

Fox Valley AEYC



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Come and join other early child care professionals at an exciting conference!

- ★ Earn DCFS inservice hours
- ★ Exhibit hall will be open 8 am - 2 pm
- ★ Keynote featuring Jane Kitson a.k.a. Mother Goose
- ★ Network with old friends and make new ones
- ★ Pick a track - Green, Blue, or Red for workshops after 10 am
- ★ Registration is 7:45 am - 8:30 am.
- ★ Enjoy a continental breakfast before the first session begins

Conference Schedule

8:30 - 10:00 am - Everyone is together
After 10 am - Break into Tracks

Green Track - Limit 250 people

10:15 am - 11:15 am

Lunch - 11:15 - 11:45 am

Jane Kitson - 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

1:30 - 3 pm

Blue track - Limit 250 people

10:15 am - 11:45 am

Lunch 11:45 am - 12:20 pm

12:20 pm - 1:20 pm

Jane Kitson - 1:30 pm - 3 pm

Red track- Does not see Jane Kitson

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Leap into literacy with national early childhood educational consultant and published author Jane Kitson from Atlanta, GA. Keynotes, workshops and staff development days are presented in a user friendly and fast paced format that is affordable, practical and FUN! An author of over 350 original songs and fingerplays, Jane has shared interactive presentations with over 80,000 early childhood professionals in 46 states and Canada.

In addition to speaking at over 24 training events each year, Jane works with over 5000 children sharing 9 different programs, as Mother Goose, and is available to visit for children's programming and/or staff development right on site at your facility! Her hands on techniques are the result of 25 years experience in the early childhood classroom...children WILL wiggle and we can channel these wiggles into a learning experience!

Need assistance in paying for the conference? Contact the YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral for scholarship opportunities at 630-790-3030
Contact Cheryl Frankowski at bbfcc@fvi.net for Fox Valley AEYC Scholarship (members only)
Contact Garret Luppino to be a volunteer at the conference at garret@foxvalleyaeyc.com

Fox Valley AEYC is sponsoring a book drive for children's organizations.

Please help us by bringing a new or gently used children's book to the conference. You will receive a raffle ticket for your donation. Prizes will be various items donated by the conference exhibitors. Must be present to win.

8:30 - 10:00 1st Session

10:15 2nd Session



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10:15 - 3:00

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11:45 am - 1:15 pm

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1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Red Track
10:15 - 3:00

Overview of workshops

8:30 - 10:00 AM
Green, Blue and Red

Interesting Activities that Create a Meaningful Reading Environment in the Pre-School/Kindergarten Classroom

Ruth Cormier

This presentation discusses how to make use of daily activities of the pre-school/kindergarten program to reinforce the academic concepts introduced into the program.

“No” The word kids hate to hear and caregivers and parents get tired of saying

Kevin Helgren

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What Makes a Triangle a Triangle? A Square a Square: Geometric Concepts Development

Marie KIELTY

Learn how to develop early geometric concepts using string, straws and magnets.

Introduction to Brain Gym®

Barbara Bednarz

Movement grows the brain - Learn Brain Gym®’s easy movements to improve cognition, coordination, focusing, memory, vision, hearing and more. Effective for learning challenges and for all ages.

Mega Math Mania

Stacy Pyra

Math activities for the prek/kindergarten age groups can be very fun and inexpensive.

Multicultural Make and Taste

Illinois NET

Provides teaching strategies and hands-on food activities that serve as a springboard to cultural exploration and nutrition education in the classroom as well as provide children with an opportunity to appreciate cultural diversity

Your “FUN-derful” Science Area

Peggy Swyter & Cyndi Rojic

In this workshop you will see how to add everyday items to revitalize science in your classroom. You will have many ideas to take back to your classroom. SCIENCE IS FUN!

Practical Tips on the 6 Early Literacy Skills of the Every Child Ready to Read Initiative

Vita Ciraulo

This workshop will help educators understand the definition of early literacy and the importance of early childhood teachers and staff to model for parents the 6 early literacy skills for their 0-5 year olds.

A Pocketful of Fun

Jane Kitson

Fingerplays and rhyme play an important role in acquisition of language skills. Make your classroom fun by enhancing it with language activities that include puppets, literature, stories and easy to do activities that will have your children begging for more!

Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution

Susan Jensen

The goal of this workshop is to create a thinking child who is confident and responsible. Learning to ask the right questions removes adult assumptions and gives each child the chance to formulate ideas and make responsible choices. The workshop will be interactive and discussions encouraged.

This listing will change the day of the conference with additions, deletions and more in-depth descriptions. Please see program the day of the conference for all presentations and complete descriptions.

Green Track

10:15 - 11:15 AM

Musical Math

Kathy Birk

Patterning, number recognition, counting, adding shapes, opposites, next number, odd and even counting by 2s/5s/10s, counting backwards are just some of the activities taught. This popular session includes "Five Little Bumblebees" and "Jamaican Mango Walk" and others for Monday morning.

Social Emotional Health in Young Children

Marissa Happ

When childcare providers observe disturbing behaviors, they often wonder when a referral is appropriate and where to turn. As we attempt to facilitate pro-social behaviors, when should we consider outside help?

Not Just a Story but More!

Kimberly Corzine

This workshop will show you inexpensive and easy ideas on how to make and present stories and songs that go beyond holding a book or playing a tape.

Helping Parents Understand the Power of Play

Michael Meyerhoff

How to transform well-meaning but misguided parents from advocates for inappropriate academically driven activities into enthusiastic partners in play-based preschool programs.

