

2013
Alabama Pre-Kindergarten Conference
Session Schedule

Wednesday, April 17

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM PRE-CONFERENCE

Session: OSR001

Presenter(s): Steve Spangler

Description: Steve Spangler finds the most creative ways to make learning fun. This Emmy Award winning journalist, teacher and toy designer teaches educators how to create unforgettable learning experiences that spread like a virus. Steve combines his experience as a science teacher and an award winning toy designer to create educational experiences guaranteed to make learning fun.

Thursday, April 18

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM OPENING SESSION

Session: OSR002

Presenter(s): Dr. Mike! Early Childhood Consultant, Curriculum Writer and Recording Artist

Title: *Music, Movement, and Learning*

Description: Dr Mike's goal is to raise the professional competence of early childhood educators, to strengthen the quality of program services, and to achieve outcomes for all children in early childhood classrooms through meaningful learning in a multi-sensory approach. (Professional Development)

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS - Group 1

Session: OSR003

Presenter(s): Karen Moore and Dr. Mary Beth Dennis, Technical Assistants, Office of School Readiness

Title: *Integrating Data Collection Through The Pre-K Day*

Description: Based on Math Goal #5 of the Alabama Developmental Standards *for Preschool Children*, this session will provide ideas for the integration of daily data collection and analysis into various areas of the Pre-K day. (Math)

Session: OSR004

Presenter(s): Laura Parks, Assistive Technology Specialist, UCP Huntsville, AL

Title: *Using the iPad to Develop Age Appropriate Skills*

Description: iPads are becoming more common in the academic setting. During this presentation participants will learn how to use iPads with younger students and use a developmental app. (Technology)

Session: OSR005

Presenter(s): Dr. Susan McKim and Amy Floyd, Department of Children's Affairs

Title: *No Place Like Home*

Description: Participants will learn more about the "First Teacher: Alabama's Home Visiting Program". (Parental Involvement)

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- Session:** OSR006
Presenter(s): Melissa Whetstone, and Amanda D. Pendergrass, Doctoral Candidates, UAB
Title: *From Remida to Reflection: Teaching in a Reggio Emilia Inspired Classroom*
Description: This session will provide the audience with a history of the approach as well as theoretical underpinnings. (Professional Development)
- Session:** OSR007
Presenter(s): Patti Cooper, Associate/Representative, LexAmi, LLC
Title: *Building Literacy in Early Childhood*
Description: Building literacy in early childhood is a key to developing and sustaining learners. In this session participants will be introduced to ways to introduce children to literacy. (Literacy)
- Session:** OSR008
Presenter(s): Angi Pelton, AMSTI, Alabama Department of Education
Title: *Integrating STEM into Early Childhood*
Description: Hands on presentation will focus on the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (Math/Science)
- Session:** OSR009
Presenter(s): Christine Spear, State RTI Coordinator, Alabama Department of Education
Title: *Oral Language and Vocabulary Development*
Description: Teachers can help students increase their oral language skills by encouraging the children to promote language and vocabulary development. (Literacy)
- Session:** OSR010
Presenter(s): Beth Corum, Instructor, Northwest-Shoals Community College
Title: *I Wish Someone Had Told Me That!*
Description: Participants will learn what works for pre-k learning environments; how to organize and set up the environment to foster self confidence. (Professional Development)
- Session:** OSR011 (Repeated as OSR043)
Presenter(s): Isabel Baker, Book Vine
Title: *The Nuts and Bolts of Reading Aloud and Teacher/Student Interactions during Story Time*
Description: Participants will learn techniques to make reading aloud effective with rich literature. (Literacy)
- Session:** OSR012
Presenter(s): Tonya Lee, Executive Director, Elizabeth Perry Rushton, CDC & Nannette Byrd
Title: *Integrating Spanish into the Everyday Classroom*
Description: Overview of a classroom structure based on bilingual development. (Special Needs/Inclusion)

