

*Draft (05-05-10) Conference Agenda*

United States Department of Education  
Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program  
Early Reading First Program  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Palmer House Hilton ♦ Chicago, IL  
May 11- 12, 2010

Note: Session titles subject to change.

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

8:00 am – 8:30 am

**SIGN-IN**

8:30 am - 8:45 am

**OPENING REMARKS**

Grand Ballroom

**Rosemary Fennell**

Program Officer, ERF and ECEPD  
U.S. Department of Education

**Deborah Spitz**, Group Leader  
Early Childhood and Reading Group  
U.S. Department of Education

8:45 am – 9:15 am

**Welcome Address**

Grand Ballroom

**Piercing the Opacity of Early Learning Reform: What Young Children  
Should Know and Be Able to Do**

**Timothy Shanahan**, Chair

National Early Literacy Panel and  
Director, Center for Literacy, University of IL-Chicago

9:15 am – 9:30 am

**BREAK**

9:30 am – 11:30 am

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Red Lacquer Room

**Creating a Print-Rich Environment: Implications for Early Literacy  
Learning and Teaching**

**Dorothy S. Strickland**, Professor Emerita, Rutgers, The State University of New  
Jersey

**Teacher/Child Interactions in a Print-Rich Environment**

**Carol Vukelich**, Director, University of Delaware Center for Teacher Education

**Discussant:** *Lorie Hoggard*, Director of Early Childhood Education, Newport-Mesa  
Unified School District, Costa Mesa, CA (2007 ERF Grantee)

State Ballroom

**Principled Criteria and Processes for Evaluation and Assessment**

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University

**Michael Kamil**, Stanford University

**Rita Kirshstein** and **Eboni Howard**, American Institute for Research

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**Patricia Edwards**, Professor of Language and Literacy, Michigan State University and President of International Reading Association

**Discussant:** Peggy Phan-Nguyen, Early Reading First Coordinator, Newport-Mesa Unified School District, Costa Mesa, CA

**Price Room**

**Literacy Content-Focused Coaching: A Model for Administrators & Coaches**

**Kelly Hunter**, Director of Professional Development

**Pat Federman**, Co-Founder, Children's Literacy Initiative

**Discussant:** Jeanine Brownell, Assistant Director for Programming, Early Mathematics Education Project, Erikson Institute

**11:30 am – 12:45 pm**

**LUNCH (On Your Own)**

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| <b>2:45 pm – 3:00 pm</b>                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>3:00 pm – 4:30 pm</b>                       | <b>PLENARY SESSION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Grand Ballroom</b>                          | <b>Networking Session: ERF and ECEPD Contributors to High Quality State or Local Early Language and Literacy Practices</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                | <b>Local Collaboration for Implementing and Sustaining ERF</b><br><b>Lynn Corder</b> , ERF Project Director, <b>Jen Mahar</b> , ERF Project Coordinator, <b>Nick Patrone</b> , Director of Community Schools, Olean Community Schools (2009 Grantee)                                                                                                                            |
|                                                | <b>Professional Development and Assessment Strategies in Early Education</b><br><b>Susan Kimmel</b> , Director, Center for Early Childhood Professional Development, University of Oklahoma (2007 ERF Grantee)                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                | <b>Engaging Families to Support Children's Learning</b><br><b>Lorie Hoggard</b> , Director of Early Childhood Education and <b>Peggy Phan-Nguyen</b> , Early Reading First Coordinator, Newport-Mesa Unified School District, Costa Mesa, CA (2007 ERF Grantee)                                                                                                                 |
|                                                | <b>Interactive Evaluation to Improve Practice and Support Sustainability</b><br><b>Jackie Bevere-Maloney</b> , Principal and <b>Margo DiBiasio</b> , Assistant Project Director, Chelsea School; <b>Etta Rosen</b> , Trainer, Hanson Initiative for Language and Literacy; and <b>Paula Quinn</b> , Evaluator, University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute (2007 ERF Grantee) |
|                                                | <b>Discussants: Rebecca Marek and Amber Sheker</b> , USED Early Childhood and Reading Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>4:30 pm – 5:00</b><br><b>Grand Ballroom</b> | <b>Listening and Learning: Best Practices in Early Childhood Education</b><br><b>Jacqueline Jones</b> , Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Early Learning                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>5:30 – 6:00 pm</b>                          | <b>Meet Your Program Officer (By Appointment)</b><br><br><b>Rosemary Fennell (Grand Ballroom)</b><br><b>Rebecca Marek (The Buckingham Room)</b><br><b>Amber Sheker (The Price Room)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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Wednesday, May 12, 2010

8:30 am – 10:30 am

State Ballroom

**Seamless Education: Continuity From Pre-Kindergarten through Kindergarten**

**Richard Clifford** and **Sharon Ritchie**, Senior Scientists, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center

**Discussant: Dorothy S. Strickland**, Professor Emerita  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Red Lacquer Room

**Improving Language, Literacy and Instruction for English Language Learners**

**Margarita Calderón**, Professor Emeritus, Johns Hopkins University  
**Maria N. Trejo**, Administrator, Even Start Office, California Department of Education

**Discussant: Peggy Phan-Nguyen**, (2007ERFGrantee)

Grand Ballroom

**Doing What Works: Changing Research to Practice Research to Practice Literacy Instruction and Activities**

**Christine Dwyer**, RMC

**Discussants: Michael Kamil**, Stanford University,  
**Jennifer Ballen-Riccards**, USED Policy and Program Studies Service

10:30 am – 10:45 am

**BREAK**

10:45 am – 11:45 am

Grand Ballroom

**Grant Administration: Reporting and Indirect Costs**

**Deborah Spitz**, Group Leader, Early Childhood and Reading Group  
**David Downey**, Risk Management Service

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2:00 pm

**ADJOURN**