Sensational Seasons

Suzi Meyers

Looking for new ideas to teach seasons? Come join us for literature based hands on learning about the seasons. We will answer the who, what, why, when, and how of our 4 seasons. Come learn new activities to take back to your students.

11:15 - 11:45 Lunch

Lunch and visit exhibits

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Playdough

Sherry Ann Wolfer

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What about Blocks?

Jill Tidwell

Blocks are often the most overlooked area in the early childhood classroom. But blocks are rich in opportunities for language development, math, science, and problem solving. In this workshop we will explore ways to enhance the center to keep the children challenged and engaged.

Diagnosis & Treatment of Speech & Language Disorders in Early Childhood

Sandra Kupensky

Normal speech/language will be covered with emphasis on appropriate milestones and emphasis on techniques to aid children to reach them.

Beyond Sand & Water

Jan Peterson & Janice Jablonowski

The workshop will energize teachers and revitalize the sensory play area of the classroom. This workshop will show teachers how to prepare a lesson with sensory as a main focus and to support the theme they are teaching.

Blue Track

10:15 - 11:45

Creative Art

Sherry Ann Wolfer

This is a hands on workshop with art activities that are process oriented rather than product oriented.

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Surviving the Pain of Biting

Carrie Rafalski

Let's discuss why, what it is and how to stop it from happening in your classroom. Classroom strategies and parent communication ideas will be shared.

Color My Meals Healthy

Illinois NET

This hands-on workshop is a fun and interactive training for child care staff to learn how to plan and prepare healthy meals and snacks affordably. Discover how to make menu enhancements that will align with upcoming recommendations for CACFP menus and learn to read labels to identify whole grain, low sodium and low fat foods. Each site in attendance will receive a menu planning resource booklet containing sample cycle menus and recipes.

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How to Create a Successful Classroom: Music throughout the day

Kathy Birk

Do you ever need an easy, short activity/song to transition, review beginning sounds, get children quiet, line children up or get children's attention? This session's for you. Learn many fun, easy songs to make your day enjoyable and productive. These activities really work!

Help for the Harried Providers: Managing Stress and Preventing Burnout

Marissa Happ

No job is as rewarding or as demanding as Child Care. If we aren't careful, we might burn-out in our attempts to meet the many needs of the children and families we serve. Let's examine the "red flags" of stress and find some helpful solutions.

Teaching Financial Literacy for Pre-K

Samantha Kim Morris

Teachers will receive a 5 activity program kit for free with a training from a Junior Achievement manager to teach children about financial literacy, farm animals, gardening and being good citizens.

Going Green in Family Childcare

Kathryn Mueller

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Let's Talk... with Infants!

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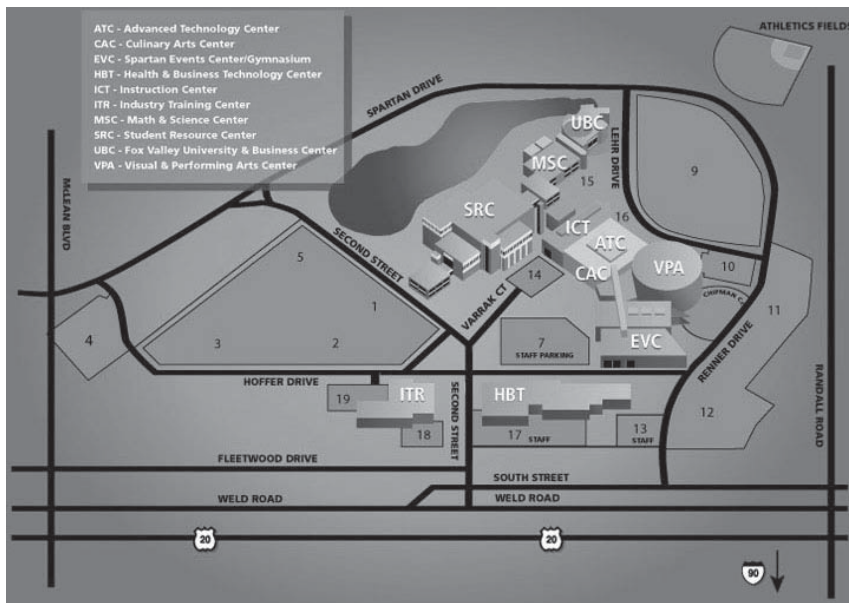
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From Randall Road. Drive to the corner of Randall Road and South Street. A Target store is on the west corner of that intersection. Turn east and travel six blocks to Renner Drive or Second Street. Turn right and travel two blocks south to the campus.

From McLean Boulevard. Drive to the intersection with Spartan Drive. Local restaurants and the Spartan Meadows Golf Course are on the west side of the street. Turn west at the stoplight and proceed two blocks to the campus.

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To join Fox Valley AEYC please see reverse side of this form.

Please circle one

Registration Fees	FVAEYC Member	Non-member
Postmarked By Feb. 15	\$40	\$65
Registration after Feb. 15 is	\$85	\$85
Fee includes box lunch		

Which Track would you like?

Please check one

Red

Blue

Green

First 250 people that sign up for the
Green and Blue tracks will receive those tracks.

Mail to:
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Please make check payable to:
Fox Valley AEYC

No confirmation will be sent unless your track is filled.

FOX VALLEY AEYC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Memberships must be in the name of an individual, not a center or school. Please print clearly.

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Home phone _____ / _____ Work phone _____ / _____

Check one: New membership Renewal (ID# _____)

CHOOSE MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

Comprehensive \$93

Regular \$58

Student \$37

INDICATE YOUR PAYMENT OPTION

Check/money order Charge to VISA Charge to MasterCard

Charge Card # _____ Expiration date _____

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THANK YOU!

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