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- Session:** OSR013
Presenter(s): Judy Warmath, Melinda Thomason, and Stacy Blair, Madison City Schools
Title: *Instructional Coaches: From Research to Practice*
Description: This presentation is an overview of the importance of instructional coaching in facilitating the progress of standards- based instruction beginning in the pre-k classroom. (Professional Development)
- Session:** OSR014
Presenter(s): Jan Hume, Office of School Readiness Director and Dr. Trellis Smith, Associate Director, Office of School Readiness
Title: *How To Apply for First Class Grants*
Description: Participants will receive step by step instructions on how to successfully apply for a "First Class Pre-K" grant. (Administration)
- Session:** OSR015 (Repeated as OSR033 and OSR049)
Presenter(s): Lisa Murphy, Ooey Gooley
Title: *Learning While Playing Through Developmentally Practices*
Description: Participants will learn why the "Ooey Gooley" lady believes in order for children to be "ready" for school, they need to have time to PLAY. (DAP/Play Based Learning)
- Session:** OSR016 (Repeated as OSR022 and OSR051)
Presenter(s): Chris Kelley, Devereux Center for Resilient Children
Title: *Facing the Challenge: Working with Preschool Children with Challenging Behaviors*
Description: This session will help early childhood educators better understand, prevent and plan for challenging behaviors, learning why kids misbehave and explore prevention on intervention strategies. (Behavior Management)
- Session:** OSR017
Presenter(s): Julie Henthorne, M.Ed, Private Consultant for Families of Children with Autism
Title: *Everyday Intervention Strategies for Children with Special Needs including Autism*
Description: Participants in this session will learn research based teaching strategies with an emphasis on helping the day to day life of a classroom teacher. (Special Needs/Inclusion)
- Session:** OSR018 (Repeated in OSR035 and OSR052)
Presenter(s): Margaret Morton, Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers
Title: *Connecting The Dots in Alabama - the Alabama Network of Family Resource*
Description: Participants will learn how the Family Resource Centers in Alabama are working at the community level to provide family support, education and case management to strengthen families and children. (Parental Involvement)

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- 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM** CONCURRENT SESSIONS - Group 2
- Session:** OSR019
- Presenter(s):** Jan Enstrom, Education Specialist, Alabama Department of Education
- Title:** *Navigating the Special Education System*
- Description:** Participants will learn how to properly fill out the necessary paperwork required by the state when you have a special needs child or student. (Inclusion/Special Needs)
- Session:** OSR020
- Presenter(s):** Scotia Steadman, M.S. Instructional Design and Technology, University of South Alabama
- Title:** *Increasing Student Achievement with Promethean*
- Description:** Participants will have hands on experience with Promethean Interactive Whiteboard and learn skills to engage class with interactive tools. (Technology)
- Session:** OSR021
- Presenter(s):** Lori St. Clair, Doctoral Candidate, UAB, Teacher, Hoover City Schools
- Title:** *Building Structures: Building Mathematicians*
- Description:** Participants will learn how children develop foundations for mathematical thinking by engaging in physical knowledge activities. (Math)
- Session:** OSR022
- Presenter(s):** Chris Kelley, Devereux Center for Resilient Children
- Title:** *Facing the Challenge: Working with Preschool Children with Challenging Behaviors*
- Description:** This session will help early childhood educators better understand, prevent, and plan for challenging behaviors. The main areas of focus will be on defining challenging behavior, learning why kids misbehave and explore prevention and intervention strategies (Behavior Management) (Repeat of OSR016)
- Session:** OSR023
- Presenter(s):** Kristi Hamby, Intervention and Referral Content Team Leader, CAPNA
- Title:** *Meeting School Readiness Goals with an IEP*
- Description:** Participants will learn what is an IEP and understand the importance of documentation with Teaching Strategies GOLD. (Special Needs/Inclusion)
- Session:** OSR024
- Presenter(s):** Dee Ard, Early Care Program Development Content Team Leader, CAPNA
- Title:** *Family Literacy: Building Bridges from Pre-K to Home and Community*
- Description:** This workshop is an overview of Family Literacy and how it enhances the development of language and strategies supported by school readiness goals and OSR pre-k standards. (Parental Involvement)

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- Session:** OSR025
Presenter(s): Dr. Alice Yeager, Calhoun Community College and Dianne Pace, Technical Assistant, Office of School Readiness
Title: *Fiddle De Riddle Dee Bumble Bee, Will You Read A Story to Me?*
Description: This session, presented by two children's book authors will provide participants reasons why read alouds are so important in a pre-k classroom. High quality and age appropriate children's literature will be introduced during this session. (Literacy)
- Session:** OSR026
Presenter(s): Edie Duggar, Education Resource Specialist, CAPNA
Title: *OPTIMIZING Outcomes: Planning for Progress*
Description: Participants will learn practical strategies for reliable data collection at the classroom level, tools for analyzing data to address school readiness goals, and how classrooms use data to drive instruction. (Assessment)
- Session:** OSR027
Presenter(s): Andrea Giggetts, President/CEO, Giggetts Associates
Title: *Discovering Your DNA*
Description: By understanding different communication styles, you will learn to expedite interactions between people. In this session, you will learn about the four types of communication styles which help you to understand the speaker's perspective. (Professional Development)
- Session:** OSR028
Presenter(s): Dr. Kelli Tucker-Hodge, Superintendent, Chambers County Schools, Jeana Ross, Commissioner, Department of Children's Affairs, and Jan Hume, Director, Office of School Readiness
Title: *Braiding Funds and Budgeting for OSR Sites*
Description: Participants will learn how to use funds like Head Start, Title 1, and grants to operate your "First Class Pre-K" program. (Administration)
- Session:** OSR029
Presenter(s): Chris Lawrence and Pat Clark, Teaching Strategies
Title: *Got GOLD, Now What?*
Description: Participants will learn how to use the Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment information to inform planning; strategies for sharing that information with families and others, and how to generate interpret, generate, and use the major reports in Teaching Strategies GOLD online. (Assessment)

