

**Program Key:**

Title of Session / Name of Presentation

Names of Presenters, Co-Presenters

Track Title – ROOM or LOCATION

\*Special Event

Featured Session

**THURS | 8:00am**

\*Accreditation Tour

**THURS | 9:00am**

\*Outdoor Learning Environments Tour

**THURS | 10:30-12:00pm**

Opening Keynote & Remarks

Keynote: Jason Kotecki

Curing Adulthood: Your Prescription for Less Stress and More Success

FRISCO 6

**THURS | 1:00-2:30pm**

Is Your Classroom Helping You Teach?

Kimberly Vaughn, LaChelle Brooks

Teaching to Enhance Learning – FRISCO 1

Twirling Through the Pages: Taking Books Beyond the Pages

Moriah Holmes

Featured Session – FRISCO 2

The Connection Principle

Tom Wilbeck

Principles of Child Development – FRISCO 3

Trauma, Concern and Burnout: The Joy Robbers!

Gary Lee Schuman

Trauma Informed-Care – FRISCO 4

Expanding Access through Pre-K Partnerships

Stephanie Bonnet-Kramer, Kendra Wuest

State Agency – FRISCO 5

Inclusive Play-Based Learning in Early Care

Beth Barnard, Kelly Medellin

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging – FRISCO 7

Changing More Than Diapers: Changing Minds

Kate Woodward Young, Carrie Casey

Advocacy & Public Policy – ERUDIA

The Integration of Child-Centered Play Therapy and Mindfulness Practices in a School Setting

Gaby Arrington, Charo Alacron

Creating a Caring Community – BUSH/BASS

Navigate Tough Talks: How to Address the Elephant in the Room - Communicate with Care

Amy Schraier

Family and Community Partnerships – ROCKHILL

En Tu Boca, Si! Para Mejorar El Habla

Eva Villarreal, Angela Casillas

Spanish - COMANCHE

Addressing Attrition in Early Childhood Education

Dr. Bernadine Martinez

Professionalism – GALLANT FOX

Creating a Culture of Staff Engagement

Dianne Nielson

Unifying Framework - RANGER

Unlocking Financial Success: Crunching Numbers:

Setting Rates for Childcare Success

Melissa Scales, Marga Silvestre

Family Home Providers - WHIRLAWAY

Understanding Trauma and Supporting Young Children in Trauma

Sherry Palmer

Trauma-Informed Care - WINCHESTER

**THURS | 1:00-5:00pm**

\*Training of Trainers: Beginner

Sue Hancock

TXAEYC – SHAWNEE TRAIL

**THURS | 3:00-4:30pm**

Engineering in Early Childhood

Lexa Jack

Teaching to Enhance Learning – FRISCO 1

Embracing Neurodiversity: Taking a Step on the Path to Systemic Change

Keith Pentz

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging – FRISCO 2

Going Down the Slide Headfirst: What is Risky Play?

Anna Raumaker

Principles of Child Development – FRISCO 3

Charting the Course: Navigating Social Emotional Learning With Purposeful Planning Using a PBS Model

Felicia Sprayberry

Planning and Implementing Curriculum – FRISCO 4

TWC CCEL Initiatives

Chelsea Reddic

State Agency – FRISCO 5

Visual Schedules are for Everyone! Supporting Children with Varying Abilities in an Inclusive Classroom

Alison Mokry

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging – FRISCO 7

Let's Party: Public Relations Through Advocacy & Community Partnerships

Carrie Casey, Kate Young

Advocacy & Public Policy - ERUDIA

**Building A Pathway: How a Community Came Together to Increase Quality Early Childhood Education**

Liza Gomez, Jessica Villarreal, Jennifer Martinez  
*Creating a Caring Community – BUSH/BASS*

**Mission Possible - Building Strong Family-Teacher Relationships**

Teddie Gamel  
*Family and Community Partnerships – ROCKHILL*

**Extending Preschoolers Thinking Through Applying Bloom's Taxonomy to Discovery/Science Centers**

Ginny Watkins, Erica Dillard  
*Observation, Documentation, & Assessment – LEBANON/HAMILTON*

