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United For Children



9th Annual Conference on Early Care and Education

Park Rapids Area High School
Huntsinger Ave.
Park Rapids, MN

Saturday
April 17th, 2010

2 Conference Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Begins
- 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. Breakfast & Vendor Shopping
- 8:15 - 8:30 a.m. Welcome Address
- 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Opening Keynote: Juanita Copley
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Shopping & Break
- 10:30 - 12:00 p.m. Session I (A-F)
- 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch and Vendor Shopping
- 12:45 - 2:15 p.m. Session II (G-L)
- 2:15 - 2:30 p.m. *Last Chance* Shopping & Break
- 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Closing Keynote: Headwater's Science Center



OPENING KEYNOTE

Where's the Math?

*Teaching Mathematics Intentionally
in Everyday Activities*

Presented By: Juanita Copley, PhD

Juanita Copley, PhD, currently serves as a Professor at the University of Houston. Her research involves the effectiveness of professional development models for early childhood teachers in mathematics. In addition, she researches young children's understanding of mathematical concepts. Dr. Copley has written and edited three books about early childhood mathematics co-published by the *National Association for the Education of the Young Child* (NAEYC) and the *National Council of Teachers of Mathematics* (NCTM). She has also served as a consultant for the National Head Start Bureau in Washington DC, working with their new mathematics initiative for young children. Dr. Copley has trained hundreds of early childhood leaders and has indirectly or directly influenced the mathematics teaching/learning of all early childhood teachers.

Additional Training Hours 7



1.6 CEU's (16 Add'l Training Hrs.)
Or
3.2 CEU's (32 Add'l Training Hrs.)

Check out the online class "**United For Children**" at
www.eagertolearn.org

Register Online Now!

- Class Details
- Course Requirements
- Registration
- Online Payment

Online chats will be held:
Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm on April 20th, 27th, and May 4th.

Special conference rates:

- 1.6 CEU's = \$55 (16 hours)
- 3.2 CEU's = \$95 (32 hours)

**This training opportunity is approved for use toward your CDA
and MN state teaching license renewals.*

Please call Kristi with your questions @ 218.255.0630

NTC College Credit



Northwest Technical College will be
offering a one credit college class

(16 clock hours)

"Special Topics in Early Childhood"

The cost will be \$153.⁸⁵
Registration will be taken at the conference.

Pam Stowe is the contact for the credit at Northwest Technical College
218-333-6672

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Headwaters Science Center

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE

Science for Young Children: *Expanding Their Horizons*

Children by their very nature enjoy exploration and experimentation. These are the qualities that scientists embrace. Chris and James will present and demonstrate techniques for inspiring and teaching science to preschoolers, by encouraging and inspiring curiosity of the world around us. It doesn't take a degree in science or a well stocked laboratory to foster scientific inquiry, as science is everywhere every day.

Headwater's Science Center Presenters:

Chris Tolman: Chris graduated from BSU with a degree in elementary education. She has worked at the Headwaters Science Center for eight years, teaching kids of all ages. She has been primary presenter for numerous teacher workshops and has developed a variety of science curriculum and learning materials.

James Owens: James has worked at the Headwaters Science Center for the last seven years; he has been an educator most of his adult life, teaching at all levels from preschool to college science courses and workshops. He has developed numerous original presentations and curriculum in the areas of mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and earth science.

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United For Children & Youth Conference

Park Rapids Area High School

From the intersection of HWY34 & HWY 71 travel West 3 Blocks

Go North on Huntsinger Avenue

Lodging in Park Rapids: Come and stay the night!

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Session I - 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

A. 1, 2, 3, Teen, Teen, 20 - Activities for the young child in numbers and operations.

Presenter: Juanita Copley (See Opening Keynote)

B. Are You a Quality Teacher? - We will explore what it means to be a quality teacher for children ages infant through preschool. Strategies for success will be our focus utilizing the SEEDS model.

