

Sharing A Vision Conference

CONFERENCE BROCHURE
AND REGISTRATION

September 28-30, 2015

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL

Coordinated by:

Illinois Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children



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Early Bird Deadline: July 31, 2015 | Regular Deadline: September 14, 2015

2015 Keynotes and Highlighted Speakers



Keynote – Jennifer Daniels

Jennifer Daniels, a performing songwriter out of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, is also an assistant to Eric Litwin, the author of the first four Pete the Cat picture books. A music and movement educator with a Masters in counseling and certification as an Autism Movement Therapist, Jennifer teaches at home and tours the country performing interactive concerts for kids and workshops for educators seeking to build this fun way of learning into their curriculum. Jenn's married to a guitar hero and they have five year old boy/girl twins. Jennifer will demonstrate "Interactive Literacy and Music: Fun in Learning" as well as "Interactive Literacy and Music: Emphasis on Kids with Autism and Sensory Processing Issues."

Keynote – Robin McWilliam, PhD.

Robin McWilliam is the Director of the Siskin Center for Child and Family Research, The Siskin Endowed Chair of Research in Early Childhood Education, Development and Intervention. Robin helps programs, states, and countries implement effective early intervention (0-5) practices. He is a researcher, implementation "purveyor," program developer and administrator, writer and editor, and teacher of professionals. He is known for his family-centered, functional, evidence-based approach – a no-nonsense model emphasizing support to the adults in a child's life. Robin challenges educators around the globe to rethink effective practices. At SAV he will engage us with "All the Intervention Occurs Between Visits," "Routines are the Vertebrae of Families," and "The Child's Second and Third Teacher."

Highlighted Presenter- Maurice Sykes

Author and speaker, Maurice Sykes has spent his career advancing high-quality early childhood education and advocating for educational reform and teacher professional development. At SAV he will offer practical insights for educators and leaders through both a preconference workshop and a breakout during the main conference event.

Conference Schedule:

September 28, 2015: Pre-Conference Sessions

September 29, 2015: Keynote, Breakout Sessions, Art Gallery, Showcasing, Annual IDEC Meeting, Exhibits

September 30, 2015: Keynote, Breakout Sessions, Art Gallery, Showcasing, Conversation Stations, Exhibits

The 2015 SAV conference will host approximately 75 breakout sessions arranged around DEC recommended practices. Topics will include Art, Music, Math, Science, Language Arts, Writing, Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Physical Health, Outdoor/Playground, Technology, Inclusion, English Language Learners, Disability Specific issues, and Social Emotional Learning. Please visit www.sharingavision.org for Pre-Conference Program and Conference Workshop descriptions, as well as other important information about the conference.

Professional Development Credits:

A variety of sessions will qualify for the following: Educator Professional Development clock hours for licensed educators through the Illinois State Board of Education; Continuing Education (CE) for Speech-Language Pathologists, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, and Physical Therapists license renewal through the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation; Gateways to Opportunity Registry and Early Intervention Credentialing hours.

Conference Hotel:

Crowne Plaza Hotel
3000 South Dirksen Pkwy Springfield, IL 62703

Reservations: 800-589-2769
Rates: \$124 single/double

Conference link for the Crowne Plaza :

www.conferences.illinoisstate.edu/crowneplazahotel

Pre-Conference:

Full Day Workshops

1. Improving Performance on Early Childhood Indicators 6, 7 & 12: Meeting Our Mandates

Collaborator: Early CHOICES and Illinois STAR NET

Speaker Name: Ann Kremer & Nancy Kind

Time: 8:30am Registration; 9:00am-4:00pm Workshop

Education Credit Offered: Educator Professional Development Clock Hours, CE, Administrator Academy Credit (An additional processing fee will be collected at the workshop).

Description: This workshop informs participants of the key components in completing the required early childhood indicators for Illinois: Least Restrictive Environments SPPI 6, Early Childhood Outcomes SPPI 7, and, Transition SPPI 12. Participants will review and analyze their actual indicator data to make informed decisions for student and program growth. They will review and summarize research-based practices from the early childhood field to better understand the impact of these indicators on overall student growth. The participants will develop an action plan to facilitate programmatic improvement in the overall performance in one of the indicators.

