



Smart Start of Davidson County
2010 Early Childhood Professional Educators Conference
"Lifting as you Climb"

Smart Start of Davidson County is excited to invite you to join us for a day full of fun and appreciation as we celebrate the service you provide to the children and families of Davidson County! This conference has something for everyone: stimulating seminars, joyful fellowship and a wonderful celebration of early childhood service. On this day we will learn to mentor others as we reach for our own goals.

Your 2010 Conference presenters are early childhood leaders who are eager to share their skills and insights with you. They come from many different regions and varied aspects of the field to bring their expertise and enthusiasm for early education.

We are honored to welcome Dorothy (Dot) Hill as our keynote speaker this year! Dot is a dynamic presenter. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the early childhood field. Dot is dedicated to improving multicultural experiences and services in early childhood educational environments. She also has experience as a teacher, director, consultant, college instructor, and a creator of multicultural products.

Conference Schedule

7:30 am – 8:00 am	Registration
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast / Keynote Address
9:00 am – 10:45 am	Session I (select one workshop)
10:45 am – 12:30 pm	Session II (select one workshop)
12:30 pm – 12:45 pm	Finale / Door Prizes (attendance is optional) *

*Participants must be present at the time of door prize drawing to receive gift.



The conference offers up to 4.5 hours of in-service training upon completion of 2nd Session

Conference Workshops

Each workshop (unless otherwise noted) is presented during both sessions

<p>1. Literacy through Story Telling: Participants will learn how to connect story telling to items on the Creative Curriculum checklist and Foundations Early Learning Standards. Also learn practical ways to teach children how to tell original stories. Elizabeth Hall, Educator, Our Children’s Community School</p>	<p>2. Receptive Language: The importance of Understanding Information: Learning to listen and understand language begins at birth. Learn how to make language a priority for the children in your care. <u>Available 9:00am Session</u> Sarah Brown, EC Teacher, Davidson Co. Schools</p>
<p>3. Orientation to the assessment process and ITERS-R: Participants will hear about the assessment process from start to finish from scheduling the assessment, what assessors do while observing, to the facility summary report. Key definitions and common issues of the ITERS-R will also be discussed. <u>Available 9:00 Session</u> Dawn Thomas / Carolina Parrish – NC Rated License Assessor</p>	<p>4. Key to School-Age Environment Rating Scale: Need help pulling it all together before your assessment? Are you ready to take your program to the next level? Join us as we explore the School Age Care Environment Rating Scale. Discover how to improve your overall score, conduct mock assessments, and the importance of enhancing your learning environment with developmentally appropriate materials. This workshop will make a difference in your program. <u>Available 10:45 Session</u> Tarsha Banister – School-Age Specialist</p>
<p>5. Keeping the Peace: Part I: Guiding Children in your Environment – Are you having difficulty managing the children in your learning environment? Are you putting out fires all day? Attending this session may help you understand your children so you can establish a proactive, quality environment that leads to a peaceful atmosphere for children and teachers. <u>Available 9:00 Session</u> Romy Allen, ECE Dept. Chair, York Technical College</p>	<p>6. Keeping the Peace: Part II: Rules that Guide – Is your last nerve cooked at the end of the day? Are you frazzled by all the energy you used to keep your children in a “get-along” mode? This second session will provide you with the necessary techniques to guide your children into “keeping the peace in your learning environment.” <u>Available 10:45 Session</u> Romy Allen, ECE Dept. Chair, York Technical College</p>
<p>7. By Any Means Necessary! Communicating Positively With Others: What is really behind the poor communication statement that early childhood providers give as a major issue in their program? Is it you or is it the other person? This session will share information to help participants think about their own communication skills and how messages are misunderstood. Additionally it will offer strategies to enhance communication skills with children, parents, and co-workers. <u>Available 9:00am Session</u> Dot Hill – Consultant – Dot Hill Consulting</p>	<p>8. Language Development & Communication in Infants & Toddlers: Learn about the developmental milestones of language for birth-three, the science that links relationships to language learning, and strategies to support development in this domain for all children in infant and toddler classrooms, including dual language learners. <u>Available 10:45am Session</u> Melinda McCullen, Infant / Todd. Specialist, Work Family Resource Center</p>
<p>9. A Bit about Biting: Biting is a problem often seen in many groups of young children. Why do children bite? How can children be helped to understand and learn pro-social interactions? What is the proper way to handle a biting incident? In addition to getting answers to these questions, participants will learn how to create and implement a biting policy; how to properly document a biting event; biting prevention steps; and how to successfully communicate this delicate issue to parents. Together we will explore how to take the ouch out of biting behavior. Renae Lingafelt-Beeker –Behavior Specialist – Work Family</p>	<p>10. How Do We Get the Parents on Board: No matter what you do in your classroom with your children, there has to be something happening at home to make it stick? Learn how the School Readiness / Parents as Teachers Program motivates parents to get involved with their child’s learning. Professionals and parents must work together to find a common ground to help each child become the most successful they can possibly become. Find out about activities that you can give to parents to extend at home the concepts that you provide for the children in your classroom. Bleasha Carroll / Edna Amos, School Readiness / PAT</p>
<p>11. Read Me A Story: Come explore kits that contain story book and coordinating activities. Also learn how these kits can be implemented in the child care environment. Laurie Stevens – Consultant - NC Cooperative Extension</p>	<p>12. Exceptional Children / Exceptional Process: Do you feel like you need a GPS system to navigate the world of Exceptional Children? Come to this session to learn the basics of the process to qualify a child for services. Tami Holtzman – Pre-school Coordinator - Tville. City Schools</p>
<p>13. Change is Tough: Are you overwhelmed by the challenges that you are faced with in your school-age program? Join us as we explore simple strategies that will empower you to embrace change. <u>Available 9:00 session</u> Tarsha Banister , School-Age Specialist – Work Family</p>	<p>14. Autism: The Complexity of the Shattered Spectrum: The occurrence of autism is on the rise. Learn tools necessary to support a child with autism and his or her family. <u>Available 10:45am Session</u> Sarah Brown, EC Teacher, Davidson Co. Schools</p>
<p>15. Finding Your Inner Math Person: Reach inside to find your inner math person so you can provide an environment which invites preschoolers to explore, describe, and experience math in their world. Rose Moore – National Board Certified Preschool Teacher Denton Elementary</p>	<p>16. Orientation to the assessment process and ECERS-R: Participants will hear about the assessment process from start to finish from scheduling the assessment, what assessors do while observing, to the facility summary report. Key definitions and common issues of the ECERS-R will also be discussed. <u>Available 10:45 Session</u> Dawn Thomas / Carolina Parrish – NC Rated License Assessor</p>
<p>17. ITS SIDS: State mandated safe sleep training for teachers working with infants. Sherry Brannon / Melissa Smith – Smart Start of DC</p>	