**Usando Pláticas como Herramientas Culturales para Bilingües Emergentes Preescolares**

Julia Cuevas Guerra  
*Spanish - COMANCHE*

**I am an Early Childhood Professional, Not a Baby Sitter**

Mila Sengupta  
*Professionalism – GALLANT FOX*

**Rapid Onboarding: How to Build a System to Best Support New Teachers**

Kimberly Howard  
*Unifying Framework - RANGER*

**Getting Your Voice Heard! Advocacy Essentials for Family Home Childcare Providers**

Marga Silvestre, Melissa Scales  
*Family Home Providers - WHIRLAWAY*

**Healing the Hurt of Trauma by Using Children's Literature**

Sherry Palmer  
*Trauma-Informed Care - WINCHESTER*

**TXAEYC Membership Meeting**  
TXAEYC – *SHAWNEE TRAIL*

**THURS | 4:30-6:00pm**  
**\*Exhibitor Happy Hour**

**THURS | 7:00-8:30pm**  
**\*NaturePlay Film Screening Presented by Texas A&M University-Commerce**  
*FRISCO 4*

**FRI | 8:30-10:00am**  
**Public Policy Breakfast\***

**FRI | 8:30-10:00am**

**15-Minute Phonemic Awareness Routine + for Early Childhood Students**

Maria Perry  
*Teaching to Enhance Learning – FRISCO 1*

**Learning for All: Tips for Including Children with Special Healthcare Needs**

Jodi Nerren, Amy Foster-Palmer  
*Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging – FRISCO 2*

**The Power of Failure: How to Build Resilient Kids**

Jolene Tollett, Rosmary Nieto  
*Principles of Child Development – FRISCO 3*

**American Sign Language Combined with Fun Songs to Teach Core Concepts to Pre-K, TK and Kindergarten**

Georgia Frawley, Kenneth Frawley  
*Planning and Implementing Curriculum – FRISCO 4*

**Texas Rising Star 101**

Lindsay Hill  
*State Agency – FRISCO 5*

**Building Early Literacy Through Play and Conversation: Insights from the Rice OWL Lab**

Debra Paz and Lori Espinoza  
*Featured Session – FRISCO 7*

**Why is Childcare Critical But Not Essential? Get To Know What Federal Funds You are Eligible For!**

Militza Mezquita  
*Advocacy and Public Policy - ERUDIA*

**Do I Hear a Ruckus? Fostering the Development of Children With "High-Energy" Through Curriculum**

Donna Wheeler  
*Creating a Caring Community – BUSH/BASS*

**Resolving Difficult Situations with Parents and Co-Workers**

Marlyn Kramer  
*Family and Community Partnerships - ROCKHILL*

**DAP, Play, and Implementing a High-Quality Curriculum: Joyful Effective Learning for All Children**

Susan Friedman  
*Observation, Documentation, & Assessment – LEBANON/HAMILTON*

**El Poder del Idioma Fomenta La Capacidad del Pensamiento Crítico en los Niños**

Cyndy Karras, PhD  
*Spanish - COMANCHE*

**Calling All Mentors: Let's Reduce Stress in Classrooms and Focus on What Matters**

Travis Davis, Sharlene Abraham  
*Professionalism – GALLANT FOX*

**Mad Minutes: An Engaging Cost-Effective Training Method for Enhancing Quality**  
Sarah Smith  
*Unifying Framework* – [RANGER/SEA](#)  
[BISCUIT/TRAVELER](#)

**Let's Play, Learn, and Grow Together: Using Group Games to Support Executive Function**  
Kenneth Sherman  
*Principles of Child Development* – [WHIRLWAY](#)

**Trauma – Informed Practices for Classroom Teachers**  
Stacie Summers, Sandra Morales, Lin Moore, Elaine Zweig  
*Trauma Informed-Care* - [WINCHESTER](#)

**Knock, Knock. Who is there? Licensing. Improving the Provider-Licensing Relationship**  
Denetra Adams, Brandy Pollifrone, Carla Brown  
*State Agency* - [CITATION](#)

**Higher Education Chapter Meeting**  
TXAEC - [BUFFALO TRAIL](#)

**FRI | 10:30-12:00pm**

**Unlocking Potential: Empowering Children through Communication Interventions**  
Valencia Ashley, Darrel Coleman  
*Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging* – [FRISCO 2](#)

