

SECA 2012: Something for Everyone!

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Nature Explore with Heather Fox comes to SECA to present two 3-hour sessions:

- *We Dig Dirt: Additional Strategies for Supporting Infants and Toddlers in Outdoor Classrooms*
- *Using Your Outdoor Classroom for Preschool and Elementary Children*

Nature Explore is a collaborative program of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. The goal of the Foundation is to help children and families develop a profound engagement with the natural world, where nature is an integral, joyful part of children's daily learning.

Sponsored by Lakeshore Learning Materials

The Environmental Rating Scales Institute with Dr. Debby Cryer. As one of the authors of the rating scales, Dr. Cryer can refresh your knowledge of how the scales were developed, how the scales have changed over the last few years and how to tie the results of the rating process to curriculum development.

Session 1: The Research Behind the Rating Scales

Session 2: Relating Curriculum Development to Assessment of Quality

Friday, February 3, 2012

Dr. Michael Levine

D is for Digital: Meeting the Needs of Young Children in the Tech Age

Michael is the founding director of the Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop, an action research and innovation lab devoted to harnessing the potential of digital media to advance young children's learning and healthy development.

Greg Johnson

Chef and Father: Bringing Families Back to the Table

Greg Johnson has been cooking professionally for 20 years and is a graduate of the California Culinary Academy. He has created a DVD series, *Chef and Father*, to help families regain the joy of cooking together, while promoting healthy food habits in young children. This presentation on Friday afternoon will include a cooking demonstration.

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Dr. Pam Schiller

Brain Compatible Strategies — An Update on the Latest Research

A favorite of SECA audiences (and a past SECA President), Pam will bring her expertise and knowledge of infant/toddler brain development to SECA 2012. She is the Senior Author of the DLM Early Childhood Express and has worked in a variety of early childhood programs, including child care.

Sharon MacDonald

Dirt Tastes Better Than Jellybeans

Sharon has been training teachers for more than 20 years throughout the United States on a variety of early childhood topics and has written many teacher resource books and children's books, including the SECA publication, *Portfolio and Its Use*. For SECA 2012, she's introducing a new presentation on infants and toddlers as explorers--in their world, dirt does taste better than jellybeans because dirt is new and jellybeans might not be!



Special Events

2012 SECA Directors Seminar with Donna Thornton-Roberts Friday, February 3, 2012

Donna Thornton-Roberts took a small child care company from one location to eleven in 10 short years. For the past 10 years, she has consulted in early education, non-profit organizations and other types of companies and programs. Join the Seminar participants to gain or reinforce knowledge and network with your colleagues from across the South.

This session requires pre-registration and includes:

- The Directors Seminar
- General conference registration that allows you to participate in other conference events
- Lunch, morning coffee and an afternoon refreshment break
- A resource notebook

Go to http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/upload/pdf/2012_Directors_Seminar.pdf for a Seminar agenda.



2012 SECA Trainer Institute with Moya Fewson *Moving on UP! Taking Your Training to the Next Level*

Sponsored by HighScope Educational Research Foundation

Thursday, February 2, 2012/ Friday, February 3, 2012

We've designed an Institute for the 2012 SECA Conference that's just for trainers who are working in the field, have some experience and want to gain more knowledge and expertise. The Institute will begin on Thursday afternoon, February 2, and conclude on Friday afternoon, February 3, 2012. You'll have an opportunity to learn from one of the best in the field and network with your colleagues from throughout the South. The Institute is designed to provide information that will translate to all types of training.

This session requires pre-registration and includes:

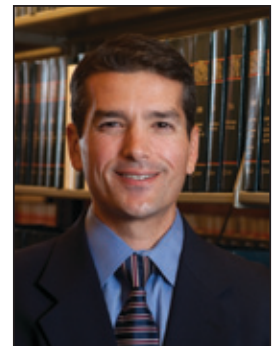
- The Trainer Institute
- General conference registration that allows you to participate in other conference events
- A ticket to the Public Policy Luncheon or the Institute Luncheon

Go to http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/upload/pdf/2012_Trainer_Institute.pdf for an Institute agenda.



