



OREGON ASSOCIATION OF CHILD CARE DIRECTORS

2012 SPRING CONFERENCE

CONNECTING CHILDREN TO NATURE

Wednesday, March 7

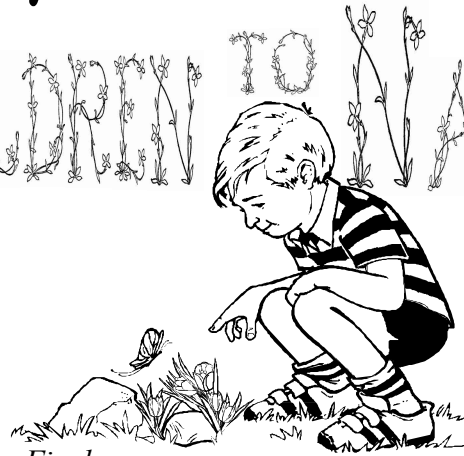
7:00 -9:00 p.m. Savories and Sweets

Thursday, March 8

7:30 a.m. Conference Check in
8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Keynote and Morning Session by Ken Finch
Noon OACCD Affiliate Lunch
1:00 p.m. Afternoon Workshops
4:00 - 4:45 p.m. TQRIS Focus Group — Door Prizes Available
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Free Time
6:00 p.m. Complimentary Bar Opens; Dinner follows at 6:30

Friday, March 9

7:30 a.m. Conference Check in
7:45 a.m. Plated Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Annual Business Meeting
9:00 a.m. - Noon Morning Workshops
11:00 a.m. Room Checkout
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Afternoon Workshops
4:30 p.m. Door Prize Drawings; Turn In Evaluations



Join us March 7-9th as we Connect Children to Nature in Historic Seaside at the Best Western Ocean View Resort

All meals served to registered participants are included in the conference rate, however room accommodations are not. The Ocean View Resort is holding a block of rooms for our conference. Rooms range from \$79.00 for an Economy Room to \$109 for a Ocean King Jacuzzi Suite per night plus 9% room tax. For reservations please call 503-738-3334 or 1-800-234-8439. Be sure to mention the OACCD Conference for the reduced rate. Check-in begins at 4 p.m.; room check-out is 11 a.m. Guests can request an earlier check-in time when making reservations. **Room reservations must be made by February 7, 2012.**

The Best Western Ocean View Resort is located at 414 North Promenade in Seaside, just blocks from the end of Lewis and Clark's Trail. Visit historic sites, museums, forts & lighthouses. From I-5 please take exit 292A and merge onto OR-217N towards Tigard/Sunset Hwy./Oregon Coast. Then merge onto US-101/Oregon Coast Hwy toward Seaside. From 101 please turn left on 1st Ave. Take the 2nd right on Necanicum Dr. Take the 3rd left onto 4th Ave. The hotel is located on the right.

OACCD Spring Conference March 7-9 2012 Seaside

The 2012 OACCD Spring Conference offers over 10 hours of training for Child Care Directors and Staff. Conference rates include all meals that are served on the day(s) you register. Please note that the member conference rate is for those who have paid OACCD membership dues during the membership renewal period.

Becoming a member is easy! Check the new member box and include the membership fee with registration. Membership rates are \$50.00 for an annual membership or \$80.00 for two years.

Members Rate

All Days: \$250.00

Single Day: \$175.00

Non Member Rate

All Days \$325.00

Single Day: \$250.00

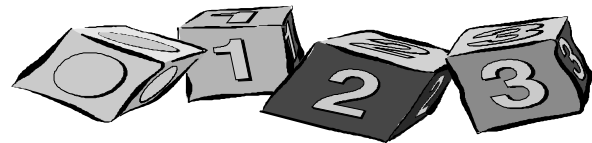
Refunds are NOT AVAILABLE, but substitution of an attendee is allowed. Attendees using Betty Gray Early Childhood Development Endowment funds please note vouchers can not be transferred..

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Contacts: For your membership status, contact Val Rylands, OACCD Board Secretary by email at Rylandsfamily@Peoplepc.com or refer to the mailing label of your quarterly newsletter. For conference information please contact Cindy Bellamy by phone at 541-344-0241 or email oakstcdc@msn.com.

Registrations must be postmarked or time stamped by February 24, 2012.



Be Sure To Check The Oregon Center For Career Development's Website For Betty Gray Early Childhood Development Endowment Funds

As a reminder, The Oregon Association of Child Care Directors accepts Betty Gray Early Childhood Education Endowment Funds. Please be aware that simply applying for this fund does not automatically register you for our conference. Please follow the application directions on the OCCD Centerline website and send in your conference registration to OACCD today. A copy of your approved voucher is required at conference check in.

For scholarship materials please visit www.centerline.pdx.edu and follow the scholarship link or call 1-877-8535 or 503-725-8535. The Centerline deadline for applications is February 22, 2012.

Savories & Sweets our Social Gathering

Wednesday March 7, 2012 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Relax and unwind after a long day. Join the OACCD Board and fellow child care professionals in Suite 529 on the 5th floor for an informal gathering. No training hours awarded. Beverages and light finger foods will be available during this purely social time.