2. Painting a Picture: Writing Effective Early Intervention Reports

Collaborator: Early Intervention

Speaker Name: Susan Nevin

Time: 8:30am Registration; 9:00am-4:00pm Workshop

Education Credit Offered: EI

Description: This pre-conference session is designed to support early interventionists in writing informative, understandable, strengths-based early intervention reports. This session will highlight key policies and procedures, as well as common challenges encountered in report writing. Participants will be encouraged to think critically about what to relay as well as how to relay their assessment findings to families and other team members in a meaningful manner.

3. Supporting Families When Children's Behavior Becomes Challenging!

Collaborator: Early Intervention

Speaker Name: Christine Spence

Time: 8:30am Registration; 9:00am-4:00pm Workshop

Education Credit Offered: EI

Description: This pre-conference will help early interventionists support families of infants and toddlers with challenging behavior. Using a social emotional lens to understand the dynamics of challenging behavior, participants will begin to understand the impact these challenging behaviors have on parents and other caregivers, as well as identify elements of an effective and collaborative intervention plan, which will support the child and family. Family stories and videos will be used to demonstrate the use of a positive behavior support plan, including the use of individualized, intensive strategies aimed at supporting the child in his/her daily routines and activities.

4. IDEA and IEPs: What Parents, Providers, and Teachers Need to Know as Children Transition from Early Intervention

Collaborator: Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach and Illinois School for the Deaf Outreach

Speaker Name: Andrea Marwah

Time: 8:30am Registration; 9:00am-4:00pm Workshop

Education Credit Offered: EI, Educator Professional Development Clock Hours

Description: What makes a parent a successful advocate for the child with a disability? What helps a professional understand what a parent is going through? Sadly, not all parents of children with disabilities are aware that legal protection is available for them. This presentation offers both parents and professionals the basics to successfully work with schools for their child's educational future. Protection of the parent/school relationship is the most important aspect of successfully advocating for a child with disabilities. Professionals can easily educate parents in this model of parent/school relationship building without jeopardizing their position.

5. Transformational Leadership: Discovering the Leader Within

Collaborator: Early Childhood Center of Professional Development at The Center: Resources for Teaching and Learning & Illinois STAR NET

Speaker Name: Dr. Maurice Sykes

Time: 8:30am Registration; 9:00am-4:00pm Workshop

Education Credit Offered: Educator Professional Development Clock Hours, Gateways to Opportunities Certificates

Description: Join Dr. Maurice Sykes on a journey filled with hands-on, action-packed learning experiences based on his recent book, *Doing the Right Thing for Children: Eight Qualities of Leadership*. Participants will learn about the eight essential qualities to transformational leadership that will lead to improved team/organizational performance, improved outcomes for children and their families, and improved leadership capacity for promoting and sustaining change. Through the use of case studies, self-assessments, video streaming, and facilitated play, participants will discover their inherent leadership qualities and how to apply them in their various work settings.

Pre-Conference Full Day Workshops Continued:

6. Being Where Parents Need You to Be: FAN Approach to Attunement with Families in Home Visiting

Collaborator: Erikson Institute

Speaker Name: Hannah Jones Lewis, Sarah Martinez, Michelle Lee

Time: 8:30am Registration; 9:00am-4:00pm Workshop

Education Credit Offered: EI, CE

Description: Erikson Institute Fussy Baby Network's FAN Approach will help home visitors and EI Specialists learn to read parent's cues for engagement and match their interventions to what the parents are showing you they can most use in the moment. You will also learn to understand and mindfully regulate your own emotional responses during challenging times in home visits. Through video, role-play and discussion, participants will apply the approach in their own practice.

7. Healthy Moms, Happy Babies –Addressing Domestic Violence in Home Visitation

Collaborator: Refuge

Speaker Name: Tenley McHarg

Time: 8:30am Registration; 9:00am-4:00pm Workshop

Education Credit Offered: EI

Description: When it comes to promoting health and safety outcomes for women and children impacted by domestic violence, home visitors have a unique and powerful opportunity to provide support and link families to additional resources. What one says and how it is said – whether by direct assessment or through universal education – matters, and can significantly improve options for women and children living with violence. This workshop will provide guided approaches and simple tools to support assessment and education. Participants will leave the workshop with increased confidence and specific next steps to take in serving all families, especially those experiencing violence.

