

About Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas



The Southeast Texas Workforce Development Board, dba Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas, is one of 28 Workforce Boards in the State of Texas that is responsible for leading and governing the region's workforce system. As an administrative body, it provides oversight for employment and training programs in Southeast Texas. Additionally, the Board is responsible for strategic planning to address workforce issues for the counties of Hardin, Jefferson and Orange. The Board delivers workforce service via Workforce Solutions offices located in Beaumont and Port Arthur. **Funding for this conference has been made possible through contributions from Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas.** www.setworks.org

About ChildCareGroup



Founded in 1901 to care for the children of women who worked in Dallas' cotton mills, **ChildCareGroup** is a leader in early care and education. We offer evidence-based programs to serve more than 40,000 children, parents, and child care professionals in Dallas County and Southeast Texas each year through a triad of services:

We Teach. CCG's six Early Care and Education Center Programs offer nationally-accredited, nurturing care and education to at-risk children and holistic support services to parents in Dallas County. In addition, CCG's home visiting parent education program, Born Learning, serves low-income parents and young children, teaching parents how to be their child's first teacher and helping to address the individual developmental needs of their children.

We Train. CCG offers professional development training to early childhood professionals. Our continuing education courses, annual Summer Sizzler conference, and Small Business Success programs deliver state-mandated training and mentoring to help escalate a professional career in early care and education.

We Assist. ChildCareGroup is the Child Care Contractor for Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas and provides child care financial assistance for families eligible for federal and state child care subsidies in Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties. Parents who are employed, in job training, or an educational program may be eligible for assistance. Child Care Providers involved in CCG's network can impact the community by offering quality child care that nurtures and develops tomorrow's workforce. ChildCareGroup also manages the Child Care Assistance Program in Dallas County. www.workforcechildcare.org

ChildCareGroup maintains a profound commitment to helping families raise intellectually, emotionally and physically healthy young children. At ChildCareGroup, we nurture the great in every child. www.childcaregroup.org

Our Collaborating Partners



Region 5 Education Service Center assists districts in their quests to help every student succeed. The 80,000 students of the 35 districts in this region are served by the talented and dedicated educators of Southeast Texas. Region 5 ESC has been proudly serving the schools of Southeast Texas since 1967. www.esc5.net



The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) works with communities to protect children, the elderly, and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. It also works to protect the health and safety of children in child care, as well as foster care and other types of 24-hour care. They do this through investigations, services and referrals, regulation, and prevention programs. www.dfps.state.tx.us



Lakeshore Learning Materials is a leading developer and retailer of top-quality materials for early childhood education programs, elementary schools and homes nationwide. Since 1954, Lakeshore has offered innovative learning materials distinguished by their quality, educational merit and safety. Participants' Breakfast for this conference was generously underwritten by Lakeshore. www.lakeshorelearning.com



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offers practical, how-to education based on university research. AgriLife Extension offers a diverse array of educational programs, activities, and resources. They're generally organized under one of the four broad program areas: Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Community Economic Development, and 4-H and Youth Development. agrilifeextension.tamu.edu



Kaplan Early Learning Company is a leading provider of products and services that enhance children's learning. Since 1968, Kaplan has brought to market innovative curricula, cutting edge assessments, teacher resource materials and valuable professional development opportunities to early childhood and elementary school educators, caregivers and parents around the world. Conference lunch was partially underwritten through generous funding from Kaplan. www.kaplanco.com

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304 Pearl Street
Beaumont, TX 77701

Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas and ChildCareGroup Present The 2nd Annual Southeast Texas Early Care & Education Conference

EARLY EDUCATION MATTERS



Saturday, August 1, 2015
Region 5 Education Service Center • Edison Plaza
350 Pine Street
Beaumont, Texas 77701



Conference Schedule at a Glance

7:00 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.	Check In/Breakfast/ Vendor Visits
7:45 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.	Music by Tom of Tom's Fun Band/Welcome & Opening Remarks/ Lakeshore Presentation
8:30 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.	Keynote Address
9:50 A.M. – 10:20 A.M.	Vendor Visits
10:20 A.M. – 11:20 A.M.	Breakout Sessions I
11:20 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.	Vendor Visits
11:45 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Boxed Lunch
12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.	Breakout Sessions II
1:30 P.M. – 1:40 P.M.	Break
1:40 P.M. – 2:40 P.M.	Breakout Sessions III
2:40 P.M. – 2:50 P.M.	Break
2:50 P.M. – 3:50 P.M.	Breakout Sessions IV
3:50 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Evaluations & Certificates

Keynote Speaker

Luis A. Hernandez, T/TAS Early Childhood Education Specialist at Western Kentucky University, holds an M.A. in Bilingual/Multicultural education from the University of San Francisco. Luis brings solid expertise based on



his work history in Head Start, child care, Pre K programs, college and universities, child care resource and referral administration, and professional development design.

