

# JACKSON AREA EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE



March 14, 2009  
**Baker College**  
**2800 Springport Rd.**  
**Jackson, Michigan**  
8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

## Keynote Presentation:

Baker College Student Center

### **“Who’s In Control Here? Power Struggles & Young Children”**

Looking at the differences between teacher-controlled environments and child-controlled environments. Strategies to help children develop self-control will be discussed.

### **Dan Hodgins**

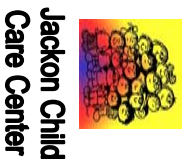
Early Childhood Consultant

- \*A vending area will be available
- \*Attend all 4 sessions and receive  
5 training hours  
\*.5 CEU’s offered

**ABC Academy**  
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Jackson, MI 49202  
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Register by February 13th to  
receive the discounted rate!

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I=Infant, T=Toddler, P=Preschool, SA=School-Age, A=Administration

**Session 1 & Keynote(Dan Hodgins): 9:00-10:15 a.m.**

**A. Making the Connection: Music/Movement, Language &**

**Literacy** Learn how multiple intelligences correlate with music and movement and how to implement them in the classroom.

*Michelle Smith, Toddler Teacher, U of M Child Care Center T/P*

**B. Rock a Bye Babies; Music & Movement for Infants &**

**Toddlers** Frustrated by the lack of appropriate activities? Explore methods, materials, 1:1 and group activities!

*Gari Stein, Founder & Director, Music for Little Folks I/T*

**C. Heuristic Play-What is it & How do we Support it with**

**Infants & Toddlers?** In this session, we will discuss what Heuristic Play is and how we can incorporate this type of play with our infants and toddlers.

*Shannon Lockhart, Senior Early Childhood Specialist, High/Scope Educational Research Foundation I/T*

**D. Teaching with Passion** I propose we find the passion that we had when we decided to join this profession.

*Jennifer Brewer, Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Concordia University T/P*

**E. 12 Days Under the Sea** A great addition to your ocean theme. Adapted from the song, "12 days of Christmas." You will be creating & singing your own book!

*Robin Mack, 12 Days Under the Sea I/T/P*

**F. Using Creativity to Inspire Learning** Most educational questions can be answered by my mantra and slogan of *More Arts!* How do we keep students engaged in the learning process? *More Arts!* How do we close the achievement gap? *More Arts!* How do we reach all learners, address the special needs of learners, and provide education for the "whole child?" *More Arts!* How do we improve the student achievement in reading, writing, and math scores of our students who are not meeting standards on state tests? *More Arts!*

*Jane Robinson, Former Director, Armory Arts Village P/SA*

**G. Preventing Childhood Obesity** Prevent childhood obesity, learn practical strategies to increase physical activity and nutrition among child care settings.

*Katherine Skala, Community Health Coordinator, Allegiance Health All*

**H. Managing with Magic: Our Bag of Tricks** Learn about the tips and tricks that have worked for us in the classroom. From managing students through managing lessons. Our presentation will be hands on and fun! Attendees will have at least 5 things they can implement right away!

*Leanne Moore & Shelby O'Neal, Level 1 Teachers daVinci Primary School P/SA*

**I. Praise vs. Encouragement** Learn what praise is and what it does to children. Learn strategies which promote encouragement.

*Kim Kloack, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Jackson Child Care Center All*

**J. Keeping Children Engaged** This interactive workshop will use active learning to keep short attention spans focused.

*Ginelle Skinner, Early Childhood Associate, High/Scope Trainer, Hillsdale Intermediate School District All*

**K. Between Diapers & Bottles: Teaching the Littlest Learners**

Learn how to use emergent curriculum to make the most of the teachable moments with infants and young toddlers.

*Sara Berkemeier, Director, Gretchen's House Child Care Center I/T*

**L. Sign Language for Enhancing Early Literacy & Classroom** Learn to sign the fun way through the use of songs, games and stories! Workshop will teach sign language for early literacy, classroom management, basic communication, and transitions. *Sue Cress, Time to Sign Trainer All*

**Session 2/Keynote(Dan Hodgins): 10:30-11:45 a.m.**

**M. Conscious Discipline-Loving Rituals to Promote Social & Emotional Growth** Learn a comprehensive social and emotional classroom management program that empowers teachers and students.

