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34th Annual
Early Intervention
& Preschool Conference

Oct. 15-17, 2018
Birmingham, Alabama

34th ANNUAL EARLY INTERVENTION & PRESCHOOL CONFERENCE

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The Early Intervention and Preschool Conference is a premier 2.5-day event designed to enhance the capacity of professionals and families who work with and care for children with disabilities, ages birth to five. Sessions are planned based on identified needs statewide and are conducted by individuals who work directly with children and families.

The conference is a collaborative effort between multiple state agencies. Sponsors, planners and collaborators include:

- Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education: First Teacher Home Visiting Program
- Alabama Department of Education/ Special Education Services
- Alabama Department of Mental Health
- Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services/Alabama's Early Intervention System
- Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services/Children's Rehabilitation Service/Family Voices
- Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind
- Auburn University
- Children's of Alabama
- Interagency Coordinating Council for AEIS
- Samford University
- Therap
- United Cerebral Palsy of Alabama, United Ability, and UCP affiliates
- University of Alabama
- University of Alabama Huntsville

LOCATION and HOTEL

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel and Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center
2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N
Birmingham, AL 35203
205-324-5000
Room rate: \$129 plus tax per night
Rate good through 10/5/18

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is open until Sept. 30, 2018.
\$150 conference pre-registration for professionals (on-site registration \$165)
\$75 conference pre-registration for families/students (on-site registration \$80)
To register, go to www.ucpalabama.org/conference.

For problems or questions, contact Lisa Spurling at UCP of East Central Alabama, 256-237-8203, FAX 256-235-2388, lisa@eacauk.org.

The link for making hotel reservations is as follows:

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF ALABAMA (OR copy and paste the following link into a web browser) <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/CEREBRALPALSY>

PARENT STIPENDS

A limited amount of funding for parent stipends is available on a first-come basis. Contact Jeri Jackson at jeri.jackson@rehab.alabama.gov or 334-293-7088. Deadline for submission is Sept. 30, 2018.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Phuong Palafox, SLP, has a passion for autism, culturally and linguistically diverse needs (including poverty), literacy-based interventions, and service-delivery models.

She enthusiastically supports SLPs and interventionists in their endeavors to make meaningful, daily impact in children's lives.



Her high energy and sincerity, conveyed through personal stories and creative messages, resonate with those who

dedicate their time to supporting others.

As an English language learner who grew up with limited means, she personally understands the scope and depth of some of our children's needs. Her out-of-the-box thinking and time spent working with others have surely made an impact.

MONDAY 10.15.18

7:00 REGISTRATION

8:30 OPENING SESSION

Family First

Phuong Palafox, SLP

BILINGUISTICS: Bilingual Speech and Language Services, Austin, Texas

10:30 - 12:00

Literacy-Based Interventions

Phuong Palafox, SLP, BILINGUISTICS:
Bilingual Speech and Language Services,
Austin, Texas

Home Visiting in the Real World

Amanda Marable, SLP; Bonnie Johnson,
SC, Alabama's Early Intervention System
(AEIS); Kennis Johnson, SC, AEIS

Behavior Management in the Preschool Classroom

Tina Sanders, EdS, Alabama State
Department of Education

Using Visual Supports and Assistive

Technology in the Classroom

Sheila Bolling, MA, Alabama Department
of Education/SES

Understanding the Impact of Maternal Depression

Stacey Snead, PhD, University of Alabama

1:30 - 3:00

Introduction to Conscious Discipline: Using Brain Science to Understand Behavior

Joy Winchester, MA, ECMI-E, Alabama
Department of Early Childhood Education

Wobble Baby: An introduction to the Vestibular System and the Important Role it Plays in Infant and Early Childhood Development

Tiffany McKleroy DeLeonard PT, DPT, and
Karen McCormack OTR/L, CHT, MBA,
Children's of Alabama

Communication Opportunities for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Carrie Overschmidt, AuD, CCC-A,
audiology program specialist, Children's
Rehabilitation Service, Alabama
Department of Rehabilitation Services;
Andrea (Andi) Hill, parent

Screen Addiction for Young Children

David Finn, PhD, Samford University; Dr.
Erin and Blake Gilchrist, family

Early Intervention Transition: What to Expect

Dr. Charla DeLeo, Clay County Schools;
Tametria Conner Dantzler, MA, founder of
D.A.T.S. M.O.M.

Assessment Tool Training (TBD)

Vanessa Hinton, PhD, Auburn University

3:15 - 4:45

D.A.T.S. MOM: Disability as an Ability Toward Success

Tametria Conner Dantzler, MA, founder of
D.A.T.S. M.O.M.

