculum

Room: A120

Assessing Risk Through the Eyes of Child Care Licensing

Speaker: MaryAnn Stafford

Grab your clipboard and go on some inspections with Child Care Licensing! This class will allow you to become the Licensing Inspector, using careful observation to identify risks throughout a child care center.

Audience: Preschool
FA: Professional Practice: Methods

Room: A126

Sing With Me — Bible Based Songs & Teaching Methods

Speaker: Kathy Railey

Learn lots of songs to help you teach your preschoolers about God, the Bible, nature, and Daily Activities. Workshop content includes action songs, songs with flip charts, flannel figures, and many Bible based songs. Song sheets will be furnished and a CD with the recorded songs will be available for purchase.

Audience: Preschool
FA: Spiritual Growth, Music & Movement

Room: C150

Simple Animal Balloons Anyone Can Do!

Speaker: Gene Wright

During this workshop you will learn how to make a puppy dog, bumble bee, and a bunny rabbit balloon! Each balloon has a short bible lesson that accompanies it!

Audience: Preschool
FA: Methods & Curriculum

Room: Sanctuary

Building Early Language and Literacy

Speaker: Mary Lou Slania

The more children know about language and literacy the better prepared they are for learning. This presentation features, fun, multisensory activities that promote children's oral language, phonemic awareness, letter recognition, and print awareness.

Audience: Preschool
FA: Literacy

Room: Journey

Behavior & Sensory Overload

Speaker: Stacey Monroe

Behavior for children under 3 is not "being bad." Often it is related to development of speech and sensory issues. This informative workshop will help you understand how the development speech & the senses can effect behavior in young children.

Audience: MDO or Preschool
FA: Child Growth & Development

Room: F113

Spish, Splash, & Squiggle! Art & Sensory Activities for Infants & Toddlers

Speaker: Susan Meriwether

Children learn about their world by doing. They also learn through their senses. Come discover hands-on art & sensory activities which can influence brain development in the early years.

Audience: MDO
FA: Methods & Curriculum

Room: M106

Magic Math & Sensational Science

Speaker: Patricia Kuskos

Come and explore ways to implement science and math throughout the day and extend children's understanding of both simple and complex concepts. This workshop will share fun ways & strategies to engage children and spark their interest.

Audience: Preschool
FA: Math, Science, Methods & Curriculum

Room: A125

Behaviors of Difficult Children & Management Strategies

Speaker: Kathryn LaPointe

This informative workshop looks at the clinical aspect of difficult behaviors in children and how to manage them in the most effective way in your classroom.

Audience: Preschool
FA: Guidance

Room: C145



Session 2

11:10 am—12:10 pm

Court Orders & the Release of Children

Speaker: Cindy Pirtle

Early childhood educators are often called upon to review and interpret court orders. This workshop will examine the most common forms for Custody Orders and their impact upon the early childhood setting. Participants will have the opportunity to apply basic tenants of custody to various situations within their programs.

Audience: Directors
FA: Administration

Room: A124

Teaching & Promoting Cognitive Development in Infants & Toddlers

Speaker: Christine Wood

Come join us as we explore specific ways to promote cognitive development for infants & toddlers — both in the classroom and outdoors! You will be amazed at how early cognitive development begins and how much you can do to promote it in your classroom.

Audience: MDO
FA: Child Growth & Development

Room: F110

Teaching Special Children

Speaker: Kara Gore

We will explore what it takes to teach children with unique needs. As Early Childhood Professionals, we do not have to know it all or be specifically trained on every need that a child might have. However, we must do our homework, get to know our children and their families, and attempt to meet each child at their own level of development with a positive attitude!

Audience: Preschool or MDO
FA: Professional Practice & Methods

Room: A120

Teacher Talk: Facilitating Language Development with Infants and Toddlers

Speaker: Alyssa Countryman

In this session, participants will explore different teaching strategies for facilitating language development with infants and toddlers. Participants will also learn four different types of teacher talk and will be able to describe how each of these types of teacher talk could be used.

Audience: MDO
FA: Literacy

Room: Summit

Thrilling 3's, Fab 4's, & Phenomenal 5's: Classroom Strategies for Success

Speaker: Patricia Kuskos

Learn to establish the basic foundations for all children. Explore and discuss positive behavior strategies for students including strategies for challenging behaviors.

