“Reach for the STARS”
Annual March Conference

Our conference line up has something for everyone. Join us for this exciting opportunity to engage in dialogue, reflect on practice, and engage in professional growth!

**Saturday, March 7th, 2015**
8:00 am—3:30 pm
Spokane Valley Church of the Nazarene
15515 E 20th, Spokane Valley, WA

Offering up to 6 Pre-Approved Washington MERIT/STARS Continuing Education Hours

www.ewfcca.org

**Early Bird Registration Discount Deadline is February 21st**
At-the-Door Registrations and Registrations postmarked after that date will be at full rate. (membership discount still applies)

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**Vendor Shopping**

EWFCCA is pleased to have Vendors for your shopping experience in the gymnasium!

**Thirty One Gifts**
Jenny Hurd 509.868.6781
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www.kidsmiledental.com

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Cindy Schmitt 509.926.1760
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Debra Kaiser 509.924.5087
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Come shop these vendor and many more in the gymnasium...doors will open for business starting at 7:00am.

A very special thanks to these companies who help make EWFCCA’s ‘Reach for the STARS’ Conference possible. Please support them by visiting their sites.
EWFCCA’s “Reach For The Stars” Conference is available to all Early Childhood Educators and is approved for up to 6 hours of Washington STARS Continuing Education Hours.

**Early Enrollment is suggested to ensure your first choice of classes. Early Bird Registration discount deadline is February 22nd.**

Your cancelled check is your confirmation. Receipts will be available the day of the conference. **Absolutely No Refunds.** Your conference fee amount is reimbursable through Washington STARS. The necessary information regarding reimbursement will be in your conference packets the day of the conference. If you are unable to attend, please pass your registration to another provider and notify EWFCCA as soon as possible so we can correct our records.

**If you need additional forms, please copy the registration form or visit www.ewfcca.org click on the training button to download and print the registration. You can call Debbie Thurber at 509-926-6144 to have forms mailed to you.**

**Conference Registration postmark deadline is March 1st.**

Registration forms received after this date will be considered ‘at the door’ registrations. Please call Debbie Thurber @ 509-926-6144 with any questions and to be placed on the ‘pay at the door’ registration list.

You may enroll the morning of the event but class choice may be limited.

Session classes are coded as follows in the Core Competencies (CC:) required by Washington MERIT/STARS

Grw/Dev = Child Growth & Development
Int = Interactions
HS&N = Health, Safety & Nutrition
Cur/Lrn Env = Curriculum & Learning Environment
Fam/Com = Family & Community Partnerships
Mesrmt = Ongoing Measurement of Child Progress
Prog = Program Planning & Development
Prof Dev/Ldrship = Professional Development & Leadership

Your registration includes a **breakfast (7am—8am)**

You will also be offered a **complimentary lunch with beverage (12:30—1:30pm)**

This year’s lunch menu: Build Your Own Taco Salad!

- Seasoned Ground Beef; Lettuce; Cheese; Tortilla Chips; Homemade Salsa; Fresh Tomatoes; Olives; Sour Cream, fresh fruit and a dessert!
- Beverage choices: Unsweetened tea (sugars available); Strawberry Lemonade and Water

You may bring a sack lunch if you prefer or visit a near by restaurant.

7:00—8:00am Open Registration, Sign in & Vendor Shopping
Your registration includes a **light breakfast** consisting of Muffins, Breakfast breads and pastries, etc. Fresh fruit, coffee and juices.

**Please take the time to visit the Vendors in the gymnasium**

For your chance to be entered into our door prize drawings taking place during lunch (must be present to win!)

8:00—8:15am **Conference Introduction**

Hear everything you need to know to get through your day with us!

**Deborah Thurber—EWFCCA President**

8:15—10:45am **Keynote**

(2 1/2 STAR Hours with break)

**Keynote Presenter: Ray Soriano—Drummer**

Ray is an early childhood educator; music teacher, consultant, and relentless child advocate who has helped teachers, providers connect to children, to their work, and to each other for over two decades. He has over 25 years of experience serving children and families. At this year’s Reach for the Stars Conference, Ray will guide us along an engaging journey of learning, reflection, and fun. Ray draws from a depth of experience in education and social services, including preschool teaching, school-age care, child care administration, therapeutic children’s programs, parent education, being program manager for staff professional development and father engagement, and teaching drumming and music in schools. Ray is a prevalent trainer and workshop presenter who has shared his passion and expertise with thousands of professionals and parents throughout Washington State. He is currently working on his Master of Social Work through Eastern Washington University and he lives and plays with his son in Bellingham, WA.