*Brenda Easterling & Natalie Guy-Hazard, Head Start Staff, Community Action Agency All*

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**P. Active Learning Ideas for Small Group Time** Learn ideas for active Small Group Times while planning around children's interests and development.  
*Liz Colgrove, Director, Certified High/Scope Trainer, Jackson Child Care Center* T/P

**Q. Planning Time; Tips & Strategies to Make it Rich & Meaningful** Helping children become intentional builds skills that last a lifetime!  
*Beth Marshall, Interim Director of Early Childhood, High/Scope Educational Research Foundation* P

**R. Those Zany School-Agers** Confident that you're giving school-agers what they need? Come find out if you're committed to providing a great program!  
*Brooke Reins, Professional Development/Referral Specialist, Child Care Network* SA

**S. 10 Things That All Children Need** Examine the ten things all children need to thrive, focusing on the importance of cognitive, psycho-social, and physical interactions.  
*Dr. Anna Allen, Professor of Early Childhood Development, Spring Arbor University* All

**T. Supporting Young Writers** This workshop will provide you with purposeful pre-school instruction that supports the development of young writers.  
*Asa Fleming, Literacy Coordinator, Jackson County Intermediate School District* P

**U. Licensing Rules for Care Homes** The licensing rules for family & group child care homes are being revised. Learn what the rule changes are, and how they will impact you and your child care home business!  
*Jim & Kathleen Sinnamon, Director, Area Manager, Child Care Licensing Division/Michigan DHS* Home Providers

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**Y. Kindermusik** Give young children the opportunity to learn about the world around them using pretend play, singing, dancing and music concepts.  
*Marcy Harr, Kindermusik Representative* T/P

**\*Lunch is from 11:45-12:50 p.m. (on your own).  
Lenny's (\$6 boxed lunch) will be on site if preferred.  
Check out the Venders!**

### **Session 3: 12:50-2:05 p.m.**

**Z. ADHD Solutions** ADHD and intense children have the greatest potential for growth when they are understood and motivated in positive ways that promote success. With the Nurtured Heart Approach your worst child can become you're greatest.  
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**BB. Who's Crying Now, Helping Preschoolers & Parents Handle Separation Anxiety** Separation anxiety is an unavoidable reality in preschool! Join me to see how we, as teachers, can help families conquer it!  
*Lisa Shaw, Director, Spring Arbor Cherubs Preschool* P

**CC. Parents, Parents, Parents, Can't Teach With Them, Can't Teach Without Them** Learn how to resolve differences, get parents involved & manage parents while supporting families in meaningful ways.  
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**Session 4: 2:20-3:35 p.m.**

**LL. Wolf Trap Artist – Education Harmony** Create a music-based circle time combining easy warm-ups, chants and finger plays with imaginary travel, a mystery bag, puppet play, simple folk instruments, movements and cool-down.

*Wanda Degen, Songwriter / Folk Musician, Michigan Wolf Trap*  
*P*

**MM. Reframing Children's Words: Dealing with Children's Upset, Hurt & Angry Feelings**

This session will share strategies for reframing children's angry words into useful statements that reflect their feelings.

*Beth Marshall, Interim Director of Early Childhood, High/Scope Educational Research Foundation*  
*T/P*

**NN. What do Infants & Toddlers Learn & How do we interpret what we see to properly plan for their development?**

Infants and toddlers are born learners. Learn and use the Infant and Toddler Key Experiences as a framework for interpreting children's actions and behaviors to plan for them each day.

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*All*

**PP. Anti-Biased Curriculum** We will examine ten different areas of bias, what they look like in the preschool classroom and discuss activities to enhance a non-biased classroom environment.

*Jean Allison, Early Childhood Chair, Baker College*  
*T/P*

**QQ. Grief/Loss; What About the Children** A look into what grief and loss is for our children. Come learn about the stages of grief and loss, available children's literature and resources.

