

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Pre-Conference registration cost is \$50.00. All workshops will offer a lunch buffet in the hotel Atrium from 12:00 - 1:00 PM, except for Workshop #6, which will have a working lunch. The following full day workshops will be offered:

1. Working with Families: Refresh Your Knowledge of IDEA and How to Work with Families of Children with Disabilities

Speaker: Andrea Marwah

Host: Illinois School for the Deaf Outreach

You work with families every day. Sometimes we get so regimented that we forget the basics of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the finesse of working with parents. This session is going to touch on many facets of the law and how it pertains to you. This session will go in-depth on working with parents and give some ideas on how you can protect your job while still advocating for your clients/students. Attendees will leave with an updated set of ideas and skills to work more efficiently with families. This session is presented by a parent professional.

This Pre-Conference workshop provides 5 clock hours of continuing education hours: Early Intervention (pending approval), CE Hours

2. IDEC/NAEYC: Power to the Profession & Powerful Professionals and the Joint Position Statement on Inclusion

Speakers: Mary Wonderlick & Carol Weisheit

Host: Illinois AEYC

Join us for an in-depth discussion and activities to further your inclusion practices using the joint position statement on inclusion (JPSI) and bring clarity to Power to the Profession (P2P). Let's discover how we are more alike than different!

This Pre-Conference workshop provides 5 clock hours of continuing education hours: Illinois State Board of Education Educator Professional Development clock hours, Gateways

3. Leadership Strategies to Sustain and Scale Up the Pyramid Model

Speakers: Rob Corso, Lori Orr, & Donna Nylander

Host: Pyramid Model Consortium

This session will provide implementation strategies and tools to support program leaders and Process Coaches as they implement the Pyramid Model in ways that enhance the sustainability and scalability. Drawing on lessons learned from Implementation Science and 20 years of experience, a variety of tools, tips and strategies will be shared.

This Pre-Conference workshop provides 5 clock hours of continuing education hours:

Illinois State Board of Education Educator Professional Development clock hours, Gateways

4. Why Does He Do That?

Speaker: Jennifer Rosinia

Host: Illinois STAR NET

Have you ever asked the question, "Why does he do that?" We will take the position that all behavior has meaning and that it is our job to figure out what the child's behavior is telling us. Participants will learn to apply neurobehavioral, medical, sensory processing, developmental and cultural frameworks as a means of understanding behavior. Intervention strategies will be discussed. Participants will be encouraged to understand the ways in which their own personality and temperaments may influence a child to behave in certain ways. The environmental context will also be examined. Come join the conversation.

This Pre-Conference workshop provides 5 clock hours of continuing education hours:

Illinois State Board of Education Educator Professional Development clock hours, CE Hours, Gateways

5. Developing Family Centered Functional IFSP Outcomes in Partnership with Families

Speakers: Lynn Barts, Maria Kastanis, & Maria Matticks

Host: EITP at the University of Illinois

The goal of Early Intervention is to support families in participating in family and community life. Exploring practical connections between intake and evaluation/assessment can support early interventionists in partnering with families to develop Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs) that are functional and reflective of family strengths and priorities. Video, discussion, and small group activities are used to practice IFSP strategies and outcomes that work!

This Pre-Conference workshop provides 5 clock hours of continuing education hours:

Early Intervention 2 EI Credential Hours in the Area of Assessment, 1 EI Credential Hours in the Area of Intervention, 2 EI Credential Hours in the Area of Working with Families

6. Early Childhood Inclusion: Supporting Children's Special Needs in High Quality Early Learning Environments Administrator Academy #1691

Speakers: Ann Kremer & Antoinette Taylor

Host: The Center: Early Childhood Professional Learning

This workshop is perfect to review the components of inclusion in early childhood programs. Participants will understand how to increase access to high quality inclusion that promotes authentic child centered, and developmentally appropriate, educational opportunities for young learners with special needs throughout the early childhood learning environment. We will help you to determine what next steps to take in your program to move towards a high quality inclusive learning environment for all young learners in your program.

This Pre-Conference workshop provides a working lunch which allows for 6 clock hours of continuing education hours:

Illinois State Board of Education Educator Professional Development clock hours, Gateways, Administrator Academy Credit