



EWFCCA's Annual "Reach for the STARS" Conference

Saturday, March 9th, 2019 (6 STAR/Merit hours)

University High School Theater & Commons Area

12420 E 32nd Ave, Spokane Valley

Join us for

"Let Them Lead: A Day Dedicated to Trusting Children and Meeting Their Needs,"
professional development, networking, and inspiration with a encore presentations with Denita Dinger with all new topics!!!

7:30 am Open Registration / Breakfast (7:30am—8:30am) Vendor Shopping

Your registration includes breakfast that consisting of: Muffins; Breakfast breads; pastries; Fresh fruit; coffee, tea and juices.

8:30am—10:30am: Begins with Announcements & Conference Introduction

followed by Denita Dinger presenting: Missed Needs in "Miss"Behaviors CC: 2 hours Interactions

Children communicate their needs in many ways. One such way is through their behavior. The problem is, society has erroneously categorized MANY behaviors children display as "BAD" or "NOT APPROPRIATE" when truly, there is no harm in them what-so-ever. When "misbehaviors" happen, adults tend to look at the child and wonder what is wrong with THEM, instead of looking at what YOU, the adult, MISSED: What needs did you miss? What did you miss when setting the environment? What did you miss when setting your expectations? How can you better meet the needs of this child? You will leave this presentation with the ability to see the core needs shining through children's behaviors, inspired to look at those behaviors in a totally different way as well as filled with inexpensive, simple ideas to set the environment in a way that meets the unique sensory and schematic needs of children.

The POWER of Intrinsic Motivation (3 parts)CC: 2 hrs Curriculum & Learning Enviro. / 2 hrs Program Planning & Dev.

What children truly NEED is time to develop their bodies and brains as well as discover their own MOTIVATION. We need to stop forcing and started intentionally providing opportunities in the environment that develop the whole child. When each child, in their time, is intrinsically motivated to write, read or use number knowledge...THEIR bodies and brains are truly READY, making the task EASY. This workshop is all about the right skills in the right order and simple, unique ideas that create opportunities for children to develop all that MUST be developed PRIOR to writing, reading and using number knowledge. Focusing on what is truly important NOW leads to meaningful success later...all led by powerful, intrinsic motivation.

10:45am—12 noon ~ Part One Brainstorming together, we will create lists of the skills a child MUST DEVELOP before. BEFORE reading, writing and math. FIRST, we will discuss all of the reading, writing and math skills that adults have declared "important" and THEN, work backwards, figuring out what a child needs FIRST. This is, by far, the very best way to really break this down, while at the same time, giving the participants the words they need to explain this all to the doubters.

12 Noon—1:00pm Lunch and Vendor Shopping

FREE LUNCH

This years lunch menu consists of: Sub Sandwich (Your choice of **Turkey; Roast Beef or Ham** (please indicated your choice on the registration form) Assortment of Chips to choose from, Veggies, Fresh Fruit & Dessert! We will have a beverage station with a choice of Water, Unsweetened Iced Tea (sugars available), and Strawberry Lemonade

****** We are not able to meet any dietary restriction or accommodate Vegetarians. You may bring a sack lunch if you prefer or visit a near by restaurant.******



1:00m—2:00pm ~ Part Two Now that we have a wonderful list of END GOALS..... as well as what skills a child needs FIRST, BEFORE attaining those "end goals", lets figure out how to set up the environment in a way that provides each child the opportunity to develop those skills. This part will take into consideration what we learned in the very first 2 hours of the day as well. How to set the environment, that meets not only the needs of each child, but to also see how meeting those needs, also helps a child develop the skills that must come BEFORE.

2:00m—3:00pm ~ Hands-on Part Three Just when you thought the hard work was over -- it's time to PLAY.

Participants will explore for themselves, the learning POWER of play. You will feel for yourself just how hard PLAY can be. There will be NO DIRECTION, simply loads of outside-of-the-box, OPEN-ENDED play materials presented in various ways. YOU will have to do the work of figuring out "what to do". Through your play, participants will be encouraged to stop and think about what skills they are using, and how those skills benefit a developing child. SIMPLE and mostly inexpensive ideas will be shared, explored and played with. BE PREPARED TO GET MESSY IF YOU LOVE MESSY! There will be something for everyone!

3:00m—3:45pm ~ Reflection ~ Action Planning ~ Q & A and Conference Closure

Come prepared w/ what things you want to try. Is there anything you feel that will be challenging? Open discussion and Q & A time.



Denita Dinger—Early Childhood Specialist, Author & Founder of Play Counts!! www.playcounts.com

Play speaks for itself, and Denita Dinger speaks enthusiastically for play as well. She is passionate about providing positive, play-centered environments that promote self-exploration, imagination and all of the "the important stuff". Independent problem solving, confidence, self-control, owning discoveries, cooperating, sharing, asking for what we need, instigating, confidence, leading and listening are what Denita considers the "important stuff". The important stuff builds the base for which all learning can successfully build upon.

Firmly believing that following young children will produce the most amazing learning opportunities, Denita thrives on thinking outside the box, and is quick on her toes to enhance child-led, play-centered learning. She has been the owner and operator of Giggles and Grins, a family child care/preschool program in Sioux Falls, SD. She closed that business May of 2014 to open Kaleidoscope Play School to make more time for speaking and consulting. Denita uses her BS in Early Childhood Ed. to not only find clever ways for young children to learn through natural discovery and investigative play, but to also "sell" play to parents who are expecting "worksheet learning".

Denita's presentations are heartfelt, humorous, valuable and most importantly, REAL. She doesn't just throw out theory — she is all about practice. Denita actively lives what she talks about, it is her passion. More often than not, what happened during the past week turns up in Denita's presentations. Sharing fresh, successful learning moments she has experienced with young children is her pleasure. Her journey from saying: "We play for a bit before we get to the "important stuff". " to now, "Play IS the "important stuff". " will motivate all early childhood professionals to see play and the role of a teacher in a different way.

Denita has a special gift of inspiring others to give ownership of discovery to children, to see the value in play and spread the word that play counts! She believes strongly in not only freely giving fresh ideas during her presentations, but also empowering participants with the tools for creating their own amazing environments. You will leave her trainings with a fresh perspective on the necessity of play, oodles of out-of-the-box ideas and the confidence to utilize your own cleverness.

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Name: _____

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^^To receive future mailing of EWFCCA's events^^

Joining us for Breakfast?? Yes / No Thank you

*****Early Bird Conference Fee: \$65**
(postmarked on or before Saturday, March 2nd)

Conference Fee: \$75
*(postmarked on Monday, March 4th or at the door)
It is suggested that you call & register your attendance 509-926-6144*

Lunch ? (please indicate>>>>>) No / Yes Please!
Roast Beef _____ Turkey _____ Ham _____

Optional Membership (see below) +\$35 or +\$17.50

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*The registration fee is reimbursable from Washington STARS (\$250 Max)

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