2012 Public Policy Luncheon

The Honorable Mike Villarreal, Texas State Representative, will join us to share his perspective on the current political climate and how it will affect programs that support children and families, both in our states and throughout the country. He was born and raised in San Antonio and currently represents the district in the Texas State Legislature. During his 6 terms in the Legislature, he has continued to promote an agenda that invests in education, protects the quality of life and environment, values work and aspiration and ensures that government is accountable to citizens. He's known as a lawmaker who listens to all sides, studies the issues and reaches his own independent decisions.



A Taste of History on the River Walk

The San Antonio Association for the Education of Young Children (SAAEYC) invites you to join them for an authentic South Texas experience on the River Walk, including a reception and dinner on the barges. All proceeds from this fundraising event will benefit SAAEYC. *Requires pre-registration.*

You can find the flyer about the event at <http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/upload/file/2012%20Conference/SAAEYC%20Event.pdf>.



FOR COMPLETE CONFERENCE INFORMATION, INCLUDING AGENDAS FOR THE SPECIAL EVENTS, INFORMATION ON THE CONFERENCE HOTEL, AND HOW TO REGISTER, GO TO http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/seca_conference.php.

Preliminary 2012 SECA Conference Schedule

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

- 4:30-6:00 pm Registration
- 2:00-6:00 pm SECA Leadership Summit
- 6:00-7:00 pm Outstanding Member/Leadership Reception

Thursday, February 2, 2012

- 7:30-3:00 pm Registration
- 8:30-11:30 Special Sessions
 - We Dig Dirt* with Heather Fox of Nature Explore
 - The Research Behind the Rating Scales* with Debby Cryer
- 1:00-4:30 pm *2012 Trainers Institute: Moving on UP! Taking Your Training to the Next Level* with Moya Fewson
- 12:00-4:30 pm SECA Editorial Committee
- 1:30-4:30 pm Special Sessions
 - Using Your Outdoor Classroom* with Heather Fox of Nature Explore
 - Relating Curriculum Development to Assessments of Quality* with Debby Cryer
- 1:00-4:30 pm Interest Sessions

Friday, February 3, 2012

- 7:30-3:00 pm Registration
- 8:30-10:00 am Networking Session for Faculty Advisors of Students Groups/Chapters
- 8:00-5:30 pm 2012 Director's Seminar
- 8:00-10:15 am Interest Sessions
- 8:00-4:30 pm Exhibits
- 10:30-11:50 am General Session with Dr. Michael Levine

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- 8:00-4:30 pm Silent Auction
- 12:00-4:30 pm *2012 Trainers Institute: Moving on UP! Taking Your Training to the Next Level* with Moya Fewson
- 12:00-1:30 pm Public Policy Luncheon with the Honorable Mike Villareal
- 12:00-4:30 pm Interest Sessions
- 2:00-4:00 pm State Affiliate President's Meeting
- 3:30-4:30 pm Featured Session with Greg Johnson, Chef and Father
- 5:00-6:30 pm FOSSILS meeting
- 5:00-6:30 pm Just for Students!
- 6:00-8:30 pm A Taste of History on the River Walk

Saturday, February 4, 2012

- 7:30-10:00 am Registration
- 8:00-2:30 pm Exhibits
- 7:30-8:30 am Early Bird Interest Sessions
- 8:00-9:00 am NAECTE Meeting
- 8:45-9:45 am Featured Session with Dr. Pam Schiller
- 9:45-10:00 am SECA Business Meeting
- 10:00-2:30 pm Interest Sessions
- 2:45-3:45 pm Featured Session with Sharon MacDonald

How to Register

We're looking forward to welcoming you to SECA 2012! You can register:

- **Online** at http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/seca_conference_registration_form.php (You'll need a credit or debit card to complete your registration.)
- **Download** and print a registration form at http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/seca_conference_registration_form.php. If you are using a purchase order to register, it will be necessary to print out a form and
 - o fax (501-227-5297) or
 - o mail (PO Box 55930, Little Rock, AR 72215-5930) it to the SECA office.
- **Call** the SECA office at 1-800-305-SECA (7322) and we'll mail or fax you a registration form.

The conference hotel is the Hyatt Regency San Antonio that is located directly across the street from the famous San Antonio Riverwalk. We've negotiated a special conference rate at the hotel for our attendees, and all conference events will take place at the hotel. You'll find complete information about the hotel rates at http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/upload/pdf/Hotel_Information.pdf

The deadline to get the discounted conference rate is January 6, 2012.

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