At TTAS-WKU, his work focuses in a wide range of early childhood education and professional development topics. His expertise includes early literacy, dual

language learning, adult learning practices, changing demographics and diversity, and ECE management and leadership topics. As a regular presenter and keynote speaker at national, state, and local conferences, Luis is highly regarded for his motivational and energizing presentations. www.ttas.org

General Sessions

7:45 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.

Music By Tom

Tom Wilbeck of Tom's Fun Band performs

Lakeshore Presentation

Richard Gomez, Regional Manager, *Lakeshore Learning Materials*

Keynote Address - *The Fire Within: Rekindling Our Professional Passion*

Luis Hernandez, T/TAS Early Childhood Specialist, *Western Kentucky University*

Breakout Sessions I

10:20 A.M. – 11:20 A.M.

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Mary E. White, Ed.D., C.E.O. of *Diversified Educational Consultants*, Education Outreach Coordinator, *University of Texas Health Science Center*

Together Time with Infants and Toddlers

Susan MacHugh, Registered Trainer, Founder of *The Singing Bag Solution Consulting*

Naturenomics: The How and Why of Quality Outdoor Education

Rhonda D. Richardson, Ph.D., Owner, *Richardson Educator Consulting Services*

Stress in Early Care and Education Settings: The Kids Can Tell!

Tom Wilbeck, Founder of *Tom's Fun Band*

Supporting Children's Healthy Brain Development: It Takes Relationships!

Diane T. Goyette, M.A., Owner, *Early Childhood Specialties, LLC*

Breakout Sessions II

12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Throw Out the Welcome Mat to Early Literacy

Mary E. White, Ed.D., C.E.O. of *Diversified Educational Consultants*, Education Outreach Coordinator, *University of Texas Health Science Center*

From Small Talk to Difficult Situations: Conversational Strategies That Work

Rhonda D. Richardson, Ph.D., Owner, *Richardson Educator Consulting Services*

Hands On Gardening

Susan Garrison, BLT Program Assistant., *Texas A&M Agrilife Extension - Orange County*

Developing Self-Control in Young Children

Susan MacHugh, Registered Trainer, Founder of *The Singing Bag Solution Consulting*

ABCs of Professionalism

Cynthia J. Small, Director, Early Childhood Center Programs, *ChildCareGroup*

Breakout Sessions III

1:40 P.M. – 2:40 P.M.

Update on Child Care Licensing Standards

Dawn A. Stanley, Supervisor, *Child Care Licensing, Region 5*
Vicki Cavaretta Marchado, Inspector V, *Child Care Licensing, Region 5*

USDA Meal Pattern Changes in Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Angela Young, M.S., Food Program Manager, *ChildCareGroup*

Cognitive Effects of Exercise

Susan Garrison, BLT Program Assistant., *Texas A&M Agrilife Extension - Orange County*

Helping Children Who Need it the Most: Handling Challenging Behavior

Diane T. Goyette, M.A., Owner, *Early Childhood Specialties, LLC*

Resilience Skill Development

Joyce Moore, M.Ed., Licensed Professional Counselor

Breakout Sessions IV

2:50 P.M. – 3:50 P.M.

Math Monkey's Purposeful Mathematics Play

Susan MacHugh, Registered Trainer, Founder of *The Singing Bag Solution Consulting*

ABCs of Professionalism

Cynthia J. Small, Director, Early Childhood Center Programs, *ChildCareGroup*

Salad in a Pot

Susan Garrison, BLT Program Assistant., *Texas A&M Agrilife Extension - Orange County*

Update on Texas Rising Star (TRS)