Audience: Preschool
FA: Guidance

Room: A125

Developmental Red Flags

Speaker: Stacey Monroe

Learn about the 'red flags' in developmental stages of children and how to deal with them effectively in your classroom.

Audience: Preschool or MDO
FA: Child Growth & Development

Room: F113

Methods to Document Handwriting Readiness & Scissor Skill Proficiency

Speaker: Marianne Gibbs

Is Johnny ready to write? How is Sam doing with scissor skills? Objective documentation of student progress is so important to speaking effectively and collaboratively with parents about these questions. This informative workshop provides teachers with simple, but meaningful, tools to document students' readiness for writing and competence in scissor cutting.

Audience: Preschool
FA: Professional Practice & Methods

Room: A126

Songs, Songs, and More Songs!

Speaker: Gene Wright

You will learn new songs and the motions that accompany each. These songs are great for Kids Worship or Bible classes!

Audience: Preschool
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Signs of Potential Distress/Disorders

Speaker: Kathryn LaPointe

Learn to understand a child's stress — and your own! Learn about emotional regulatory systems and the behavioral symptoms of stress in children — and how to deal with them in your classroom!

Audience: Preschool
FA: Child Growth & Development

Room: C145

Lunch

12:20 pm—12:50 pm



Session 3

1:00 pm—1:50 pm

What Is Your Legacy?

Speaker: Kara Gore

Directors wear many hats, juggle numerous tasks, and carry the burdens of parents, staff, and children — all at once! We will discuss ways to manage your business while purposefully creating a lasting legacy that will surely bless many for years to come! What kind of LEGACY do you plan to leave behind?

Audience: Directors
FA: Administration

Room: A124

A Look Below the Surface of Toddler Play

Speaker: Christine Wood

Have you ever watched toddlers play? They can be so cute, fascinating and frustrating all within a 2 minute time span! During this session, we will take a look at toddlers playing and then we will go below the surface of their play and examine the reasons for their rapidly changing "moods" and what we can do to help them learn the skills necessary to become independent & self-confident children.

Audience: MDO
FA: Professional Practice & Methods

Room: F110

Young Children Living in a Multi-Media World

Speaker: Susan Meriwether

Three basic needs of childhood are being threatened by the entertainment media and other social currents. Learn steps on how to restore children's need for creative play, for security, and for other positive relationships.

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Speaker: Patricia Kuskos

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FA: Math & Science

Room: A125

Why Do They Do That?! Understanding Challenging Behaviors in Infancy & Toddlerhood

Speaker: Alyssa Countryman

In this session, participants will explore challenging behaviors among infants and young toddlers. They will have the opportunity to apply their new knowledge to their own practice with children and families. Participants will also learn techniques to prevent, address, and respond to challenging behaviors. Finally, they will learn techniques to 1) manage each type of challenging behavior and 2) promote pro-social behavior.

Audience: MDO
FA: Guidance

Room: Summit

Preschool—Age Speech & Language Development: Ten Helpful Things You Should Know!

Speaker: Mandy Rudolph

We all know that kids say the darndest things, but what should preschool children really be saying? We will discuss what is normal range for language and articulation development for your preschoolers, and some warning signs to look for! We will also go over some classroom strategies that you can utilize to help your students who are struggling!

Audience: Preschool
FA: Child Growth & Development

Room: F113

Object Lessons Galore!

Speaker: Gene Wright

During this time you will learn object lessons to share with your children in Sunday School, Bible Classes or Kids Worship. Object lessons that will keep their attention — as you teach them the word of God.

Audience: Preschool
FA: Spiritual Growth, Methods & Curriculum

Room: A120

Errorless Learning. . . Who Knew?

Speaker: Marianne Gibbs

This fun workshop demonstrates a unique method called Errorless Learning (EL) that builds confidence, achievement, and instills a love of learning among students. Come join this interactive session and learn about how you can increase your students' success in the classroom easily and errorlessly!

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Early Childhood Distress/Disorders

Speaker: Kathryn LaPointe

When does a child's behavior become too much for the early childhood professional? This workshop will discuss disorders/behaviors that may require a referral to professional counseling &/or psychological services.

Audience: Preschool
FA: Guidance

Room: C145

Remember to join us at PTAC *this summer!*
July 20, 21 & 22, 2010!