



Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children

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2021 Virtual Professional Learning Institute



Event Schedule

Friday, February 26, 2021

9:30am-10:30am

Keynote by Lisa Ryan, CSP

Gratitude Strategies to Boost Your Business and Lift Your Life

11am-12pm Session 1

From All to Each and Every: Resources and Practices for Supporting Children of Diverse Cultures, Languages, and Abilities and their Families

12:30pm-1:30pm Session 2

Avoiding a burnout crisis in the education system

2:00pm-3:00pm Session 3

Finding the Good - No Matter What
Lisa Ryan, CSP

3:30pm-4:30pm Session 4

Silver Linings: Lessons from COVID

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On-Demand

Session 5: Four Mindsets Involved in Any Interaction

Session 6: Changes in Early Childhood Teacher Certification: What to Know About the New Birth-K Early Childhood Endorsement

Session 7: MiRegistry: Become a Training Sponsor Organization

Session 8: Family and Community Engagement 2.0 during time of COVID

Session 9: Intergenerational Learning in a Virtual Setting

Live Sessions February 26, 2021 9:30am - 4:30pm
On-Demand Access February 26 - March 12, 2021

* Keynote and Sessions 1-4 will remain available for on-demand access through March 12 in addition to their scheduled live broadcast on Feb. 26

Sessions

Keynote

Gratitude Strategies to Boost Your Business and Lift Your Life

Lisa Ryan, CSP

Mother Teresa once said, “We are more starved for appreciation than we are for bread.” If you are looking for an inspirational program that has both personal and professional positive impact, this is for you.

During this pandemic of 2020-21, it’s more important than ever to look for the good in difficult circumstances. In this fun and engaging virtual program, you’ll have the opportunity to learn and be reminded of principles that make a difference – personally and professionally. Using research, anecdotes, personal stories and experiences, Lisa gives you simple tools to create a happier, less stressed-out life. Give yourself the gift of a little self-care today for a better tomorrow.



Session 1

From All to Each and Every: Resources and Practices for Supporting Children of Diverse Cultures, Languages, and Abilities and their Families

Camille Catlett, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, University of North Carolina

National guidance, frameworks, and world challenges are motivating action to shift the ways in which we incorporate practices that support each and every child and family. Explore why these shifts are so important and focus on effective strategies for addressing the shifts. Obtain resources for addressing equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Session 2

Avoiding a Burnout Crisis in the Education System

Stacie Ford, RN, HC-BC

Explore mental health, wellness and resilience as we focus on the impact the COVID-19 has had on mental/emotional health. Discover how COVID-19 has affected education professionals in their abilities to provide education safely, effectively and efficiently. We'll also educate on how students and organizations are impacted by a lack of training in mental and emotional health. We'll focus on mindfulness and resilience to empower education professionals with actionable tools to improve their mental and emotional health.

Session 3

Finding the Good– No Matter What

Lisa Ryan, CSP

Dive deeper into gratitude strategies (Grategies) with Lisa. Discover how to implement real-world strategies in your workplace for employee engagement and retainment. This session will show you how the influence of gratitude in your workplace can transform your environment. Learn gratitude strategies that strengthen your relationships and explore simple strategies to create a workplace culture that ROCKS!

Session 4

Silver Linings: Lessons from COVID

Peretz Hirshbein, Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor

During the past year of viewing the world of early childhood education through the lens of a pandemic, we have all found new ways to do things like communicate with parents, build community, and provide professional development. As the vaccine rolls out, now is the time to evaluate which practices we could not have imagined pre-COVID will stay with us in the coming post-pandemic world. The pandemic has forced us to innovate in profound ways. How can we push ourselves to be equally innovative without the pressure of a global pandemic?

Sessions, cont.

Session 5

Four Mindsets Involved in Any Interaction *Michelle Burkhard, Grow by 1*

Have you ever had a conversation with someone and something felt 'off'? Do you notice patterns of drama and fighting that you and another person can't seem to break? Do you feel like you're always the person helping others feel better and don't get the support you need? Explore four mindsets involved when two people interact with each other. When you understand what's happening in your mind and the mind of the other person (child or adult) you can finally do something about it! This session is based off of the Stick Chick model (new material) so bring your paper and pen to draw!

Session 6

Changes in Early Childhood Teacher Certification: What to Know About the New Birth-K Early Childhood Endorsement *Gina Garner, Michigan Department of Education*

Recent changes in Michigan's teacher certification structure include extending lower elementary certification to preschool and expanding early childhood certification to cover birth-kindergarten. This session will review what this means to the field, look at a timeline of implementation, and provide an opportunity to ask state representatives questions about the certification changes.

Session 7

MiRegistry: Become a Training Sponsor Organization *Carlie McKinney, MiRegistry*

As a MiRegistry training sponsor organization, you can enter approved in-house professional development in the MiRegistry system for your staff to receive training hours in real-time. This session will provide you with the steps and resources to become a MiRegistry training sponsor organization.

Session 8

Family and Community Engagement 2.0 during time of COVID *Jewell Davis-Tombul, Educational Training Solutions*

Learn how to develop partnerships with families in the 21st Century during times of COVID. Explore ways to identify the needs of families by creating family questionnaires, creating family involvement and engagement activities using various types of technology, and creating parent committees and resource libraries for families you service.

Session 9

Intergenerational Learning in a Virtual Setting *Sarah Hamilton, Neighborhood Child Care Center*

Explore ways to foster relationships across generations in a virtual setting. Research has shown that through intergenerational programming young children and older adult participants gain many positive benefits. This workshop will highlight strategies to help establish relationships, communication, and collaboration across generations.

Register online at bit.ly/PLI2021

Michigan AEYC Members * - \$60

Not yet members - \$95

*Students or current T.E.A.C.H. recipients*** - \$45

Deadline: February 19, 2021

All registrants must have a MiRegistry account. Training credit awarded through MiRegistry or MOECS account (SCECH eligible only). No certificates.

*Members at the Standard or Premium Rate receive Michigan AEYC member rate

**Students must upload a recent student schedule for student rate