**Fake it Till You Make it: Extending Preformative Play to Gradeschool Spaces**  
Ronald Tobin  
*Principles of Child Development* – [FRISCO 3](#)

**Fun with Shapes: Guiding Young Children to Discover the World of Geometry**  
Carmen Sherry Brown  
*Planning and Implementing Curriculum* – [FRISCO 4](#)

**Navigating the Texas Child Care Landscape**  
Cathi Arwood  
*State Agency* – [FRISCO 5](#)

**Supporting Executive Functioning Needs: Differentiating Teaching Strategies to Enhance DAP**  
Anissa Moore  
*Teaching to Enhance Learning* – [FRISCO 7](#)

**Program Quality: It's a Business Matter**  
Mary Harper, PhD  
*Advocacy and Public Policy* - [ERUDIA](#)

**Happy, Excited, or Surprised? Encouraging Emotional Vocabulary Development in Young Children**  
Kristin Mathis  
*Creating a Caring Community* – [BUSH/BASS](#)

**Planting the Seeds for Family Partnerships**  
Keshia Smith, Kimberly Holland  
*Family and Community Partnerships* – [ROCKHILL](#)

**Teacher, Teacher, What Do You See?**  
Amy Foster Palmer, Bev Reed  
*Observation, Documentation, & Assessment* – [LEBANON/HAMILTON](#)

**Jardinería con Niños Pequeños**  
KC Weinand  
*Spanish* - [COMANCHE](#)

**Culture Crafting: Creating a Vibrant School Culture**  
Desirae Collins  
*Professionalism* – [GALLANT FOX](#)

**Supporting High Quality Professional Relationships**  
Douglas Krengel,  
*Unifying Framework* – [RANGER/SEA](#)  
[BISCUIT/TRAVELER](#)

**Teachers Need a Calm Down Corner: Self-Care for Trauma-Informed Caregivers**  
Lin Moore, Shaleen Clay, Elaine Zweig  
*Trauma Informed-Care* - [WINCHESTER](#)

**Who's in Charge? Director's Training**  
Tara Ward, Giomar Ibarra  
*State Agency* – [CITATION](#)

**FRI | 1:00-2:30pm**  
**\*Accreditation Luncheon**

**FRI | 1:00-2:30pm**

**Chatter Champions: Empowering Early Talkers for Later Literacy Success**  
Melanie Loewenstein, David Brown, Michele Anderson  
*Teaching to Enhance Learning* – [FRISCO 1](#)

**Blending Colors: Using Multicultural Books & Activities to Celebrate & Represent all Young Learners**  
Kenya Burts, Raegan Francis, Peggy Lisenbee  
*Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging* – [FRISCO 2](#)

**Ages, Stages & BEYOND! A New Framework: Developmental Cascades**  
Josh Thompson, Daniela Uribe Montserat, Zlata Stankovic-Ramirez  
*Principles of Child Development* – [FRISCO 3](#)

**Learning Centers Beyond PreK: Content Learning Centers for K-3 Using Children's Literature**

Leah Carruth, Elaine Stribling  
*Planning and Implementing Curriculum – FRISCO 4*

**How Can TECPDS Help You Track Staff Records**

Adeline Pham, Brooke Ramirez, Jessica Suarez  
*State Agency – FRISCO 5*

**I Like to Move it, Move it! Diving into Dance in the Early Childhood Classroom**

Moriah Holmes  
*Featured Session – FRISCO 7*

**Advocating for High Quality Education and Organizing a Grassroots Campaign**

Lindsey Pollock, Jai Brisbon  
*Advocacy and Public Policy – ERUDIA*

**Relationship Reciprocity in Educating Children: Home-School Partnerships for Early Career Teachers**

Amanda Messer, Dr. Aimee Hendrix-Soto  
*Family and Community Partnerships – ROCKHILL*