Importance of Completing an ECO Map

Brandi Brown, MS FHD, AEIS State Office,
and Wendy Pittard, DEIC, AEIS

Get Techie with It: Using Technology in the Preschool Classroom to Make Learning Fun

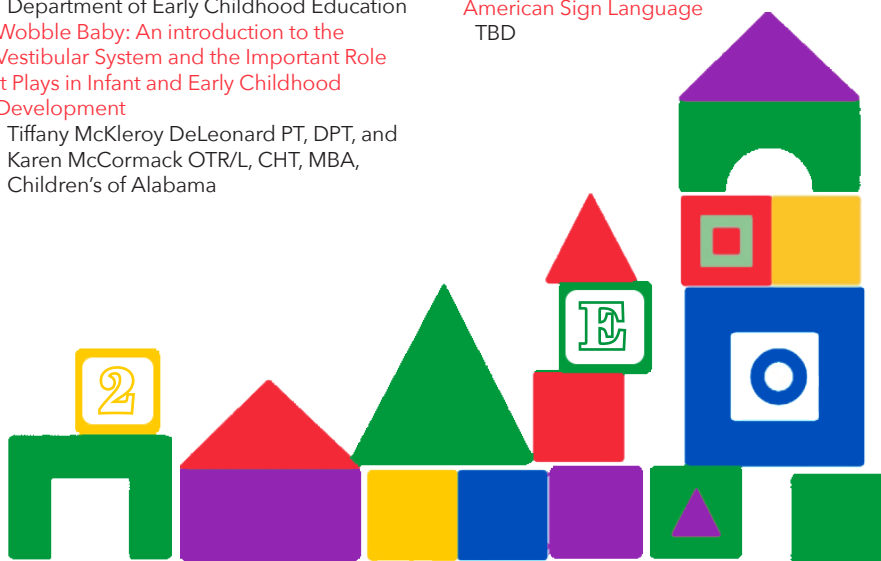
Jennifer Hermann, MA, Muscle Shoals City
Schools

Safety in the Streets, Home and Highway

TBD
What Can I Do for Children with Visual Impairments?
Susie Thomas, EdS, Alabama Institute for
Deaf and Blind (AIDB); Anna Whitworth,
MEd, AIDB; Christy Leslie, parent

American Sign Language

TBD



TUESDAY 10.16.18

7:00 REGISTRATION

8:30 OPENING SESSION

10:30 - 12:00

What the RBI Really Is and What It's Not

Dr. Pau Garcia-Grau, University of Alabama

Coaching Parents of Young Children with Disabilities Using Internet-Based Technologies

Dr. Yusuf Akamoglu, University of Alabama, Early Childhood Special Education

How to Rock Sensory Processing

Lakeeshia Sandlin, MA; TCR PAT Panel; Paulette Daniels, TCR PAT and Parent

Effects of Secondary Traumatic Stress

Dallas Rabig, LPC, IMH-E®

Filling Your Behavior Toolbox

Becky Odell, EdD, Florence City Schools; Juanita Sheffield, MEd, Florence City Schools

Inspiring Teen Moms to use Reflection as a Positive Parenting Technique

Tysha Amerson, Home Visitor, Parents as Teachers (United Ability PAT); Sharon Kane, Home Visitor, PAT; Shelley Sharp, SW, Childhaven; JaQuira Alexander, teen mom

12:30 - 3:00

Family Leadership luncheon and session

Susan Colburn, Family Voices of Alabama

1:30 - 3:00

Mission Success! How Data Brings Calm to Chaos

Shannon Ammons, CEO of Alabama Association of Nonprofits; Karen Stokes, Executive Director of The Arc of Shelby County

Trauma and Hope: Tools to Help Families Thrive

Janet Horras, The Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals in Iowa

Opioid Use in Pregnancy and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

Morissa Ladinsky, MD, UAB Pediatrics

Sustainability of Mental Health Consultation Services in Alabama's Early Intervention System

Stephanie Covarrubia, EI Director of Community Service Programs; Stacey Snead, Ph.D., Project LAUNCH, University of Alabama

Serving Preschool Children with Disabilities: Frequently Asked Legal Questions

Leslie A. Allen, Esq., Partner, Resolutions in Special Education, Inc

Service Coordinator Round Table

Kennis Johnson, DEIC, Alabama's Early Intervention System

3:15 - 4:45

Ensuring Progress in All Children and Families

Laura Schertz, OTR, Child's Play Therapy Center; Jackie Criswell, District Early Intervention Coordinator, Alabama's Early Intervention System (AEIS); Wendy Pittard, District Early Intervention Coordinator, AEIS

Having that First Conversation with Families

Rachael Pilston, Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind, and Angie Weldon, Arc of Autauga/West Elmore County

Cultivating Curious Minds: Addressing Preschool Standards Outside of the Classroom