Half Day Workshops:

1. Using Family Routines and Everyday Activities as Learning Opportunities for Children with Hearing Loss in Early Intervention (0-3)

Collaborator: Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach

Speaker Name: Kristen Schraml

Time: 8:30am Registration; 9:00am-12:00pm Workshop

Education Credit Offered: EI

Description: Caregivers provide their children with a myriad of learning opportunities throughout their daily interactions, routines, and everyday activities. Participants will learn strategies for utilizing those naturally occurring learning opportunities as the basis for early intervention sessions with families who have children with hearing loss.

2. IFSPs – Together We're Better

Collaborator: Family Matters Parent Training and Information Center

Speaker Name: Patty Hooper and Karrie Potter

Time: 8:30am Registration; 9:00am-12:00pm Workshop

Education Credit Offered: EI

Description: Children have better outcomes when their families are involved in the Early Intervention process. This workshop will explore ways to more effectively include families in writing the IFSP. It will cover procedures for IFSP development, review, and evaluation; content of the IFSP; involving parents in the IFSP development; and transition to preschool – using the IFSP to develop an appropriate IEP.

3. The Role of the Developmental Therapist in Early Intervention

Collaborator: Illinois Division of Early Childhood and Illinois Developmental Therapy Association

Speaker Name: Benny Delgado and Amy Cocorikis

Time: 12:30pm Registration; 1:00pm-4:00pm Workshop

Education Credit Offered: EI

Description: What exactly is a "Developmental Therapist" and what is his/her role in Early Intervention? Early Intervention is a unique field, different from any other setting or model of service delivery you may have experienced. Join us for discussion, networking, and problem solving that will offer practical information and strategies you can use in your day-to-day work with children and families!

4. ExceleRate Illinois from A to Z: Making Quality a Priority

Collaborator: Governor's Office of Early Childhood & Development, Early Childhood Center of Professional Development, and Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral

Speaker Name: Donna Nylander and Gail Nelson

Time: 12:30pm Registration; 1:00pm-4:00pm Workshop

Education Credit Offered: Educator Professional Development Clock Hours, Gateway to Opportunities Certificates

Description: So what is ExceleRate Illinois? It is the state's quality rating and improvement system for early learning programs recognizing quality achievements through Circles of Quality. Learn about this statewide system from A-Z through these standards: Teaching & Learning, Family & Community Engagement, Leadership & Management, and Continuing Education. The prestigious Awards of Excellence will be highlighted. Learn how Gold-rated programs can enhance their best practices.

Other Opportunities to be Involved:

Nominations for the Jeanette A. McCollum Award

During the Sharing A Vision Conference, the Illinois Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children will present the Jeanette A. McCollum Award to an early childhood professional, family member, student, or community member who meets the high standards of professional practice set by Dr. Jeanette A. McCollum, Professor Emeritus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Nominations are being sought for the 2015 award. If you would like to nominate someone who has made a significant contribution on a state, regional, or local level to improving the lives of young children with special needs and/or their families please send a letter of nomination by or before **June 15, 2015** to:

Sallee Beneke
106 Park Avenue East
Princeton, Illinois 61356
815-872-6501
E-mail: BenekeSalleeJ@sau.edu

Showcasing:

Showcasing is an opportunity for participants to present unique features about their programs, innovative ideas or techniques, or share the results of research and evaluation efforts. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to visit the Showcasing area to learn about your featured program/idea. Showcasing is a wonderful opportunity for networking and exchanging ideas! Showcasing sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2015 and Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

You are invited to submit an application for Showcasing. One free conference registration will be offered for each selected Showcasing application. Applications are available on the *Sharing A Vision* website; www.sharingavision.org or by contacting Kathy Slattery at kslattery@cntrmail.org. Applications are due April 1, 2015.

Volunteer:

Volunteers are needed for many conference activities. In exchange for four hours of donated time during the conference, volunteers will receive conference registration at a discounted rate of \$100.00. If the volunteer hours are not completed, full regular registration fees will be required and invoiced following the conference. If interested in being a volunteer, please complete the registration form volunteer section. Once all volunteer shifts are filled, we will not be accepting additional volunteers.