**Watching, Writing and Wondering: Observation & Assessment in Early Childhood**

Sue Hancock  
*Observation, Documentation, & Assessment – LEBANON/HAMILTON*

**What's Always in Style? Professional Demeanor: Committing to Excellence in Our Programs**

Barbara Lynn  
*Professionalism – GALLANT FOX*

**Hitting the Reset Button: Enhancing Staff Retention in Early Childhood Education**

Michelle Watts-Paul  
*Unifying Framework – RANGER/SEA BISCUIT/TRAVELER*

**Creating Family-Friendly Community Asset Maps For Diverse Learners!**

Kyoung Jin Kim, Michelle Perez  
*Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging – WHIRLAWAY*

**Strategic Equity Plans: Demystifying Giftedness and Advocating for Emergent Bilingual Program Participation**

Tiffany Williams  
*Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging – WINCHESTER*

**Building Strong Foundations: Data-Driven Approaches to Early Literacy**

Magali Farooqi, Sylina Valdez  
*State Agency – CITATION*

**FRI | 1:00-4:30pm**

*\*Project Galleria*

**FRI | 1:00-5:00pm**

*\*Training of Trainers: Advanced*  
Marilyn Kramer – *SHAWNEE TRAIL*

**FRI | 3:00-4:30pm**

**Illuminating Exploration: Foster Curiosity and Wonder Through the Magic of Light Play**

Beth Edwards  
*Teaching to Enhance Learning – FRISCO 1*

**Early Education for Children with Disabilities: From Legal Requirements to Intentional Inclusion**

Bethany Edwards  
*Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging – FRISCO 2*

**STEAM-based Activities for Young Ecologists**

Amy Velchoff  
*Planning and Implementing Curriculum – FRISCO 3*

**Developmentally Appropriate Care for Babies and Toddlers**

Dr. Erron Huey  
*State Agency – FRISCO 5*

**The Out-of-Sync Child: Sensory Discrimination and the Environment**

Sandra Duncan  
*Featured Session – FRISCO 7*

**Maximizing Communication in Early Childhood Education: Leveraging Digital Design Tools**

Andrea Harris  
*Advocacy and Public Policy – ERUDIA*

**A Look at Early Childhood Education Through the Years**

Moderated by: Audrey Rowland  
*TXAEYC – BUSH/BASS*

**Engaging Parents as Partners in Early Childhood Education**

Calenthia Cheatham  
*Family and Community Partnerships – ROCKHILL*

**Ethics and The Early Childhood Educator**

Anna ILETO  
*Professionalism – GALLANT FOX*

**Something for Everyone: Developing an ECE Teacher Education Program to Meet Diverse Workforce Needs**

Amber Brown, Rebecca Huss-Keeler  
*Unifying Framework – RANGER*

**NAEYC Accreditation: A Pathway of Play, Choice, & Change**  
Mary Harper, PhD  
NAEYC Accreditation - [WHIRLAWAY](#)

**Increasing School Attendance Amongst Young Learners in a Distressed and Distracted World**  
Heather Hennessey, Sharon Bradley  
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging – [WINCHESTER](#)

**Joining Forces: How to Provide Benefits to your Employees through TXAEYC's Shared Services Alliance**  
Stacy Carroll, Alma Cavazos  
TXAEYC – [CITATION](#)

**FRI | 4:30-5:30pm**  
\*Chapter Networking

**FRI | 7:00-9:00pm**  
\*President's Reception & ECE Awards Ceremony

**SAT | 8:30-10:00am**

**It's Our Favorite Time of Day - CENTERS! Getting the Most From Your Play-Based Center Time**  
Ashley Brooks  
Teaching to Enhance Learning – [FRISCO 1](#)

**Classroom Transformation on a Shoestring Budget** Sandra Duncan  
Featured Session - [FRISCO 2](#)

**Developmental Shifts in 6-7 year Olds: Navigating Impacts on Behavior in Young School-Aged Children**  
Katherine Rose, Isabella Rose  
Principles of Child Development – [FRISCO 3](#)

**Making Learning Audible: The Science Behind Music and Learning**  
Maud Morgan  
Teaching to Enhance Learning – [FRISCO 5](#)

**Policy Priorities for the 89th Legislative Session**  
Cody Summerville  
Featured Session – [FRISCO 7](#)

**Outside of the Box: An Untraditional Local Approach to Supporting Early Childhood**  
Santrice Jones, Don Titcombe  
Advocacy and Public Policy - [ERUDIA](#)