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- Session:** OSR030
Presenter(s): Lucinda Trottier, Andrea McArthur, Jenny Sendral, Jonita Steele, James Daniels, Melissa Taylor, Pre-K Teachers, Harris Early Learning
Title: *Expanding your ARTS Smarts*
Description: Participants will examine ways art is a process rather than a "project". Participants will learn to manipulate a variety of art medium and materials to create original work. They will also discuss ways that art work not only expands vocabulary but also how it can be incorporated into all areas of development and learning. (Art)
- Session:** OSR031
Presenter(s): Dr. Mike!
Title: *Making Science Fun and Exciting*
Description: During this session our featured speaker will share materials on how to make science and be fun and exciting!
- Session:** OSR032
Presenter(s): Cynthia Jackson
Title: *Where Have All The Fathers Gone?*
Description: The presentation follows best practices and theories of child development by providing the participant with principles that are sound to the mental and social development of young children. (Parental Involvement)
- Session:** OSR033
Presenter(s): Lisa Murphy, Ooey Gooley
Title: *Learning While Playing Through Developmentally Practices*
Description: Participants will learn why the "Ooey Gooley" lady believes in order for children to be "ready" for school, they need to have time to PLAY. (DAP/Play Base Learning) (Repeat of OSR015)
- Session:** OSR034 (Repeated as OSR037)
Presenter(s): Debbie Jones, East Alabama Regional Inservice Center
Title: *Working with Challenging Students*
Description: Participants will learn how class management helps support ways to work with challenging students in the classroom. This session is based on meta-analysis by Robert J. Marzano. (Behavior Management)
- Session:** OSR035
Presenter(s): Margaret Morton, Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers
Title: *Connecting The Dots in Alabama - the Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers*
Description: Participants will learn how the Family Resource Centers in Alabama are working at the community level to provide family support, education and case management to strengthen families and children. (Parental Involvement) (Repeat of OSR018)

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3:45 PM - 5:15 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS - Group 3

Session: OSR036

Presenter(s): Meg Lowry, Administrator, Library Media Instructional Services, Alabama Department of Education

Title: *Appy to Share*

Description: Participants will learn how to effectively choose and use technology applications in the pre-kindergarten class. (Technology)

Session: OSR037

Presenter(s): Debbie Jones, East Alabama Regional Inservice Center

Title: *Working with Challenging Students*

Description: Participants will learn how class management helps support ways to work with challenging students in the classroom. This session is based on meta-analysis by Robert J. Marzano. (Behavior Management) (Repeat of OSR034)

Session: OSR038

Presenter(s): Delyne Hicks, YMCA Central Alabama Senior Director

Title: *Triangles, Circles and Squares, Oh My!*

Description: Participants will be introduced to the Alabama College and Career Readiness Standards in Math and will use manipulatives to practice geometry activities along with children's literature. (Math)

Session: OSR039

Presenter(s): Bev Schumacher, Learning Props, LLC

Title: *Bookmaking Strategies to Support Family and Early Literacy*

Description: Participants will find this session filled with practical learning experiences as they use common resources that can be found in either the home or school learning environment to make simple books. (Literacy, Parental Involvement)

Session: OSR040

Presenter(s): Ron Mohl, Lead Educational Representative, Lakeshore

Title: *How To Use the Classroom Observation Kits*

Description: New OSR teachers and Home Visitation Educators have the opportunity to go step by step with the materials in the Classroom Observation Kits. (Professional Development)

Session: OSR041

Presenter(s): Jay Banks

Title: *I am Unafraid (Anti-Bullying)*

Description: This well-known presenter will share important information about "Anti-Bullying" all educators can use in the classroom. (Behavior Management)

