

Planting
the Seeds
for
Success



beginning with babies

Welcome



On behalf of the Picard Center and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, I would like to welcome you to the Beginning with Babies Summit. I believe the presentations and discussions today will closely match the trainings you have been attending the last few months. Without a doubt, this meeting will support the need to continue to improve the level of care provided to Louisiana's infants and toddlers.

Let's face it. There is a lot involved in the care of infants and toddlers. It is not an easy job, yet you hold one of the most important jobs – caring for the youngest individuals in our state. We have gathered information for you today that is based upon years of research and best practices. I encourage you to take in all of the information presented today and get involved in the great discussions planned for the breakout sessions. Let us partner together to plant the seeds of success for our children.

Many wishes for an exciting and successful summit,

Billy R. Stokes, Ed.D., MBA
Executive Director, Cecil J. Picard Endowed Fellow in Child Development



Welcome to the Beginning with Babies Summit! This gathering of more than 300 infant and toddler educators demonstrates our shared commitment to providing our youngest children with the very best in early care and education in Louisiana.

During the last few months, many training and professional development sessions have been held throughout the state to support your efforts to improve the quality of care provided to our most precious infants and toddlers toward the outcome of school readiness and all that it encompasses. If you are participating in the Beginning with Babies program, I applaud your dedication.

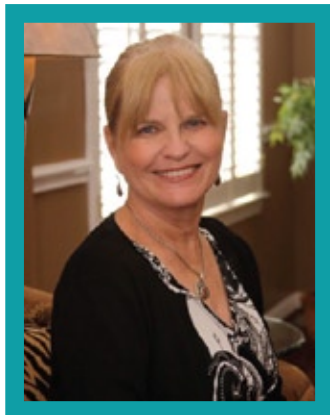
Every day, you see the outcomes of your work in the smiles and developmental gains of the children in your care. A great infant/toddler educator has an immense impact on a child's development and lifelong learning. Your work with the child's family also has a profound and long-lasting impact. Thank you for making it a positive, nurturing and meaningful one.

Today's exciting discussions and presentations will increase your knowledge, engage your spirit, and provide new motivation for knowing and doing what is right for all children, beginning with babies.

Gail Kelso
Executive Director, Child Development and Early Learning Section
Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services



Pam Schiller



Pam Schiller, Ph.D., is a curriculum specialist and freelance early childhood consultant, author and speaker. Dr. Schiller has been a child care administrator for several years and has also taught in public schools as a kindergarten teacher. She served as Head of the Early Childhood Department at the University of Houston, where she also directed the Lab School. Dr. Schiller shares her extensive knowledge in workshops, radio and television interviews, and she is a popular keynote speaker and author. She is the author of six curriculums, 18 children's books, more than 30 teacher and parent resource books, and a number of other creative projects such as activity books, DVDs and CDs. Her newest project is a comprehensive preK curriculum written for Frog Street Press and in consort with Dr. Becky Bailey. Pam lives in Cypress, TX.

Alice Thomas



Alice Thomas, M.Ed., is the founder, president and CEO of the Center for Development and Learning. A career educator for more than 30 years, Alice has been a teacher, counselor, and intervention specialist in inner city, suburban and rural public schools, and she has served as a co-instructor for graduate level courses. She is the coauthor of the *Right from Birth* parent training curriculum and the *Learning Profiles: Differentiated Instruction for Diverse Learners* professional development program, and author or coauthor of numerous articles on teaching and learning. She has delivered hundreds of seminars on learning and teaching to public, parochial and private school administrators, teachers and parents, both nationally and internationally, and she has presented at national and international conferences. Alice recently studied change leadership at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto.



Agenda

Beginning with Babies Summit

Saturday, April 16, 2011

Cajundome Convention Center, Lafayette, LA

8-9 am

Registration/Exhibits

FESTIVAL BALLROOM ATRIUM

9-9:10 am

Pledge of Allegiance

FESTIVAL BALLROOM

Welcome

FESTIVAL BALLROOM

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, President, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

9:10-9:30 am

Opening Remarks

FESTIVAL BALLROOM

Dr. Billy Stokes, Executive Director, Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Gail Kelso, Executive Director of Child Development and Early Learning, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services

9:30-11:30 am

Keynote Session

FESTIVAL BALLROOM

“What You Teach Me Birth to Three”

Dr. Pam Schiller – Schiller Educational Resources, LLC

11:30-11:50 am

Break/Exhibits

Lunch Service Begins*

*Please return to the ballroom with your plate at 11:50 am, ready for the lunch presentation.

11:50 am-12 pm

Award Presentation

FESTIVAL BALLROOM

12-1 pm

Lunch Session

FESTIVAL BALLROOM

“How to Use Seven Essential Experiences to Promote Language and Learning – Right from Birth!”

Alice Thomas, President & CEO, Center for Development and Learning

1-1:15 pm

Break/Exhibits

1:15-2:15 pm

Breakout Session I

MARDI GRAS BALLROOMS – 1ST FLOOR CAJUNDOME

- Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Active Learning
- Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Mentoring
- Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Celebration
- Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Rehearsal and Extension of Skills
- Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Safety
- Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Communication
- Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Guidance

2:15-2:20 pm

Break

2:20-3:20 pm

Breakout Session II

MARDI GRAS BALLROOMS – 1ST FLOOR CAJUNDOME

Repeat Previous Sessions

3:20-3:35 pm

**Break/Exhibits
Afternoon Snack**

3:35-4:35 pm

Summit Wrap-up

FESTIVAL BALLROOM

Gail Kelso, Executive Director of Child Development and Early Learning, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services

Door Prizes

Summit Evaluation





Session Descriptions

Keynote Session: What You Teach Me Birth to Three (CDA 2) - The experiences of the first three years are crucial to the foundation of lifetime learning. This session uses early brain development research as a platform to explore ways to optimize the experiences of this most fertile time of life. Learn how to encourage language, stimulate thinking skills, solidify social-emotional stability and promote physical development.