REGISTRATION FORM

The 2010 Early Childhood Professional Educators Conference

First Baptist Church
201 West 3rd Ave.
Lexington, NC 27292

Saturday
March 20, 2010
7:30 AM – 12:45 PM

CONFERENCE COST

Early Childhood Professionals Who Work or Live in Davidson County: FREE
Early Childhood Professionals in Other Counties (as space allows): \$10.00

PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF REGISTRATION FORM AS NEEDED

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM
by Mail, Fax or Drop-off at the Smart Start Office

Attn: Ann Brudenell
235 E. Center St.
Lexington, NC 27292
Fax: 336-249-6687

Registration deadline is Friday, February 26, 2010

Please print

Name:	Address:
Phone: ()	Email:
I attend school at:	I work at:
Do you have the Early Educators Certification? Yes No	If yes, Circle the level of certification you have? Level: PP 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If out-of-county, I have attached a check for \$10.00 payable to Smart Start of Davidson County

Please list your workshop choices by writing the workshop **number** in the columns.

First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Fourth Choice

THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING FOR THE 2010 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS CONFERENCE
YOU WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION VIA STANDARD MAIL OR EMAIL.





Directions to First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church is located in the city of Lexington.

From Main Street in Lexington, turn onto W. 3rd Avenue.

Travel approximately 2 blocks. Turn left onto Hargrave Street.

Turn right onto the church parking lot. The church is beside the YMCA.

If you are traveling from another county, please call 249-6688 for the directions from your location to Lexington. Lexington exits are on I-85, Bus-85, and Hwy 52.



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