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- Session:** OSR042
Presenter(s): Angela Washington, MA LPC, The Arc of Walker County
Title: *The Art of Juggling: Stress Management for Parents and Teachers with a Smile!*
Description: Participants will be given techniques to recognize stress and how it impacts their health and families and tools to handle multiple task and stressors (Stress Management)
- Session:** OSR043
Presenter(s): Isabel Baker, Book Vine
Title: *The Nuts and Bolts of Reading Aloud and Teacher/Student Interactions during Story Time*
Description: Participants will learn techniques to make reading aloud effective with rich literature. (Literacy) (Repeat of OSR024)
- Session:** OSR044
Presenter(s): Dawn Ellis, MPH, RN Assistant Director, Bureau of Family Services Public Health
Title: *Early Brain and Child Development*
Description: Participants will be able to describe how childhood adversity affects early brain and child development. (Health and Safety)
- Session:** OSR045
Presenter(s): Andrea Giggetts, President/CEO, Giggetts Associates
Title: *Attitudes and Other Triggers that May Cost You Your Job*
Description: This seminar will explore workplace triggers that may be misconstrued by others and could limit one's ascension within the workplace. (Administration)
- Session:** OSR046
Presenter(s): Mary Jo Logan, Project Coordinator, UCP Central Alabama
Title: *Being Autistic*
Description: In this PowerPoint presentation, participants will view the world as seen by a child with autism. (Special Needs/Inclusion)
- Session:** OSR047
Presenter(s): Robin Mackey, Research and Policy Analyst, Alabama Partnership for Children
Title: *Strengthening Families: Using Protective Factors*
Description: Participants will engage in an interactive overview of the Protective Factors Framework and demonstrate knowledge of the Strengthening Families Assessment (Parental Involvement)
- Session:** OSR048
Presenter(s): Dr. Carolyn Keasal, Director, Sherry Adams, Education Coordinator, and Amanda Jordan, Teacher, Phenix City Head Start
Title: *Vocabulary Learning and Pre-K : Impacting the Future in a Monumental Way*
Description: Participants will understand the impact of vocabulary instruction in pre-k and know how to select texts that provide opportunity for vocabulary instruction. (Literacy)

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Session: OSR049
Presenter(s): Lisa Murphy, Ooey Gooley
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Session: OSR050
Presenter(s): Luis A. Hernandez, Early Childhood Specialist, Training & Technical Assistance Services, Western Kentucky University
Title: *Getting to Excellence: Enhancing Teaching Practice, Approaches, and Joyful Intentions*
Description: This highly interactive session will look at some of the domains embedded in the CLASS dimensions. Participants will discuss how to recognize and achieve genuine emotional support, effective classroom organization and challenging instructional support. (Professional Development)

Session: OSR051
Presenter(s): Chris Kelley, Devereux Center for Resilient Children
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Session: OSR052
Presenter(s): Margaret Morton, Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers
Title: *Connecting The Dots in Alabama - the Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers*
Description: Participants will learn how the Family Resource Centers in Alabama are working at the community level to provide family support, education and case management to strengthen families and children. (Parental Involvement) (Repeat of OSR018)

Friday, April 19

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS - Group 4

Session: OSR053
Presenter(s): Jolie Vincent, Lead Teacher, AUM CDC and Tracye Strichik, EdS., Technical Assistant, Office of School Readiness
Title: *Promoting Child Development and Learning*
Description: Participants will be able to use their knowledge of child development and observations to create challenging, meaningful, and engaging learning experiences. (Assessment)