**Keynote:**

“The Art of Making Noise”

Rhythm, Song, and Musical Play…and Why it is so Good for Children’s Development.

Whether you regularly engage children in music or feel you have limits to your musical confidence or skills, this Keynote will have you grooving in your seats to the rhythm! You’ll love finding your voice and will be excited to share the songs and rhythms with your children. So much research shows that engaging in music and rhythm play is beneficial to children’s social-emotional, physical, cognitive, and spiritual development…but all we need to do to see how good music is for kids (and adults!) is to witness the joy that they experience when drumming, singing, and making sweet noise. In this fun, interactive, and multicultural workshop, learn new songs, rhythm activities, and musical play ideas that Ray has been joyfully sharing with children for years. Ray will be demonstrating different items you can use to bring to life your own ‘drumming circle’ with the children in your care. **CC: Prog**
AM Session 11:00 am—12:30 pm (LUNCH to follow)


In a world that seems to be increasingly more complex and stressful, what do children need from us? As educators and parents, the quality of our relationships with children is the foundation for guiding their learning, nurturing their growth, and building resilience. We will look at five simple but powerful ways to deepen our connections with children so that they can thrive and excel.

AM-2 “Germs: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly” — Tammy Caruthers RN

An overview of germs and how they help or hinder children and adults. A look at current infection control procedures as well as handouts and fun activities to take to your locations and share with children and their families. A look at all the popular pathogens from A Strep to Yellow Fever with fun graphics and interactive experiences.

AM-3 “Are You in the Childcare Business or in the Business of Meeting My Expectations Business?” — Diane White

Participants will be identifying what constitutes a difficult person to deal with. The childcare business is the extensional business of meeting the expectations of other people, which is a huge job in of itself. By attending this class, participants will learn the skills in how to make dealing with difficult people less stressful. Learn how to turn interpersonal situations into positive outcomes.

AM-4 "Introduction to Circle of Security” — Sheryl Damron

Did you know children don’t come with an owner’s manual? They are the manual. How to meet children’s emotional needs by enhancing your relationship with your child to avoid negative behaviors. Gain an understanding of what a child’s behavior is telling us.

AM-5 “It All Starts With The Body-Helping Children and Teachers MOVE Through The Day!” — Laurie Walsh, MFA

Intentionally-facilitated activities optimize cognitive, social/emotional, creative, and motor development. Explore the elements of movement. Observe, assess, implement. Experience FUN, hands-on, DAP activities for children. Fight childhood obesity and help children keep active. This workshop will also touch upon on how to provide safe, fun, and developmentally appropriate activities for children with special needs.

AM-6 “Early Intervention: Why You Should Care” - Michelle Baker

Do you know what Early Intervention services are? Do you know who qualifies for these beneficial services? Do you know how Early Intervention help you in your work? If you answered, “no” to any of these questions than you will want to come and find out more! Find out why Early Intervention services can really help you and the children you care for.

AM-7 “The Natural Born Scientist-Turn Your Classroom into a Laboratory EVERYDAY” — Alisa Gergawy

25 quick and easy (but maybe a little messy) ways to make your classroom/outdoor space a LABORATORY for young scientists everyday. Dr. Laura Martin, Director of Science Interpretation @ Arizona Science Center says “When you nurture children’s natural desire to investigate you are helping them to develop scientific minds. We create environments that engage the senses of young children and allow them to sort and classify, handle, observe, and build and ask questions, which is how they construct ideas about the physical and natural world.”

AM-8 “Creative Projects for ABCs &123s” - Christina Eagle

Ideal for caregiver who want to expand their curriculum for 2-5 year olds. Animal and Alphabet projects! Ideas for numbers and letters that can used all through the year with a variety of themes—Even Holiday ideas. Take home crafty and education hands-on ideas! $10 Material Fee will be collect at the door right before class time. Class is limited to the first 35 participants.

PM SESSION 1:30 — 3:30 pm (with a break at presenters discretion)

PM-1 “CELEBRATING BOYS” - Keynote Presenter: Ray Soriano

Boys are fun, active, and curious...and are worth celebrating! Join this important discussion on how to better address the unique needs of boys in our programs. We'll explore boy "energy", social, emotional, and cultural factors, teaching and behavior guidance strategies, and activities for boys.

PM-2 “Safe Sleep & Infant Safety Tips” - Tammy Caruthers RN BC MSN Ed.D

An overview of SIDS, how to prevent it, what to do, and what to expect. Also an overview of other infant safety tips such as car seats, cribs, walkers and other equipment. A fun and engaging interactive experience with lots of handouts and resources. Bring your questions and concerns.

