



Project PREPARE Regional Mini-Conference Registration Form January through June 2009

Mark the regional mini-conference you plan to attend, select the date and fill in the information requested. All regional mini-conferences are free of charge.

NOTE: Each regional mini-conference includes one morning and one afternoon workshop. Workshops A and B are morning sessions. Workshops C and D are afternoon sessions.

Staff attending the free regional mini-conference will earn 4 hours of child care facility staff development from the Mississippi State Department of Health. Participants choose 2 of 4 workshops to attend from those listed below.

Workshop A - Morning: Facilitating Hands-On Learning for ALL Preschoolers

This 2 hour workshop focuses on typical development and red flags for children ages three (3) to five (5) years of age. In addition, much time is spent discussing the importance of setting up the learning environment, following the ECERS-R guidelines, how to enhance relationships and communications through interactions. In the end, the workshop ties everything together to create hands-on learning experiences for children. This workshop uses technology, in the form of video, and hands on learning activities and materials to help increase knowledge and understanding.

Workshop B - Morning: Facilitating Hands-On Learning for ALL Infants and Toddlers

This 2 hour workshop focuses on typical development and red flags for children ages birth to three (3). In addition, much time is spent discussing the importance of setting up the learning environment, following the ITERS guidelines, the importance of warm and responsive relationships, and how to enhance communication in the learning environment. In the end, the workshop ties everything together to create hands-on learning experiences for children. This workshop uses technology, in the form of video, and hands on learning activities and materials to help increase knowledge and understanding.

Workshop C - Afternoon: Reaching and Teaching ALL Children: Inclusion

This 2 hour workshop focuses on the importance of a high quality program for all children. During this workshop, participants will become "aware" of what inclusion is, the definitions associated with inclusion, and the law surrounding inclusion. In addition, participants will get "back to basics," as we discuss what it means to provide high quality education so that all children can learn and grow. The workshop will focus on "commitment" by way of setting up a philosophy that doesn't discriminate against any child and gives each child an opportunity to succeed. Participants will take home a "design" that encourages an inclusive environment with everyday "how-to's" and ideas that enhance quality education for all children. This workshop uses real-life case studies through video and an interactive learning module to help increase knowledge and understanding.

Workshop D - Afternoon: Reaching and Teaching ALL Children: Building Relationships

During this 2 hour workshop, participants will become "aware" of the importance of a secure teacher-child relationship. Discussions will go "back to basics," focusing on ways to build and enhance relationships with children and ways to minimize stress for children and teachers. Participants will learn about the "commitment" it takes to foster relationships with children who have special needs and children who are at-risk. In the end, participants will take home a "design" that provides specific "how to's" for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers and ideas that enhances learning for all. This workshop uses real-life case studies through video and an interactive learning module to help increase knowledge and understanding.

- January 17, 2009 – Biloxi/Gulfport
- February 7 – Natchez 8
- March 28 - Summit
- April 4 - Tunica

- January 31 - Greenville
- February 21 -Grenada
- April 4 - Hattiesburg
- May 2 - Cleveland

Name _____ Childcare Center _____
Director's Name _____
Childcare Center _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____



Project PREPARE Regional Mini-Conference Schedule January through June 2009

- January 17, 2009 – Biloxi/Gulfport 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC), Jefferson Davis Campus, 2226 Switzer Road in Gulfport, Rooms G 121 & P 113
- January 31 - Greenville 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Washington County Convention Center, 1040 Raceway Road
- February 7 – Natchez 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Parkview Church of God, 577 John R. Junkin Drive
- February 21 -Grenada 9:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Holmes Community College Grenada Center, Building A, Classroom AV located at 1060 Aven Drive
- March 28 - Summit 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Southwest Community College, Kenna Hall, 1156 College Drive
- April 4 - Hattiesburg, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - USM Campus, College Hall at the corner of Southern Mississippi Drive & West Memorial Plaza Walkway, Rooms 101 and 100
- May 2 - Cleveland 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Delta State University, Ewing Building, located at 1417 Maple Street in the Jacob Conference Center Room
- Date and time TBA - Tunica - Tunica High School, Vocational Center, 1100 Highway 61

Return this registration form by mail or fax. If you have any questions regarding registration or need special accommodations, call Becky at 601.266.6790. Directions will accompany your confirmation of registration.

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