

**Presenting the Return of the
Pathways to Our Future
Early Childhood Education Conference**

August 11 & 12, 2014

Mayetta, Kansas



The Prairie Band Potawatomi Early Childhood Education Center is inviting all Head Start, Early Head Start, Child Care and other Early Childhood Professionals to attend the Pathways to Our Future Early Childhood Education Conference.

Let us be a key part of your preservice training!

This year's conference is focused on providing quality training to early childhood professionals who want to better serve and understand the children and families they work with each day.

Keynote Speaker

Lillian Hubler- President, Time to Sign, Inc.

Lillian Hubler is the founder and president of Time to Sign, Inc., the foremost sign language trainer of young children's educators with having trained more than 50,000 educators nationwide. She is a dynamic presenter whose presentations are educational best practices, engaging, and fun. Participants are amazed at how much sign language they learn in a single enjoyable session.



Lillian has collaborated with Dr. Marilyn Daniels of Penn State and Dr. Tuccelli (Dr. ASL) as well as audiologists and speech & language pathologists in the development of educational programs and materials to ensure the academic integrity of ASL and quality of the highest standards are maintained.

Lillian is nationally known for her workshops and presentations because her passion for what she does is undeniably visible. She has appeared on CNN, ABC, NBC, as well as interviewed by Florida Today and Washington Post. Her presentations have been seen at NAEYC, NAFCC, NHSA, DEC, CEC, NIHSDA as well as many state AEYC conferences and the international venues in Guam and Tokyo. She has been the owner and director of a licensed Day Care with 135 children aged from birth to 12 years old.

Lillian will be presenting "Our 4 Brains" ~ Love, Hurt, Happy & Smart Building Communication Strategies & Brain Power Learning Strategies for our Whole Brain (Logic, Emotion, Gut, and Heart) Our children's early years are spent in their emotional brain, where it is harder to retain and grow academically. Learn quick and easy strategies that will keep children in their logical brain and speed up learning and recall!

Rasmussen College is sponsoring a snack break during the conference!



Workshop Descriptions

- 1. Strong Dads, Super Kids- Getting Dad Engaged Dana Book, National Center for Fathering** An overview and update on the Kansas Strong Dads project, A collaborative initiative to engage fathers and father-figures in Head Start/Early Head Start programs statewide. Also practical tips and information to help get Dad actively involved in the lives of his children, family, programs and community.
- 2. Inclusive Childcare Settings Kristina McCollum and Molika Jenious** This presentation focuses on inclusive childcare settings for children with disabilities, modifications that can be made, available resources, and the requirements under the Americans with disabilities Act (ADA). The training is designed to empower childcare providers to feel comfortable in their role of providing quality childcare services to children with disabilities and supporting families.
- 3. It's a Bird...It's a Plane...It's SUPERHERO PLAY Beth Reeder** Superhero play has long been thought of as violent, aggressive, and disruptive. Some argue that aggressive play should not be allowed because it exposes children to inappropriate concepts and attitudes and sends the message that the use of aggression can achieve a desired goal. However, educators know that pretend play is an avenue for healthy emotional development.
- 4. We are Family! Building Stronger Relationships Lillian Hubler** Every child learns better in the environment of encouragement. Learn sustainable, positive, preventative and effective approaches teachers and parents can use to develop and maintain positive and healthy social environment, which promote academic achievement.
- 5. What is a Professional and when did I become One??!! Deidra Boodoo** During this session participants will define an ECE professional through the components of Appearance, Conduct, Communication and Accountability, Identify a plan to improve professionalism in your work environment, and Reproduce a new and improved plan with group input and suggestions.
- 6. Let them Have Dirt Beth Reeder** We will share the “how to’s” of creating an outdoor classroom for preschoolers. We will share our journey; the ups and downs, in hopes of helping others create their outdoor classroom.
- 7. The Importance and Role of Play and how to Promote It Michael Rettig, Ph.D.** With a current emphasis on Common Core Standards and other efforts to promote academic instruction in children it is important to remember that play is also important. This session will provide a rationale for why young children need to play and how play can be used to foster the development of children.
- 8. Social, Emotional, Academic Learning Lillian Hubler** This American Sign Language presentation instructs teachers in the classroom to promote and maximize social and emotional learning, and academic achievement. This workshop provides class-wide strategies for helping all students achieve important social, emotional, and learning goals to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, as well as responsible and productive citizens.

9. Ongoing Monitoring Everyone plays a part! Are you doing everything you can to help your program be successful? Learn what part you play in ongoing monitoring to assure excellence in your program.

10. Act Naturally: Discovering Nature with Young Children Star Robinson Learn to “Act Naturally” as you guide children’s desire to discover nature in their environment. Set up an indoor and outdoor environment that encourages open and focused exploration of nature.

11. OSHA Jamison Honeycutt The information you need to know about the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogen standard will be presented to keep everyone safe!

12. 50 Hands-on Infant/Toddler Activities for Math and Science Kelli Roehr, Rachel Polluck, Kathryn Slybaugh Have you ever wondered how to incorporate math and science into your Infant/Toddler classroom? Join us as we share 50 activities for using math and science in classrooms for children Birth through 3 years. We will discuss how these activities can meet math/science standards and be individualized to each student’s age, interests, and abilities. Participants will be given the opportunity to put these activities into practice.