Connecting Children to Nature Workshop Offerings

Thursday Morning Keynote and Group Session

Restoring the Nature of Childhood —The Value and Nurturing of Nature-Based Play

Ken Finch will lead us in an exploration of the importance of nature play to children's healthy, holistic development. Using slides, cartoons, and group discussions, we'll explore both sides of a simple mantra: "Nature is good for kids, and kids are good for nature." Included will be a look into the practical realities of nature play in child care settings, and how it can be fostered without breaking your budget

Presented by Ken Finch, President, Green Hearts Institute for Nature in Childhood.

***Core Knowledge Category: Learning Environments and Curriculum.**

Thursday Afternoon Workshop A)

Restoring the Nature of Childhood — Making it Happen at Your Center

Participants will delve deeper into the morning's keynote topic by focusing on their own sites and programs. Ken Finch will facilitate additional learning through resource materials, case studies, and design exercises, with an emphasis on sharing and discussion among all the session attendees.

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***Core Knowledge Category: Learning Environments and Curriculum.**

***Due to the late presenter change the above workshops have not been submitted to the evaluating committee.**

Please visit the OACCD website for updates on the SET designations of these workshops.

Thursday Afternoon Workshop B)

Human Resources Management

Human Resource Management goes beyond paychecks. HR is a key function of any organization large or small. Join us as we examine the cycle of HR management from design, hiring, organization, orientation, employee management and employment termination. Discover the resources that are available for you and create an HR management plan that works for you and your center.

Tammy Marino, Master Trainer, Phoenix Solutions.

Core Knowledge Category: Program Management SET 2.

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Thursday Afternoon Workshop C)

Practical Ways to Connect with Nature

In this workshop we will explore ways that children can connect with the magic of nature every day. Get those teachers and parents ready to have fun with the things that are outside. We will look at indoor and outdoor spaces we already have to make, explore and create nature experiences.

Presented by Marion Bauer, Early Childhood Education Specialist, Southwestern Oregon Com. College.

Core Knowledge Category: Human, Growth and Development SET 2.

4:00 Focus Group: Input on Supports and Incentives D)

Building Oregon's Tiered Quality Rating & Improvement System

Please join us from 4:00-4:45 for this special focus group which will provide an opportunity for participants to have a role in identifying the supports and incentives offered to providers as part of Oregon's quality improvement system. What supports would be helpful to your program in meeting quality standards? What incentives would motivate your program to meet increase quality standards. Come help shape Oregon Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System.

Presented by Dawn Woods, TQRIS Manager, Child Care Division.

This focus group discussion offers no training hours, however, participants will be eligible for door prizes.

Friday Morning Workshop E)

Risk Deprivation:

Are Children Allowed Enough Risk in Play to Support Healthy Development?

Are our children kept too safe to support healthy development? Participants will examine risky play and its developmental importance. We will then explore the many obvious and not-so-obvious factors that interfere with providing healthy risk taking opportunities. What is our role in both risk deprivation and its rectification?

Presented by Louise Bensen, School Psychologist.

Core Knowledge Category: Human, Growth and Development SET 2.

Friday Morning Workshop F)

Wellness Champions: Supporting Nutrition & Physical Activity Best Practices

Child care settings play a critical role in promoting and supporting wellness through nutrition, physical activity, screen-time use and breastfeeding accommodation practices. Participants will become familiar with the most current guidelines and identify strengths and areas for improvement in their own setting. Through the assessment process, participants will identify at least one priority to target around nutrition, physical activity, screen-time use or breastfeeding accommodation.

Presented by Robin Stanton, Nutrition Consultant, Oregon Health Division, Office of Family Health.

Core Knowledge Category: Health, Safety, Nutrition SET 1.

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Friday Morning Workshop G)

The Next Adventure: Planning to Bring Nature Education into your Curriculum and Community

Based on current knowledge of the connection between development and the natural world, we will explore strategies to incorporate nature play into our practice. We will collaborate to develop concrete action plans to coordinate with your staff. Participants will also co-create materials about nature education to be shared with families and community members.

Presented by Nani Nauter, Preschool Teacher, Healthy Start Children's Center of OHSU. Carmen Ellis, Childhood Development Specialist, Masters Candidate PSU. Elizabeth Joy Zarek, Master Trainer Early Learning Alliance.

Core Knowledge Category: Learning Environments and Curriculum SET 2.

Friday Afternoon Workshop H)

Bringing The Outside In

Workshop will examine the importance of nature for children and how to incorporate it in a developmentally appropriate manner. Examples, ideas, resources and the opportunity to experience activities are included. Exploration of how to instill a love of nature and further children's development will be examined. Discussing practical ways to empower staff with these activities & principles will help implement curriculum.

Presented by Tamara Ulrich, Founder/Director, Child's View Montessori.

Core Knowledge Category: Learning Environments and Curriculum SET 2.

Friday Afternoon Workshop I)

Dirty Secrets: Earthen Artwork for All

Create murals, mosaics, fairy cottages, or full-scale playground features with dirt-cheap materials. This class includes "hands-on" craft activities with take-home examples and instructions, plus inspiration and resources for larger community projects like a cob bench, sundial or outdoor sculpture.