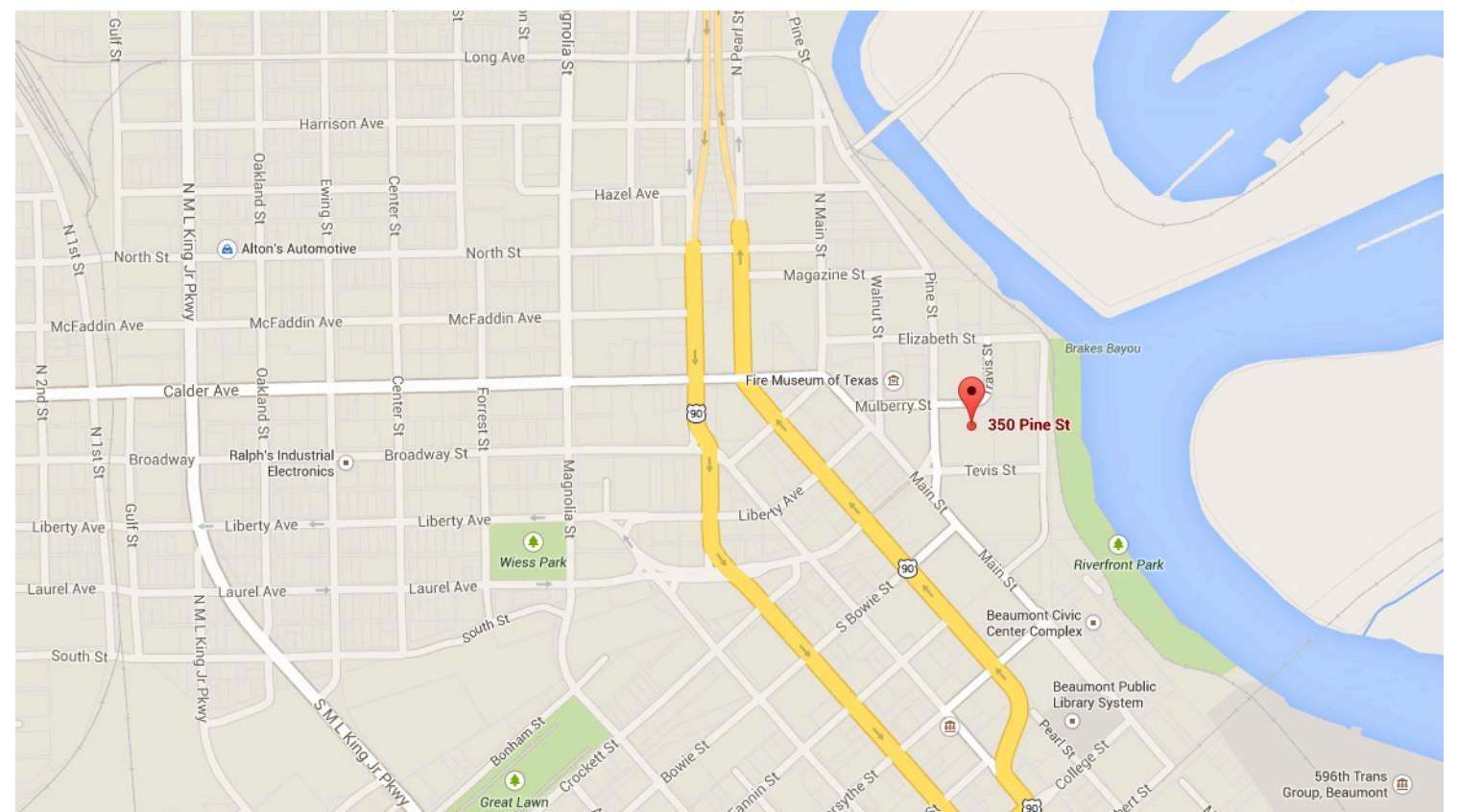
Rhonda Rakow, Provider Services Manager, *ChildCareGroup*

Get Them Moving! Music and Movement for Physical Health and Learning

Diane T. Goyette, M.A., Owner, *Early Childhood Specialties, LLC*

Conference Location and Map

Region 5 Education Service Center, Edison Plaza • 350 Pine Street • Beaumont, TX 77701 • 409.951.1700



6 contact hours of training will be awarded to participants for attending the entire conference

How to Register

Registration opens on June 20, 2015, and will close on July 24, 2015, or once the capacity is reached.

Registration fee is \$10 per person and covers breakfast and a boxed lunch. Advance online registration is required and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

We are not able to accommodate children, so please make necessary child care arrangements in advance.

To register, please visit www.workforcechildcare.org, and look for *Education Matters Early Care & Education Conference*. Payment can be made by clicking the registration link, or typing the link below into your web browser. You will be directed to a secure site to pay using PayPal, a debit card, or a credit card.

We regret that we cannot accept cash or personal checks, nor can we accept registration via mail or fax.

www.workforcechildcare.org/conference-registration.html

Space is limited, so register early, as we will not accept walk-ins on the day of the event.

There will be no refunds. Cancellation notification is required so others may benefit from this conference.

A co-worker may use your confirmed registration by submitting his/her name with your cancellation notification. Otherwise, your spot will be filled with others from our waiting list. Please direct all inquiries to Cindy Trumble Dudley by fax at 877.494.2630, by phone at 409.835.1411 ext 3664, or by email at cindy.trumble@setworks.org.