13. Building Successful Teams within your Head Start Program Melvin Gravely Many Head Start organizations rely on teams to meet their mission and vision. Effective Head Start teams produce outstanding results and succeed despite difficulties. This workshop will provide organizational leaders with resources on understanding the benefits of team dynamics, how to deal with dysfunctional teams, and how to capitalize on the talents and strengths of a Head Start team.

14. Responsive Environments and Routines Star Robinson Participants will learn how responsive environments and routines can be used to provide support for young children’s appropriate behavior. This information will come from the Center on Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning Curriculum for Infant/Toddler/Preschool.

15. OSHA (Repeat) Jamison Honeycutt

16. Ace’s High? Inside-out Prevention to Increase your Odds at Happiness Melinda Kline The Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) study is a long-term, in depth analysis of over 18,000 adults. The ACE study matches participant’s current physical health status against eight categories of adverse childhood experiences and assigns a number (known as your ACE score). Findings to date reveal a powerful relationship between our emotional experiences as children and mortality in the United States. In other words, the ACE study documents the conversion of traumatic emotional experiences in childhood into organic disease later in life. This workshop will discuss the ACE study and its relevance to the everyday practice of Human Services Professionals, specifically Prevention and Early Childhood Education.

17. Program Governance: Ensuring Program Success in Changing Times Melvin Gravely As times change in Head Start, effective Head Start governing bodies provide direction to guide organizations. Clear interpretation of the policies and the structure of Program Governance will guarantee strong Head Start programs. Understanding the decision making process for both

Policy Councils and Governing Bodies will prevent any unnecessary internal conflict and/or legal issues in the future.

18. Food Safety Learn Food Safety basics as are required by Head Start Regulations.

19. Child Abuse/Neglect Melinda Kline This workshop enables participants to more effectively address issues related to child abuse and neglect. Most attendees at this conference are legally mandated to report suspected child abuse and neglect, also called child maltreatment. Learn about prevention efforts; recognize signs and symptoms of child maltreatment, reporting requirements and abuse and neglect definitions.

20. Building Better Brains Shanna Schmidt Children who have emotional safe relationships with the adults in their lives are more likely to develop life-long achievement. This workshop will provide participants with developmental information to help understand the children & families they work with. Through better understanding, adults learn to support children based on individual needs vs. universal response.

21. Transportation Jamison Honeycutt Learn transportation rules and regulations that are required of our programs as we transport children in our care.

22. Five Steps to Healthy Self-Regulation Shanna Schmidt If you have struggled with helping a child manage frustration, you can learn a new way! Participants will have the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life through recognizing patterns of behavior and simple techniques that build attachment, self-control & courage. From self-regulation to classroom management, it's time to do things differently.

23. Conducting Effective Meetings Melvin Gravely Head Start Leaders will recognize governance roles and how to effectively conduct the business of their program. This training will provide a toolkit for success to build strong working relationships between Policy Councils and Governing Board and their relationships with each other. Head Start Performance Standards and Robert's Rules of Order are focal points of this training.

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All presenters have been asked to submit a request for In-Service Training Approval for Clock Hours through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Attendees will receive proof of attendance of each session after completing and turning in an evaluation at the end of each session.



Please consider layered clothing as heating and cooling conditions may vary!

Conference Schedule at a Glance		
Monday, August 11, 2014	Registration	7:30-8:00
	Welcome/Opening	8:00-8:30
	Opening Keynote - Lillian Hubler	8:30-11:30
	Lunch Provided	11:30-12:30
	Breakout Session 1 Workshops 1,2,3,4	12:30-2:00
	Break	2:00-2:30
	Breakout Session 2 Workshops 5,6,7,8	2:30-4:00
Tuesday, August 12, 2014	Registration/Breakfast	7:30-8:00
	Breakout Session 3 Workshops 9, 10, 11, 12	8:00-9:30
	Break	9:30-10:00
	Breakout Session 4 Workshops 13, 14, 15, 16	10:00-11:30
	Lunch/Door Prizes	11:30-12:30
	Breakout Session 5 Workshops 17, 18, 19, 20	12:30-2:00
	Break	2:00-2:30
	Breakout Session 6 Workshops 21, 22, 23, 24	2:30-4:00

The Pathways to Our Future Early Childhood Education Conference is held each year at the **Prairie Band Casino and Resort in Mayetta, KS. 12305 150th Rd. Mayetta, KS 66509.**



A block of rooms have been reserved with the special rate of \$69.00 a night. Call 785-966-7777 or 1-888-PBP4WIN and refer to group code **S08PATH**. This rate will only be held until August 3rd, 2014.

Pathways to Our Future 2014 Conference Registration

Name _____

Position/Title: _____

Program Agency Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Early Bird Registration _____ \$200.00

Registration Fee After July 1st _____ \$250.00

Early Bird Group Registration (4 or More) _____ \$185.00 per person

Group Registration After July 1st (4 or More) _____ \$235 per person

Fee includes continental breakfasts and lunches Monday and Tuesday.

Special Dietary Needs: _____

NO REFUNDS- ONLY SUBSTITUTIONS FOR A PAID PARTICIPANT

Registrations may be paid for by check or money order to Prairie Band Potawatomi Child Care. We are unable to process Credit/Debit Cards.

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A block of rooms have been reserved for those attending this conference at a special rate of \$69.00 a night. Call 785-966-7777 or 1-888-PBP4WIN and refer to group code **SO8PATH** for a special conference rate to make your room reservation. This special rate will be held until August 3rd, 2014.

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Bring your full staff and let us be a part of your preservice training!

