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Friday, April 11, 2025

Session 1: 8:00 – 9:15am

Keynote Session	Room
You Deserve Joy! Reduce Stress, Break through Barriers, and Make a Plan to Increase Your Own Personal Joy Factor, TODAY. <i>Raelene Ostberg</i>	Timmerman Auditorium Hyland Hall

Session 2: 9:30 – 10:45am

Session Number	Session Title Presenter Name	Room Number
201	From Struggles to Success: Maximize Your Potential <i>Prerna Richards</i>	Hyland 1309
203	Advancing Work in ECE Programs: Virtual Observations and Panel Discussion focused on Advancing Education, Partnering with Agencies, and Deepening Understanding of Pedagogical Practices. <i>Kiley Vethe</i>	Hyland 2309
204	Nature Songs that Tell the Truth! <i>David Stokes</i>	Hyland 1305
205	Using Assessment to Support Developmental Concerns <i>Naomi Rahn and Brooke Winchell</i>	Hyland 2312
206	Reflection: The First Step to Examine Bias to Cultivate Inclusivity and Civil Discourse <i>James-Etta Goodloe Reed</i>	Hyland 1303
207	Making Music with Infants and Toddlers: HOW? WHY? WHAT? <i>Carole Stephens</i>	Hyland 1307
210	The Power of Intentional Play: Using Sensory Play Kits to Support Early Emotional Literacy Skill Development & Bridge Other Complex Topics Abbie Pabon SESSION CANCELED	Hyland 2305
211	The Language of Behavior: Practical and Proactive Strategies for our Youngest Learners <i>Lizzy Augustin</i>	Hyland 2301
213	Career Development: Beginnings and Beyond <i>Erica Schepp and Danette Espindola</i>	Hyland 1319
214	Adults at Play <i>Edie Baran</i>	Hyland 1300
215	Starting Small: Nurturing Fairness, Compassion, and Acceptance <i>Sandy Queen</i>	Hyland 1314
216	Taming the Temperament: Those Terrible Twos <i>Cheryl Hovey</i>	Hyland 1312
217	The Brain Loves a Song! <i>Mar Harmon</i>	Hyland 2314
218	From Frantic to Fun: Tools to Create Classrooms Full of Laughter and Joy <i>Dana Staser and Betsy Diamant-Cohen</i>	Hyland 2307

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Session 3: 11:00 – 12:15pm

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301	Sensational Science, Stories, & Serendipity <i>Edie Baran</i>	Hyland 1300
302	Building Your Child's Executive Function Toolbox <i>Katelyn Mabry</i>	Hyland 2311
303	Every Bookshelf Tells a Story: Using Book Audits to Deepen Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in your Classroom Environment <i>Amanda Burns and Evy Gildrie-Voyles</i>	Hyland 1317
304	OH WOW! Not EWE YUCK!! <i>David Stokes</i>	Hyland 1305
305	Creating Confident, Capable Children through Music <i>Mar Harman</i>	Hyland 2314
307	Make Music a Super Power in Your PreK/K Classroom! <i>Carole Stephens</i>	Hyland 1307
308	Use Shared Reading to Foster Theory of Mind Development in Young Children <i>Beverly Trezek and Lauren Zepp</i>	Hyland 2303
309	Bubbles 101 <i>Terrie Schmoldt and Marissa Schmoldt</i>	Winther 2008
311	Flawlessly Unperfect: Thriving as an Excellent Early Childhood Educator <i>Megan Thornburgh</i>	Hyland 1310
312	Routines Rule! <i>Linda Armas</i>	Hyland 1311
314	Transition Songs: Moving Your Day Along! Colleen Hannafin SESSION CANCELED	Hyland 2300
315	The Essentials: What Every Child Needs to Survive and Thrive <i>Sandy Queen</i>	Hyland 1314
317	Building Self-Esteem and Self-Regulation Skills Using Rhymes and Songs <i>Betsy Diamant-Cohen</i>	Hyland 2307
318	Are you Funner than a Four Year Old? Learning through Play with STEM <i>Shawn Wolf</i>	Hyland 2200

Lunch Hour: 12:15 – 1:15pm

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L50	*STEM Playground (Available for Registry Credit) <i>Shawn Wolf</i>	Hyland 2200