Presented by Erica Wisner, Private Consultant/Trainer.

Core Knowledge Category: Learning Environments and Curriculum SET 1.

Friday Afternoon Workshop J)

Social Media for Child Care Directors

Understand how to use social media tools like Facebook, Twitter, blogs and YouTube effectively.

This workshop will provide information on planning, creating content, managing comments and interactions. We will also talk about the risks and responsibilities associated with social media.

Presented by Kellie Matthews, *Instructor U of O; Managing Director, Verve Northwest.*

Core Knowledge Category: Program Management SET 2.



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About our 2012 keynote speaker - Ken Finch

Due to an unforeseen health issue, Dian Gordon will be unable to present at the OACCD Spring Conference. We are pleased to announce a replacement speaker/presenter Mr. Ken Finch.

Ken Finch founded Green Hearts as a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to restoring and strengthening the bonds between children and nature. Based in Omaha, Nebraska, Green Hearts works internationally — teaching, speaking, writing, and consulting about the power and importance of nature-based play.

Green Hearts' philosophy is grounded in research that reveals that frequent, unstructured childhood play in natural areas is the most common influence on the development of life-long conservation values, while it simultaneously supports the full spectrum of children's social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and creative development.

Ken has been working in environmental education for over 35 years. He has experience as a "front-line" educator, as a senior manager in two children's museums, and as the Executive Director of two of the country's largest nature centers. Along the way, he supervised two nature/science preschools and has advised on the development of several others. Green Hearts now works extensively with both the environmental education and early childhood education professions, and promotes the synergy between them.

Ken holds a master's degree in environmental education from Antioch – New England Graduate School, and a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from Dickinson College. He has long been a volunteer with the Association of Nature Center Administrators, including two years as its national President and a total of seven years on its Board of Directors. Ken has also served on state environmental education boards in Minnesota and Connecticut, has been a frequent keynote presenter at regional and national conferences, and has served as a consultant with more than thirty nature centers, child care centers, and similar organizations. He lives in Omaha, and is a single parent with two great sons.

OACCD CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Registrations must be postmarked by February 24, 2012; Registrations may be mailed, faxed, or scanned and emailed.

Please Print Clearly

Name _____ Position/Title _____

Center _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Email Address for Confirmation/Clarification/Email List:

HOME# () _____

WORK# () _____

FAX# () _____

OF STUDENTS _____

Special Features _____

(circle all that apply)

PROGRAMS: Infant Toddler Preschool Kindergarten
School Age Before/After School Care Summer Program

STATUS: Non-profit For-profit Registered Home
Religious Employer Sponsored Campus Based

MARCH 7, 8, 9 2012

CONFERENCE WORKSHOP CHOICES

THURSDAY MORNING KEYNOTE & SESSION

Yes, I am Attending No, I can not attend

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION CHOICES

FIRST CHOICE (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) A B C D

SECOND CHOICE (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) A B C D

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION CHOICES

FIRST CHOICE (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) E F G

SECOND CHOICE (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) E F G

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION CHOICES

FIRST CHOICE (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) H I J

SECOND CHOICE (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) H I J

Yes, I will join/renew OACCD and enjoy the member rate for this conference!

OACCD 1 year Membership \$50.00

OACCD 2 year Membership \$80.00

Box 1 Total = _____

SINGLE DAY ONLY

(Includes cost of food for conference participants)

OACCD Member \$175.00

Non Member \$250.00

Please Indicate The Day of Attendance

Thursday Friday

Box 2 Total = _____

BOTH DAYS

(Includes cost of food for conference participants)

OACCD Member \$250.00

Non Member \$325.00

Box 3 Total = _____

Extra meals for guest **NOT** attending workshops

Thursday Breakfast \$12.50

Thursday Lunch \$21.50

Thursday Dinner \$45.00

Friday Breakfast \$15.50

Friday Lunch \$21.50

Box 4 Total = _____

AMOUNT DUE

TOTAL OF BOXES

1 through 4

Add \$25.00 Late fee if
postmarked after 2/24

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Method of Payment

Check/PO Voucher *Please Make Checks
Payable to OACCD*

Voucher copy required at conference checkin



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Registration Check List

1. Select Workshops
2. Determine Membership Status
3. Make Room Reservations (2/7/12 deadline)
4. Fill out Registration Form on reverse side
5. Please print clearly
6. Total boxes 1-4
7. Indicate method of payment*
8. Scan/Email, Fax or Mail Registration
9. Bring your voucher



** Remember Betty Gray Endowment Funds will only pay for the member rate of the conference. Non members are responsible for the difference in rates.*

Send your registration one of three ways

✘ Mail your registration to:

OACCD
PO Box 70322
Springfield, OR 97475

✘ Fax your completed Registration Form to 541-933-1429

✘ Scan your completed Registration Form and email to:

Rylandsfamily@peoplepc.com

The OACCD will accept Vouchers, Purchase Orders and Checks.

Registration deadline is February 24, 2012

Centerline application deadline is February 22, 2012