**Supporting Students with Sensory Processing Difficulties: Strategies for Educators**  
Kathy Cameron  
Creating a Caring Community – [BUSH/BASS](#)

**Parental Support and Involvement in Fostering Playful Learning Environments for Young Children**  
ReShaun Webb  
Family and Community Partnerships - [ROCKHILL](#)

**Write Right Now: Play-Based Early Writing Assessments in Action**  
Margaret Quinn  
Observation, Documentation, & Assessment – [LEBANON/HAMILTON](#)

**Fomentando el Desarrollo del Vocabulario en Español en Prescolar y Jardín de Infantes en el Entorno Montessori**  
Jose Lema  
Spanish – [COMANCHE](#)

**Using an Anti-Bias Education and Inclusive Curriculum in Early Childhood Spaces**  
Cyndy Karras, PhD  
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging – [GALLANT FOX](#)

**Designing Your Organizational Chart: A Blueprint for Success**  
Tameka Bryan, Angela Dempsey  
Unifying Framework – [RANGER/SEA BISCUIT/TRAVELER](#)

**Sprouting Possibilities: Gardening With Small Children**  
Amy Musick  
Family Home Providers - [WHIRLAWAY](#)

**How to Work with Challenging Behaviors**  
Dr. Sharon D. Scallion  
Trauma Informed-Care - [WINCHESTER](#)

**Building Blocks for Success: Best Business Practices in Child Care**  
Stacy Carroll, Alma Cavazos  
TXAEYC - [CITATION](#)

**SAT | 10:30-12:00pm**

**Closing Keynote**  
Keynote - Jess Pettitt: "Conversations That Matter: Better Connections"  
[FRISCO 6](#)

**SAT | 1:00-2:30pm**

**Creating Meaningful Writing Opportunities in Children's Play**  
Hope Gerde  
Teaching to Enhance Learning – [FRISCO 1](#)

**Cultivating Inclusive Practices**  
Elizabeth Beavers  
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging – [FRISCO 2](#)

**The Power of Conversational Turns to Support Preliteracy Skills**  
Colleen Tracy Haddad  
Principles of Child Development – [FRISCO 3](#)

**Music, Movement And Transitions; Singing Your Way Through The Day!**

Martey Heard  
*Planning and Implementing Curriculum – FRISCO 4*

**The Power of a Network: Outdoor Learning Environments to Improve Child Health**

Sarah Coles, Alice Jansen  
*Teaching to Enhance Learning – FRISCO 5*

**Team Agreements: Helping Teaching Teams work Through Common Disagreements and Concerns**

Deidre Harris  
*Professionalism – FRISCO 7*

**Cultivate a Culture of Health: Planting Policies to Grow a Strong Program**

Alexis Cordova  
*Advocacy and Public Policy - ERUDIA*

**Effective Ways to Calm the Chaos in Your Classroom: Help Everyone Find the Joy!**

Lisa Self  
*Creating a Caring Community – BUSH/BASS*

**Creating a Biliteracy Jumpstart through Family Involvement and Innovative Teaching Strategies**

Monica Hughes  
*Family and Community Partnerships - ROCKHILL*

**Beyond Counting 1,2,3: Unpacking a Developmental Continuum for Assessing Early Numeracy Skills**

Brian Mowry  
*Observation, Documentation, & Assessment – LEBANON/HAMILTON*

**Inteligencias Múltiples En El Aula De Niños Pequeños. (In A Young Children's Classroom)**

Myriam Aquila  
*Spanish - COMANCHE*

**Workforce to Bachelor's Degree: Creating Pathways from AAS to BS in Early Childhood Education**

Jennifer Quong, Sharla Snider  
*Unifying Framework – RANGER/SEA BISCUIT/TRAVELER*

**Nature Matters: Supporting Child Development Through Outside Play**

Amy Musick  
*Family Home Providers - WHIRLAWAY*

**How to work with Challenging Behaviors**

Dr. Sharon D. Scallion  
*Trauma-Informed Care - WINCHESTER*

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