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Session 4: 1:15 – 2:30pm

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401	Joyful Noise: Enriching Early Education with Music <i>Steve Girman</i>	Hyland 1308
402	Instructional Strategies to Develop Early Literacy Skills in Alignment with Act 20 <i>Lauren Zepp</i>	Hyland 2303
403	Raise Educators Wages, Lower Turnover and Increase Quality through Scale: A Secret to Greater Success <i>Bob Davis</i>	Hyland 1306
404	Welcoming Children Who Were Adopted and Their Families through Our Language, Actions and Understanding <i>Robin Fox</i>	Hyland 2314
406	Getting REAL: Using Repeats, Edits, Authors, and Leads to Promote Young Children's Language <i>Patty Becker and Liv Thompson</i>	Hyland 2302
407	Understanding Play through the Lens of Infants and Toddlers <i>Bonnie Spencer</i>	Hyland 2312
408	A Collaborative Process of Discovery <i>Jenalee Johnson</i>	Hyland 2309
410	Empowering Voices: Advocacy Strategies for Early Childhood Education <i>Tanya Wooden and Kayla Gardner</i>	Hyland 1309
411	Use your Program's Protective Gear: Policies, Contracts, and Risk Management <i>Kimberly Yehle and Dan Eckhardt</i>	Hyland 1317
412	Adventures with Printmaking <i>Anne Tillett and Cara Craig</i>	Winther 3006
413	Wisconsin Registry: Building your Career Pathway <i>Devan Valona and Jackie Bleskacek</i>	Hyland 2301
414	Circle of Friends: Circle Time Songs and Activities <i>Colleen Hannafin</i> SESSION CANCELED	Hyland 2300
415	Roots of Resilience: Stress Less, Connect More – Discover the Transformative Power of Relationships <i>Cheryl Hovey</i>	Hyland 1312
416	Getting it Done Right: Four Leadership Tools to increase Staff Retention, Collaboration & Satisfaction <i>Dana Staser</i>	Hyland 2307
417	Classroom Experiences Designed to Prepare Early-Stage Clinicians to Work with Children and Families Affected by Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate <i>Michael Hammer and Payton Navis</i>	Hyland 2306

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Session 5: 2:45 – 4:00pm

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501	Nursesey Rhyme Math <i>Terrie Schmoldt and Marissa Schmoldt</i>	Winther 2008
502	Skills and Strategies for Children with Hearing Difference to Promote Language Development <i>Kacie Hajducki and Alyssa Meier</i>	Hyland 1310
505	So You Need to have a Parent Meeting <i>Michelle Doughty</i>	Hyland 2102
506	Stress and Resilience: Strengthening Well-Being for Early Childhood Professionals <i>Anna Barthen</i>	Hyland 1314
507	Understanding Play through the Lens of Infants and Toddlers <i>Bonnie Spencer</i>	Hyland 2312
508	Budgeting at its Best: When Your Heart and Head Meet Head-On <i>Kimberly Yehle and Dan Eckhardt</i>	Hyland 1317
509	Optimizing Home/School Communication <i>Linda Armas</i>	Hyland 1311
510	Hootenanny: Led by Carole Stephens and David Stokes in collaboration with other presenters	Hyland 1000

Session 6: 6:00 – 8:00pm OPTIONAL

Session Number	Session Title Presenter Name	Room Number
601	Make a Circle Documentary Screening and Discussion <i>UW-Whitewater and WECA Staff</i>	Hyland 1000

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Session 1: 8:30 – 11:30am

Session Number	Session Title Presenter Name	Room Number
1A	Challenging Behavior Triage: Exchanging Stressful Moments for Joyful Learning <i>Prerna Richards, MBA, CEO & Founder Together We Grow LLC</i>	Hyland 2101
1B	Working with Challenging Behaviors: Why Children Misbehave and What You Can Do About It! <i>Raelene Ostberg, M.Ed, National Keynote Speaker and Director, Thriving Together LLC</i>	Hyland 2203

Lunch Break: 11:30 – 1:00pm

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L51	OPTIONAL SESSION: Art Gallery Walk, Jenalee Johnson	UC Art Gallery

Session 2: 1:00 – 4:00pm

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