



2024 CHILD CARE CONFERENCE

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER

We have dedicated 2024's Spring Child Care Conference to focusing on building relationships and providing strategies and tools to nurture these relationships as it relates to working with young children and their families.

16 MARCH 2024
8 AM - 12 NOON

Silverbrook Intermediate School
120 N. Silverbrook Dr.,
West Bend, WI

- Cost **\$10 per person**; Mail to: UW-Extension, 333 E. Washington St., West Bend, WI, 53095
- Continental Breakfast at 7:30 am
- Interactive Opening Session
- Choice of 2 break-out sessions
- Registration is required
- Registration deadline is March 1st

SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!



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OPENING SESSION

Building Relationships: Father Friendly Environments



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The opening session will highlight the important role that fathers play in healthy child development. Despite the fact that fathers are important, oftentimes they are not as comfortable participating in center activities. Let's work on that. In this session participants will be introduced to a father-friendly check-up activity and learn best practices to attract father involvement.

This event is sponsored by the Child Care & Education Network of Washington County

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Breakout Session Descriptions

Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Relationship Building Participants will learn key ways to nurture infants and toddlers by building strong relationships. This bonding holds many long-term benefits for children. Early Childhood teachers can use daily caregiving routines to strengthen relationships and understand how bonding changes as infants become toddlers. This session will also provide examples of how to build relationships through play and ways of making families feel welcome as a part of the classroom community.

Building Strong Connections During Challenging Moments Learn about transforming challenging behaviors and finding calm amidst the chaos. Join this session for skills and practical strategies for building positive relationships and connecting with children who are difficult to connect with.

Unleashing the Power of Collaboration: Building Strong Relationships in the Workplace From gossip to growth, we will learn about cultivating respectful communication between colleagues. Join us for a conversation about shaping a positive workplace culture in your Early Childhood Education setting.

Building Family Partnerships School + Home = Learning - This formula describes a relationship between programs and families that optimizes the care and learning of students. Successful programs invite parents and families to be their PARTNERS! Come share how you are building partnerships, explore the challenges of working as partners, and to gain practical ideas you can use to strengthen your program.

Coaching as a Positive Approach (Director Session) Coaching is sometimes seen as a corrective tool when working with staff. While it can be helpful when dealing with challenges before they become major problems, it can also be used as a positive approach to help staff work on targeted areas of growth. This workshop will give coaching strategies and tools for encouraging optimal employee performance.

Challenging Behaviors Start with Me This introduction to behavior management will explore the relationship between the educator and the child, and the role our mental wellbeing plays in navigating challenging behaviors. Utilizing a wholistic and compassionate approach, as well as understanding the brain states and functions of behaviors, participants will become more responsive and supportive to the needs of their youth.

Psst....Did You Hear How Gossip Can Destroy Your Program??? (Director Session) Gossip is toxic to the cohesiveness of a child care program. In this session we will discuss and learn how to break the cycle of gossip; rebuild broken relationships severed by talking behind backs; having the difficult conversation with the gossip-spreader; and ways to train your staff about positive gossip. Let's come together and begin the conversation to building a healthier staff and work environment!

Elevate: Transformative Mentorship for Inspired Leadership (Experienced Teachers/Mentors/Directors) Join me to embark on a transformative mentorship journey designed to cultivate exceptional leaders through intentional guidance and the principles of transformational leadership. This workshop goes beyond traditional mentoring, inspiring participants to tap into their innate potential and unleash their best selves. Focused on fostering meaningful connections, the program empowers mentors to guide and inspire others, creating a ripple effect of positive transformation throughout the organization.