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- Session:** OSR054
Presenter(s): Chilton Pre-K and Gunter AFB Pre-K Teachers
Title: *Science in an Outdoor Classroom*
Description: Teachers, both from First Class Pre-K classrooms, will present information on how they set up their outdoor classrooms and share lessons taught in their classrooms. (Science)
- Session:** OSR055
Presenter(s): Laura Lackey, Lead Pre-K Teacher, Woodville Pre-K
Title: *Going All the Way with ELA*
Description: Participants will learn how to integrate graphs and charts and literacy skills into their teaching themes and use technology to teach literacy skills. (Literacy)
- Session:** OSR056
Presenter(s): Jeana Winter, Alabama Parent Education Center & Nancy Anderson, Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program
Title: *A Child's Best Advocate*
Description: This session will focus on how school staff can support parents of children with disabilities to be powerful advocates for their children's academic and developmental needs. (Special Needs/Inclusion)
- Session:** OSR057
Presenter(s): Heather Paulk, Child Care Trainer, Family Guidance Center of Alabama
Title: *Fit Kids: A Guide to Nutrition and Health*
Description: Participants will learn about the guidelines for healthy eating and exercise for preschool age children. (Health and Safety)
- Session:** OSR058
Presenter(s): Lori South & Susan Franks, Pre-K teachers Colbert Heights Elementary School
Title: *Biggest Brainstorming Bonanza Ever!*
Description: Participants will be able to increase knowledge of hands on art projects, organize ideas and projects by themes. (Art)
- Session:** OSR059
Presenter(s): Robin Mackey, Research and Policy Analyst, Alabama Partnership for Children
Title: *Books, Balls and Blocks and the ASQ III*
Description: Participants will receive an overview of a Books, Balls and Blocks event and the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. (Parental Involvement, Assessment)
- Session:** OSR060
Presenter(s): Janet Chambers, Pre- School Coordinator, Tuscaloosa Academy
Title: *Intermingled Curriculum*
Description: This session will provide a step by step, stress free, fun filled guide to plan the pre-k year. (Professional Development, DAP/Play Based Learning)

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- Session:** OSR061
Presenter(s): Jody Carnes, Education Content Team Leader, CAPNA
Title: *Bubble-Up into the Calmer You*
Description: Participants will learn how to identify stressors, utilize coping practices and have calmer responses to everyday stressors. Participants will be able to support co-workers, parents and children with their stressful moments. (Stress Management, Professional Development)
- Session:** OSR062
Presenter(s): Sallye Longshore, Education Administrator, Alabama Department of Education Federal Programs and Jan Murray, Education Specialist & State Coordinator for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Program
Title: *Homeless in Alabama: Collaboration Efforts in Serving Preschoolers*
Description: Participants will focus on the federal legislation and funding of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education program as it relates to serving preschoolers experiencing homelessness in Head Start programs and other childcare programs receiving federal funding. (Administration, Parental Involvement)
- Session:** OSR063
Presenter(s): Teumbay Barnes, M.Ed Outreach Organizer, FOCAL (Federation of Child Care Centers of Alabama)
Title: *Listening and Not Being Heard*
Description: This session will help participants explore opportunities and share concerns regarding the needs and concerns around a comprehensive early childhood delivery system. Participants will be provided information to be better advocates and to have strategies to address early care and education partnerships. (Community Building)
- Session:** OSR064
Presenter(s): Jennifer Summerlin and Cora Causey, Instructors, UAB
Title: *Picture Book Potentials: There's an App for That*
Description: Participants will be provided a variety of resources to support parent, teacher, and student success, implement practical ideas in the classroom and guide participants with appropriate sources of literacy for young children. (Literacy, Technology)
- Session:** OSR065
Presenter(s): Andrea Giggetts, President/CEO, Giggetts Associates
Title: *Are You in a Pressure Cooker?*
Description: Participants will help to reduce stress in the workplace. Come learn to recognize the importance of managing your own "pressures". (Stress Management, Professional Development, Administration)

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Session: OSR066

Presenter(s): Rebecca Land, MSW, LCSW, Head Start and Mental Health Content Team Leader, CAPNA

Title: *All I Really Want to Know I Better Learn Before Kindergarten*

Description: Participants will look at why, what and how of social emotional development in a pre-school classroom in order to educate teachers to prepare our preschoolers for school and life, both socially and emotionally. (Special Needs/Inclusion, Professional Development, Parental Involvement)

Session: OSR067

Presenter(s): Thomas C. Bates, M.S., Family Guidance Center, Montgomery, AL

Title: *Autism and Child Care: A Parent's Perspective*

Description: Participants will look at an overview of early intervention from a parent's perspective and gain motivation for documenting behavior to facilitate earlier diagnosis and intervention for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). (Special/Inclusion, Parental Involvement)

10:15 AM - 12:15 PM CLOSING SESSION

Session: OSR068

Presenter(s): Luis Hernandez, Early Childhood Education Specialist, Training & Technical Assistance Services, Western Kentucky University

Title: *Wake Up and Smell Success! Families are the Key Ingredient for Achievement*

Description: After a day of discovery, outdoor fun, drawing and painting, being mesmerized by a story book, and enjoying a delicious lunch- children return to their families. As professionals we have done our very best to enrich their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Then we have a reality check--the success of the children we serve and work with depends on their families. The intent of this session is to affirm the values and principles in early childhood education that support families as the child's most important teacher.