Presenter: Sue Heisler is an Early Childhood Educator and is currently employed with the White Earth Childhood Program as their Curriculum Educator. She is a trainer for CCR&R, MNTRECC, and a Specialized trainer for CICC. Independently she teaches EC & School Ages topics and is a CCR&R Network Board Member. Previous experience: Head Start Teacher and Early Head Start/Family Child Care Program Supervisor.

C. "Open the door to open-ended art: Preschool focus" - Discover the importance of using art with preschoolers ages 3 years to 5 years and explore ideas on how to make open-ended art an integral part of your daily routine. Discover ideas for recyclables and try some fun hands-on projects.

Presenters: Dacia Dauner & Joan Bernston (See Session II - I)

D. What About the Dads? - How can you help to promote father involvement and why this is important in the social and emotional development of infants and toddlers.

Presenter: Katie Johanning is a MN Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) began working for Stellher Human Services, Inc. in January of 2008 until present. Katie has provided in-home counseling to children ages 5 and under, provides Mental Health Consulting for Mahube Head Start, as well as provides direct service to families and children ages 5 and under in Hubbard County, with services being either in-home or office-based. She also facilitates a 6 to 8 week multi-family group called the Family Toybox. This group is based on Filial Play Therapy, teaching parents skills in non-directive play.

E. “Play” With Your Food and Eat It Too! - You will walk away from this session knowing about meal patterns for children, suggestions for picky eaters, and ideas for food related activities to do with children. Additionally, there will be hands on cooking, so you can be a kid again - making age appropriate snacks (that happen to be healthy!).

Presenter: Mari Willie is a Registered Dietitian, Licensed Parent Educator and Certified Lactation Counselor. She has been working at St. Joseph's Area Health Services for the past 8 years as a Clinical Dietitian and WIC Coordinator. Mari has a passion for educating about eating well at all ages. She has been married to Mike for 3 years. They hope to start a family soon and put her knowledge of childhood nutrition to practice!

F. Music for All Ages and All Seasons - This energetic hands-on session shows you how to easily structure a music circle for all ages of children and also incorporate music in your everyday activities. Current research will get you thinking about the huge impact that music has on brain development and social and emotional aspects of children - and how it can actually help make your day more effortless and fun!

Presenter: Frances VanDorn has a BA and BS in Music and a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Special Education. She has taught music in the public schools and at BSU, and provides integrative therapy with music and movement for special needs children. Frances also received a grant to teach child care providers how to use music and movement in the child care setting, both home and center-based.

Session II - 12:45 P.M. - 2:15 P.M.

G. “The Triangle Gots To Look Like The Girl.” - Activities for the young child in geometry and spatial sense.

Presenter: Juanita Copley (See Opening Keynote)

H. The “Big Five” - The Emergent Literacy Skills of School Readiness: Conversation Skills, Vocabulary and Background Knowledge, Book and Print Rules, Phonological Awareness, and Alphabetic Knowledge. We will take a brief look at them on the Road of Literacy from birth to preschool.

Presenter: Sue Heisler (See Session I - B)

I. Open The Door To Open-Ended Art: Toddler Focus - Discover the importance of using art with toddlers ages 12 months to 3 years and explore ideas on how to make open-ended art an integral part of your daily routine. Discover ideas for recyclables and try some fun hands-on projects.

Presenter: Dacia Dauner has a Bachelor of Science with a Pre-K and Early Childhood Family Education licensure. She taught preschool for two years and was the Director of Campus Childcare Center at BSU for 7 years. Dacia attended the “Magic of Art” conference presented by Mary Ann Kohl in 2007.

Presenter: Joan Berntson has a Master of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. For nearly 13 years she has owned a business that provides art and craft supplies and educational toys to child care providers and has provided training to early childhood educators for over 10 years. She is a registered trainer with the state of Minnesota and works closely with several MN CCR&R agencies.

J. “Help Me Thrive!” - How do we as educators assist young children who struggle with social-emotional disorders? This session focuses on common mental health disorders such as Autism, Sensory Processing Disorder, and Attachment Disorders.

Presenter: Katie Johanning (See Session I - D)

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Presenter: Marie Willie (See Session I Breakout E)

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Presenter: Frances VanDorn (See Session I Breakout F)