

1:00 – 1:55 _____

Plenary Session
A Medical/Dental “Home” for Your Child
Dr. Richard Gonzalez and Dr. Michael Cellitti

1:55 – 2:30 _____

Networking Break
Exhibits Open

2:30 – 3:30 _____

A. Allergy and Asthma: A Serious Health Problem in Children
Shawky A. Hassan, M.D., Ph.D.

Allergy and asthma are the most common chronic diseases in children. 30 -40% of all children are allergy victims. Prevention of allergic diseases including asthma in life’s later year should start with infants and toddlers.

B. Tummy Time and Beyond
Trina Puddefoot, PT, MS, PCS, ATP
Martha Craycraft, ITDS

Learn why it is important to put your baby on his back to sleep and on his tummy to play. Learn how to let your infant play in different positions and prevent delays in development caused by too much time strapped into the car seat.

C. What Do We Really Know About Early Language Development in Infants?
Diane Ponton

A growing number of infants live in families that do not speak English as a first language. This session will focus on the advantages of speaking both languages from the earliest days.

D. Effective Parenting Skills
Diane Salazar

Effective parenting has never been more important to a family’s success than today. Proper parenting shapes the way the next generation will behave, affecting the world around them. That is why trying to be a successful parent is so important and will be the most important job of one’s life. At this session you will learn what healthy methods are best for your child.

3:30 – 4:30 _____

A. Supporting Infants and Toddlers Language and Literacy Development
Donna B. Hernandez

Participants that join this interactive session will gain an understanding of the young child’s path to literacy. The interactions between caregivers and young children, the creation of environments that includes books and other print material, as well as the use of songs, nursery rhymes, and finger plays will be explored as ways to promote the development of language and literacy.

B. How to Reach the Happiness of Having Children with Special Needs
Eliana Tardio Hurtado

The mother of two children with Down Syndrome and author of “Emir de mi vida” will discuss the challenge of having children with special needs. She will describe the opportunity of reaching happiness through these children.

C. Dealing with a Child Care Emergency
Katy Badgley

This presentation will cover what a parent or non-technical childcare provider needs to know when dealing with a childcare emergency including what steps to take and methods to use to maintain a calm and effective demeanor during an emergency situation. This session will also cover the methods that can be used to identify the best type of childcare for your family.

D. Sleep Training Baby Helps with Emotional & Behavioral Aspects of Parenting
Harriett Madayo Watson, LMHC

Having a new baby presents a combination of happiness, anxiety, love, fear and tiredness. Parents will learn how getting Baby to sleep through the night can reduce those negative feelings, consistently increase their energy, and enhance the joy and love they truly feel.

4:30 – 5:00 _____

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1. Childcare professionals
2. Individuals who work through non-profit organizations to serve infants and toddlers
3. Individuals who care for babies in their roles as babysitters and nannies
4. New parents and parents-to-be
5. Edison College students who are enrolled in courses that relate to Early Childhood education
6. Participants in programs designed to meet the needs of young mothers who are still in high school

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LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

Maria Luisa Malta Carter Lulu

Maria Luisa Malta Carter, also known as “Lulu” (nickname given by her students), is an expert in Holistic Education. Together with her team, she is responsible for developing, teaching and directing the services at Outside the Box – Studio located in Naples Florida.

Maria Luisa Carter has designed art and education programs for schools, universities and non-profit institutions in many parts of the world. She has a B.A Degree in Art, Faculdade da Cidade, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; a Certificate in Psychodrama - Psychodrama Association of Rio de Janeiro – FEBRAP and a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education – Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven.

During her years as an artist, business woman, educator and therapist, Lulu has traveled all around the world, worked in the private and public sectors and contributed to the education and development of children, families and educators of all backgrounds and needs.

Infants & Toddlers Conference

Agenda At a Glance

8:15

Welcoming and Opening Remarks

8:30 – 9:30

A. Tips to Make Your Newborn Smile

Reisha Brown, MD

Newborn care can be overwhelming, exhausting and challenging. Dr. Brown will focus on various approaches to make newborn care fun and carefree.

B. Bringing Up Your Bilingual Child

Gretel Caseres

Discussion will focus on the challenges of being exposed to two languages. The experience of the presenter’s child in a daycare environment will be revealed.

C. Soothing the Stress

Alina Navarro, MSW

This workshop will teach the participant how to recognize and signs of stress within themselves, their family members and their babies. The focus will be on strategies to control stress for the family at home and where to go for more help.

D. Effective Communication: the Key to Effective Parenting

Colleen Deseal

Effective Communication is a key in effective parenting. At this session you will learn: Why active listening is important; How to do listen actively; How to express yourself directly; How to express and receive anger; and what dialogue is and why it is so important.

9:35 – 10:30

A. Multimedia Can Teach Nature and Earth Stewardship

Rosie Emery

Songs, dance, stories and animation are great ways to teach children about nature and introduce the concept of Earth Stewardship. Come and learn just how easy it can be!

B. Caregivers and Smiles, the True Connection

Janice H. Siegel, RDH a/k/a The Tooth Fairy Choices and guidance may open doors for a child’s future as a CEO, movie star or educator. Participants will discover their role in developing the future of a child, beginning with oral health.

C. TV Can Teach – PBS Kids and Your Children

Paula Sklodowski

Even when you don’t use TV in your center, your children are exposed to it. Come learn about PBS Kids programs that can help your parents (or yourself) choose and use TV to support your efforts and to help children learn.

D. A Child’s PHR (Personal Health Record)

Elizabeth Whitmer

This session will educate parents and caregivers about the new Personal Health Record. Keeping a child’s own personal health record (PHR) allows you to provide doctors with valuable information that can help improve the quality of care you receive. A PHR can help reduce or eliminate duplicate tests and allow you to receive faster, safer treatment and care in an emergency. In short, a PHR helps you play a more active role in yours and your loved ones’ healthcare.

10:30 – 11:00

Networking Break Exhibits Open

11:00 – 11:55

A. Food Allergy in Infants and Toddlers

Fikria E. Hassan, M.D., Ph.D.

Food allergy can be problem for infants and toddlers. However, if identified early, problems can be simply handled with simple avoidance. Even breast fed babies can suffer from food allergy.

B. Issues of Pediatric Hearts nc

Dr. Robert Vogt-Lowell

Dr. Vogt-Lowell will explain the common cardiac problems found in children from pregnancy through the teenage years, the preventive measures to take in order to avoid cardiac problems, and the symptoms that provide a warning.

C. Songs and Finger Plays for Infants, Toddlers and Two’s

Darlene Pinheiro

Come and sing with us while we learn how songs and finger plays promote language development in our youngest learners. Take home some songs and finerplays you can use in your daily interactions with Infants, Ones and Twos!

D. Autism: Warning Signs and Early Intervention

Dr. Laura O’Sullivan

With one child in 150 being born with Autism, it is critical that parents, caregivers, and physicians recognize the early warning signs and take immediate action. Autism does not have to limit your child’s future potential, so listen and learn what you can do to maximize the chances that your child will be within the 50% of children on the Autism Spectrum who can be mainstreamed into society.

12:00 – 1:00

Luncheon Keynote: Maria Luisa Malta Carter