Art Gallery:

Back by popular demand, the 2015 Sharing a Vision Conference will feature a Creative Expressions Art Gallery! Don't miss this opportunity to showcase the exciting art experiences happening in your program!

In order to make this a successful event, we are requesting donations of artwork from children (birth-eight) attending early childhood programs across the state. The items will be available for auction and will not be returned.

Programs that donate artwork will be entered to WIN new art supplies!

Items will be collected through August 1, 2015.

Please contact Anna Owen at ak-owen@wiu.edu or Carissa Carlson at ccarlso@ilstu.edu to make arrangements for the delivery of quality art gallery items.

**FULL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE CAN BE VIEWED AT:
WWW.SHARINGAVISION.ORG**



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REGISTRATION FORM

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Please print clearly and use a separate form for each registrant.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

School/Agency _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

IDEC Member Number (if applicable) _____

IEIN Number (applicable for ISBE Licensed Educators) _____

Position:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Related Service Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Interventionist | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Educator | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | |

Program (in which you are employed or your child currently attends):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth-3 Early Intervention | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start/Early Head Start |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth-3 Prevention Initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Special Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care/Community Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary: Kindergarten-3rd Grade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Kindergarten At Risk/Preschool for All | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Preschool | |

First time conference attendee? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Please check if you are a SAV Conference Planning Chairperson

Special Needs (dietary or other): _____

Volunteers:

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☐ Would you like to be considered as a volunteer at the 2015 SAV Conference?

Registration Fees:

Conference fee includes two full days of sessions, exhibits, and continental breakfast and lunch on both days. Registration fees are the same whether attending one or two days. A \$15.00 processing fee will be charged for registrations canceled prior to the regular deadline of September 14, 2015. No refunds will be issued after this deadline.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00 Pre-Conference Program | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 Family/Student Conference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 Early Bird Conference (July 31, 2015 Deadline) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Volunteer Conference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$225.00 Regular Conference (September 14, 2015 Deadline) | _____ TOTAL |

Please indicate which days you plan to attend: ☐ Tuesday, September 29 ☐ Wednesday, September 30

Pre-Conference (Monday, September 28 - Advance Registration Required):

If you plan to attend Pre-Conference, please select either one full day workshop or one or two half day workshops from the list below. All programs include lunch, which will be served from 12:00-1:00pm. Registration for the Pre-Conference day is \$40.00 whether attending one full-day or one or two half day workshops.

Full Day Workshops: 9:00am - 4:00pm (8:30am Registration)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Improving Performance on Early Childhood Indicators
6, 7 & 12: Meeting Our Mandates | <input type="checkbox"/> Transformational Leadership: Discovering the Leader Within |
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9:00am - 12:00pm (8:30am Registration)

- ☐ Using Family Routines and Everyday Activities as Learning Opportunities for Children with Hearing Loss in Early Intervention (0-3)
- ☐ IFSPs – Together We're Better

1:00pm - 4:00pm (12:30pm Registration)

- ☐ The Role of the Developmental Therapist in Early Intervention
- ☐ ExceleRate Illinois from A to Z: Making Quality a Priority

Photography/Video:

Throughout the conference there will be photos taken for fun and promotion. Please be aware that your image and likeness may appear digitally on the Sharing A Vision website and Facebook page or on brochures and newsletters in the future.

Payment:



By Phone: (800) 877-1478 or (309) 438-2160 using Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express or PO number, 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday-Friday



By Mail: Complete form and send with payment to:
Sharing A Vision 2015
Illinois State University Conference Services
Campus Box 8610
Normal, IL 61790-8610



On-line: Visit www.conferences.illinoisstate.edu/savconference using Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express



By Fax: Fax completed form to 309-438-5364 with credit card payment or copy of PO number

Check enclosed for \$_____ (payable to Illinois State University)

Purchase Order # _____ (PO to be faxed to (309) 438-5364 within two business days)

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

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Signature on Card _____

Confirmation letter/receipt will be sent via e-mail. For questions, please contact Illinois State University Conference Services at (800)877-1478 or conferences@ilstu.edu

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