PM-3 “New Reality Show: Childcare Impossible” — Diane White

The hiring, training, keeping or replacing employees in the childcare business. The interview: American Pickers- How to pick the right person. The Training: Worst Cooks in America—How to train that person. Monitoring staff: Undercover Boss—Watching the person in action. Replacing Employees: Mystery Diners—Keeping or replacing the person as needed. Come away with a list of questions to ask prospective employees that can help determine which ones are worth your investment of time and money and are trustworthy with your business. Learn the importance of training staff who are diverse and with limited experience to follow closely what they as the owner expect in day to day activities with the children.

PM-4 “Math At Play ...in the Early Childhood Environment” — Sheryl Damron

Creating a math focused environment (connecting with science and literacy) in your home or classroom. Learn how to incorporate math into your environment using everyday items, and connectting with science and literacy. You will learn songs and be able to provide hands on manipulatives for a play based environment.

PM-5 “Using Movement and Creativity to Support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)” - Laurie Walsh, MFA

STEM is all the buzz now and can seem pretty challenging to tackle! Come learn some great ways to facilitate learning in these areas and leave with activities that you can try Monday with your children. Participants will examine their own biases around movement and reflect upon how best they can genuinely use movement and creative activities in ways in ways with which they will be comfortable.

PM-6 “Are You Ready? - Disaster Preparedness” - Pat Cantlon & Frank Cejka

The Red Cross Ready Rating program is program designed to help businesses, organization and schools become better prepared for emergencies. You’ll complete a self-assessment of your current readiness level and receive immediate, customized feedback with tips to improve preparedness. From fires to severe weather, life is full of the unexpected. What potential threats do we face in our area? One thing is certain, being prepared makes life’s challenges easier to handle. A little planning can help you and your family be ready for whatever comes along.

PM-7 “Brain Food for Children & Easy Tips to Standardize Your Recipes” - Terri Adolson & Natalie Tazun

This workshop will help you understand the role of food in learning and developing healthy habits. It will also help you evaluate your recipes and modify them through simple adjustments to make them CACFP reimbursable. You will also discuss and receive tips on easy, delicious ways to make your recipes healthier.
Your map to the STARS

Spokane Valley Church of the Nazarene
15515 E 20th
Spokane Valley

The first 150 attendees through the door will receive a ‘goodie bag’

Spokane Valley Church of the Nazarene is a wonderful site, handicap accessible, with plenty of free parking.

EWFCCA is proud to be your choice when you “Reach for the STARS”
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For your Record:

AM Session Class Choice 11:00am-12:30pm
First Choice: _________ Second Choice: _________

PM Session Class Choice 1:30-3:30pm
First Choice: _________ Second Choice: _________

Registration Form
(circle all that apply)

Early Bird Conference fee
(Forms postdated on or before Feb 21st) $60.00

Conference Fee
(Forms postdated on or after Feb 22nd or at the door registrations) $70.00

Add EWFCCA Membership (visit www.ewfcca.org for more info.)
If you are including an association membership with this registration, please take the discount below.
(memberhip good through the summer of 2016)
+ 30.00 OR + 15.00

EWFCCA General Member Discount
You must be a current general member of EWFCCA to take this credit.
Visit www.ewfcca.org for a membership form and more information.
- 10.00 OR - 5.00

EWFCCA Associate Member Discount
You must be a current Associate member of EWFCCA to take this credit.
Visit www.ewfcca.org for a membership form and more information.

Total amount included:

Make Checks Payable to: EWFCCA
Mail to: 7620 E Maxwell
Spokane Valley, WA 99212

Early Registrations postmark deadline February 21st—
Registration received after this date will forfeit any discount. (Membership discounts still apply)
Form received after March 1st are considered ‘at the door registrations’ (see page 2)

Name: __________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
City/State/zip: ___________________________________
Phone: ____________________________ STARS #: ___________________

I am a: ___FCC Provider ___FCC Assistant ___Center Employee

Breakfast (7am—8pm) ?? * Yes Please / No Thank you

AM Session Class Choice 11:00am-12:30pm
First Choice: _________ Second Choice: _________

Complimentary Lunch (12:30—1:30) ?? ** Yes / No Thank you
Build your own Taco Salad! (additional menu items listed on page 2)

PM Session Class Choice 1:30-3:30pm
First Choice: _________ Second Choice: _________