Time	Clock Hours	Presenter
9:30-11:30 am	2	Pam Schiller, Ph.D.

Lunch Session: How to Use Seven Essential Experiences to Promote Language & Learning-Right from Birth! (CDA 8) - Right from birth, babies are actively learning throughout the day. The learning occurs through the types, amounts and predictability of visual, auditory, sensory and social-emotional experiences the baby has with parents and caregivers. This presentation will introduce seven types of experiences that are essential to ensure normal brain and behavioral development and school readiness. These Seven Essentials, identified by researchers Craig and Sharon Ramey, are based on scientific evidence from more than 1,000 research studies, and should be offered to every infant, toddler and child – every day. Ways to apply the Seven Essentials for infants and toddlers one to 18 months of age will be explored in this session. Participants will leave with a summary of the Seven Essentials and examples of how to apply them for infants and toddlers.

Time	Clock Hours	Presenter / Trainer #
12-1 pm	1	Alice Thomas, M.Ed. / I-3070833

Summit Wrap-up (CDA 6) - Infant and toddler educators will review the key points brought forward throughout the summit as well as the information gathered throughout discussions in each breakout session focusing on the Seven Essentials: Guiding Principles to Help Children Every Day.

Time	Clock Hours	Presenter
3:35-4:35 pm	1	Gail Kelso

breakout sessions

Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Active Learning (CDA 8) - This session will highlight strategies that will encourage exploration with all the senses, in familiar and new places, with others and alone, safely and with joy. Infant and toddler educators will discuss individualized methods they use within their child care centers that promote exploration.

Time	Clock Hours	Presenter / Trainer #
1:15-2:15 pm & 2:20-3:20 pm	1	Martha South / I-4040913

Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Mentoring (CDA 3) - This session will highlight the infant and toddler's role in mentoring as it relates to basic self-help skills and showing how things and people work. Infant and toddler educators will discuss and highlight strategies that are used within the child care classroom environment that promote mentoring.

Time	Clock Hours	Presenter / Trainer #
1:15-2:15 pm & 2:20-3:20 pm	1	Janie Humphries / ECE-9070812 & Emily Williamson / I-909060



breakout sessions (continued)

Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Celebration

(CDA 3) - This session will highlight strategies that will assist infant and toddler educators with celebrating infant and toddler developmental advances and becoming a unique individual. Infant and toddler educators will discuss individualized methods they use within their child care centers that promote celebration.



Time	Clock Hours	Presenter / Trainer #
1:15-2:15 pm & 2:20-3:20 pm	1	Winona Fabre / I-202076

Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Rehearsal and Extension of Skills (CDA 2) - Educators will discuss ways to show infants and toddlers how to practice again and again, in the same and different ways, and with new people and new things. Infant and toddler educators will discuss individualized methods they use within their child care centers that promote rehearsal and extension of skills.

Time	Clock Hours	Presenter / Trainer #
1:15-2:15 pm & 2:20-3:20 pm	1	Marian McGruder / ECE-2110835

Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Safety (CDA 1) - This session will highlight strategies that will assist educators with learning how to protect infants and toddlers from inappropriate disapproval, teasing, neglect or punishment. Infant and toddler educators will discuss individualized methods they use within their child care centers that promote safety.

Time	Clock Hours	Presenter / Trainer #
1:15-2:15 pm & 2:20-3:20 pm	1	Pam Wiltse / ECE-5040940

Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Communication (CDA 2) - Educators will discover ways to help infants and toddlers communicate richly and responsively with sounds, songs, gestures, and words. Infant and toddler educators will discuss individualized methods they use within their child care centers that promote communication.

Time	Clock Hours	Presenter / Trainer #
1:15-2:15 pm & 2:20-3:20 pm	1	Carol Agyhan / I-2071070

Nurturing Infants and Toddlers Through Guidance (CDA 3) - Educators will explore techniques for guiding behavior to keep them safe in a developmentally appropriate manner. Infant and toddler educators will discuss individualized methods they use within their child care centers that promote guidance.

Time	Clock Hours	Presenters / Trainer #
1:15-2:15 pm & 2:20-3:20 pm	1	Dayvetta Ferchard & Janice Staton / I-2071070



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*Child Care Career
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Presented to: _____
in recognition of participation in the following training workshops.

Total number of training hours: _____

Keynote Session / 9:30-11:30 am

Lunch Session / 12-1 pm

Breakout Session I / 1:15-2:15 pm

Breakout Session II / 2:20-3:20 pm

Summit Wrap-up / 3:35-4:35 pm



Lubbi Sannin-Nitto

Project Director, Infants and Toddlers
Trainer #: DOE-3080837

Lamika Carmouche

Project Director, Birth to Five Professional
Development, Trainer #: I-5100954



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Labels for clock hours must be obtained immediately after each session/presentation.
Labels will not be distributed at any other point throughout the day; no exceptions.**