Melanie Tew, M.Ed., Mobile County Schools

Infant Mental Health: Risk, Resiliency and Attachment/ Relationships

Dallas Rabig, LPC, IMH-E®

State Department of Education Updates: Part B Transition, LRE, and the ELPP

Stephanie Frucci, MA; Denise Wilson, MA; Sheila Bolling, MA, Alabama Department of Education/SES

Brain Architecture Game

Amanda Cooper; Amy Brakenhoff, Early Head Start Child Care Partnership, Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education



WEDNESDAY 10.17.18

8:00 REGISTRATION

8:30 - 10:00

System of Care for Children with Autism and their Families

Anna McConnell, LICSW, MPH, State Autism Coordinator, Alabama Department of Mental Health

In the Beginning: The Importance of Early Detection of Feeding Delays in Children

Dr. Megan Carpenter, OTD, OTR/L, SCFES, United Ability; Lara Johnsey, Parent

Use of Evidence-Based Practices to Minimize Preschool Over-Identification through Pre-Referral Services and RTI

Jan Enstrom and Julie Parks, Alabama Department of Education/SES

Understanding Part B Preschool Eligibility

Dr. Jennifer Carpenter, Bibb County Schools

Professional Development Through the Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals

Janet Horras, The Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals in Iowa

10:15- 11:45

What to Do with a Diagnosis of Autism

Dr. Deana Aumalis, University of Alabama at Huntsville and Parent

Building the Team: Families AND Service Providers Working Together

Dani Rich, Ph.D., CCC-SLP; Jenelle Hodges, Ph.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham and Parent

Differentiated Instruction for Preschoolers

Jamie Burke, Vestavia Hills City Schools

Engineering Inclusive Preschool

Classrooms

Joylee Cain, Special Education Director and Deborah Owens, Preschool Teacher, Special Projects Center, Enterprise Schools

Listening and Spoken Language

Communication Options for Children Who are Deaf

TBD

Additional sessions are in the works and will be added to the website upon confirmation.



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration will be accepted through Sept. 30, 2018

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Discipline: _____
(e.g., Early Childhood Special Educator, Physical Therapist, Social Worker)

Organization Employed by: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Area Code & Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Are you a family member of a child with a disability? Yes No

Registration forms and on-line registration may be found at www.ucpalabama.org.

Check, money order, cash, or credit card number must accompany all registration forms.

Contact Lisa Spurling at lisa@ecaucp.org, 256-237-8203; FAX 256-235-2388 for information about registration.

REFUND POLICY: Full refunds will be made if requests are received before Oct. 1, 2018. Refunds requested between Oct. 1 and Oct. 12 will be charged a \$15 administrative fee. No refunds will be made once the conference begins. Requests for refunds must be made in writing to:

UCP of Alabama, 415 Castle Ave., Anniston, Ala. 36205

Reservations for the hotel should be made separately from conference registration.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Interpreter and/or materials in alternate format requests should be made no later than Oct. 1, 2018 by contacting Jeri Jackson at 334-293-7088 or email jeri.jackson@rehab.alabama.gov

Certificates of attendance with documented contact hours will be provided for all conference participants. Applications for continuing education will be submitted to the following organizations: Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language-Audiology (ABESPA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Alabama Board of Occupational Therapy, Alabama Board of Physical Therapy, Alabama Board of Social Work and Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) for nursing and general categories. (NOTE: AUM will require a \$15 processing fee to be paid after the conference has ended.)

Exhibit space is available at a rate of \$400 per booth for commercial vendors and \$125 per booth for nonprofit agencies. Contact Allison Isbell at 256-381-4310, FAX: 256-381-4378 or email Alison@ucpshoals.org.

Visit our website at www.ucpalabama.org for updates.

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PLEASE CHECK THE ITEMS FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING:

PROFESSIONAL for Monday, Oct. 15 through Wednesday, Oct. 17

\$150 Conference registration fee (onsite registration = \$165)

PARENT/STUDENT for Monday, Oct. 15 through Wednesday, Oct 17

Parent - Parent of a child with a disability below the age of 12 whose registration is not covered by an agency/employer.

Student - Individual who is a student in a related field whose registration is not covered by an agency/employer.

\$75 Conference registration fee (onsite registration = \$80)

PAYMENT SUMMARY

registering = _____ @ \$150
Professional Fee

registering = _____ @ \$75
Parent/Student Fee

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check or money order enclosed:

Charge my credit card:

VISA MasterCard Discover
Expiration: ____/____

Cardholder's name as it appears on card:

Cardholder's Signature

**MAIL REGISTRATION
FORM AND PAYMENT TO:**

**UCP of Alabama
415 Castle Ave.
Anniston, AL 36205**

ATTN: Lisa Spurling



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