*Heidi Friedel, Adjunct Faculty, Jackson Community College & Baker College*  
*I/T/P*

**RR. Conflict Resolution** Six steps to solve problems in your classroom! It's as easy as that!

*Julie Smith, Director / Preschool Teacher Trinity Lutheran Child Care*  
*T/P*

**SS. Literacy – Go Beyond Reading Books** Learn the importance of incorporating conversations, songs and movements into your circle time and throughout your day to promote language and literacy development.

*Jennifer Brewer, Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Concordia University*  
*T/P*

**TT. Organizing Your Small Group Time** Organize your classroom materials for easy transitions between Small Group Time and other parts of your Daily Routine.

*Aimee Corts, GSRP Preschool Teacher, ABC Academy*  
*T/P*

## Conference Registration Form

Registration is limited. Please register early!  
One person per form please. This form may be duplicated.  
**EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 13, 2009.**  
**FINAL DEADLINE: MARCH 6, 2009**

**UU. Parent Education / Kinship Care** Learn more about the services provided at Family Services & Children's Aid. A Parent Education curriculum will be shared along with effects of trauma on children and how to help them cope.

*Melissa Davis, Kinship Care Coordinator & Parent Educator, Family Services & Children's Aid All*

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Amount Enclosed: Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CEU \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to purchase a Lenny's boxed lunch on the day of the conference? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the workshop letter of your first and second choice during each session. First come first serve. Must select Keynote in Session 1 or 2.

	First Choice	Second Choice
Session 1	Keynote or Session # _____	Keynote or Session # _____
Session 2	Keynote or Session # _____	Keynote or Session # _____
Session 3	# _____	# _____
Session 4	# _____	# _____

If approved for this conference, I wish to apply for CEU's \_\_\_\_\_

If CEU's are approved, you will receive written confirmation and instructions.

**Additional \$5.00 fee for CEU's.**

**Registration Fee: Includes continental breakfast**  
**Discounted Registration if received prior to Feb. 13, 2009: \$35.00**

**Registration received after Feb. 13, 2009: \$40.00**

Mail this completed form and check or money order payable to:

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## Program Guide

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast, Visit Vendors

Keynote Address Session 1 or Session 2  
(select one session)

*Who's In Control Here?  
Power Struggles & Young Children*

Dan Hodgins, Early Childhood Consultant

“Make Me! You are not my mother” is commonly heard in classrooms all over the country. There is a difference between teacher-controlled environments and child-controlled environments. What those differences are is the foundations for this presentation. If you are asking the following questions: What is a power struggle? When and why do they occur? How can I develop an environment that discourages power struggles? This workshop is for you. It will include practical suggestions that can be used immediately to help children develop self-control.

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Session 1

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Session 2

11:45 – 12:50 p.m. Lunch (On your own. Lenny's boxed lunch available for \$6.00 in the Student Center.) Don't forget to visit the Vendor Area.

12:50 – 2:05 p.m. Session 3

2:20 – 3:35 p.m. Session 4

3:35 – 3:45 p.m. Evaluations, Certificates

## Information

The conference will be held at:

*Baker College  
2800 Springport Rd.  
Jackson, MI 49202*

### Meals

A continental breakfast is included. Lenny's boxed lunches are available to purchase on site for \$6.00 or call ahead to reserve seating and lunches at local restaurants. Menus will be available at the registration table.

### Continuing Education Units

The committee will apply for Continuing Education Units (CEU). If Continuing Education Units are approved for attending this conference, you must attend the entire day. You must indicate on your registration form that you are applying for the CEU's before attending the conference. Those applying for the CEU's must check-in at the CEU table when arriving at the conference. There is paperwork you will be required to fill out. You may wish to **arrive a little earlier as you must sign in prior to 8:50 a.m.** You will be required to sign-in at each session, if you leave early your name will be crossed off, and that session will not be counted. If CEU's are approved, a fee of \$5.00 will be required for the CEU's. No exceptions will be made.

### **NO REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT PAYMENT**

You must enclose payment for the entire registration fee. Final registration is due by **March 6, 2009**, along with CEU payment. There will be no registration at the door.

Make checks payable to: ABC Academy Center

REFUND of registration fee will be made only upon written receipt postmarked no later than **March 1, 2009**. A \$5.00 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds.