

2018 Family & Group Symposium

May 18 & 19

Fairmont Hot Springs

Up to
8.5

Hours of Approved
Training



Friday, May 18th

Networking Social

More than Meditation Workshop

Saturday, May 19th

Keynote: Lighten Up!

The Playful Brain Workshop

Lunch Provided/ State Updates

Storytelling Workshop



The 2018 Family Group Symposium will focus on bringing fun and joy into your Early Childhood program!

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For questions please call Tori at Child Care Connections, 548.3672

Make your hotel reservation by April 30th under "BAEYC" for a discounted rate!

This event is for family & group child care providers ONLY



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Friday, May 18th (2 hours of training**)

6:00-7:00pm: Social (appetizers provided)

7:00-9:00pm: More than Meditation: Embedding Mindfulness (and a Dash of Self-Care!) in Your Life & Classroom, Heidi Lester

Embedding mindful practices into the environment is easier than you think, you may already be doing it. This workshop focuses on infusing mindful practices throughout your daily schedule to help foster a child's ability to focus, regulate emotion, and experience empathy and gratitude on a program-wide level. Teaching children to respond versus react can help reduce classroom challenging behaviors and increase nurturing relationships within your program.

Saturday, May 19th (6.5 hours of training)

8:00-8:30am: Registration

8:30-10:00am: Lighten Up! Humor is FUNdamental to providing Quality Care to Young Children, Paul McGhee

This presentation focuses on how keeping your sense of humor helps early childhood care providers and educators provide quality care and education day after day—even on the tough days. Part of this program emphasizes the notion that a good sense of humor is an essential survival skill for teachers and care providers. A sense of humor is shown to provide the resilience needed to cope with the challenges that young children sometimes offer. This keynote is always well-received.

10:00-10:15am: Break

10:15am-12:15pm: The Playful Brain: Development of Young Children's Humor, Paul McGhee

This workshop describes basic developmental changes in young children's humor from infancy until about age seven, along with the social, emotional and cognitive developmental benefits resulting from young children's humor.

12:15-12:45pm: Break/Lunch Provided

12:45-1:45pm: Working Lunch/ State Updates

1:45-2:00pm: Break

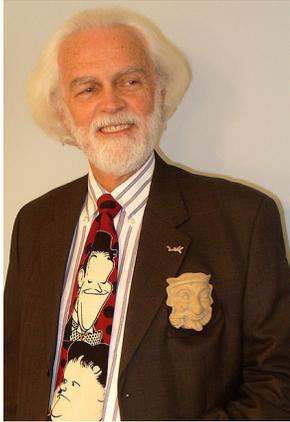
2:00-4:00pm: Storytelling Fun, Claire Yenish

Quality care occurs when providers offer joyful, fun filled interaction to the children in their care. This engaging workshop will help you to bring storytelling tips back to your program that support positive relationships.

4:00pm: Evaluations/Certificates

**** Friday night's workshop is optional when registering for Saturday's conference.**

Featured Presenters



Paul McGhee is currently President of The Laughter Remedy in Wilmington, Delaware, in the USA. His scientific contributions to the field of humor research make him unique among those who currently work as professional speakers discussing the importance of building more humor into your life. He has published 15 books and many scientific articles on humor and is internationally recognized for his contributions in three distinct areas: 1) scientific research on humor and laughter, 2) practical applications of humor in corporate and healthcare settings—including the only research-supported program for improving humor skills and 3) substantive, but entertaining, keynotes and workshops on humor.



Heidi Lester is the Early Childhood Curriculum Specialist for the Bozeman School District, and a Social Emotional Coach for the Montana Preschool Development Grant. She has recently received her Master's in Early Childhood Studies with an emphasis on Special Needs and Diversity from Walden University. Heidi has received and provided extensive training on embedding both anti-bias and mindful practices within early care and education.



Claire Yenish has an MA in Human Development and over 10 years of experience as a teacher in various child care, Head Start and preschool settings. Claire has taught college level child development courses and most recently has been a professional development specialist and Pyramid Model Coach in Billings, MT.