

A photograph of a man with a goatee and a young child in a classroom. The man is holding the child, who is smiling. The background shows a classroom with a whiteboard and a chair.

2019



**Green Country
Early Learning
Institute**

**2019 GREEN COUNTRY
EARLY LEARNING INSTITUTE**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**July 12 - July 13, 2019
DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown Tulsa, OK**

WELCOME

Welcome to Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the 2019 Green Country Early Learning Institute. The theme this year is "From Surviving to Thriving: Engaging your Inner Child" and we want to encourage you to focus on the health and well-being of the children and families you serve as well as your own.

This is our first Institute that focuses on infants and toddlers and we are excited to bring together over twenty experts from across the state and nation to share their knowledge with you. It is our hope that we forge meaningful connections with early care and education professionals from all across the nation over the next two days.

I hope that you enjoy your time visiting Tulsa and get an opportunity to see how Tulsa inspires. We are happy that you decided to join us this year at the Green Country Early Learning Institute and hope you enjoy the guest speakers and workshops that we have planned.

Oklahoma Indian Head Start Directors Association



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SCHEDULE

THURS

JULY 11, 2019

- 4:00 PM REGISTRATION**
International Ballroom Foyer
- WELCOME SOCIAL**
International Ballroom Foyer
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JULY 12, 2019

- 7:00 AM REGISTRATION**
International Ballroom Foyer
- 8:00 AM OPENING & KEYNOTE**
International Ballroom
- 10:30 AM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 1**
Various
- 12:00 PM NO HOST LUNCHES**
International Ballroom
- 1:30 PM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 2**
Various
- 3:30 PM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 3**
Various
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JULY 13, 2019

- 8:00 AM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 4**
Various
- 10:00 AM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 5**
Various
- 12:00 PM LUNCHEON KEYNOTE**
International Ballroom
- 2:30 PM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 6**
Various

OPENING

FRIDAY - 8:00 AM

JULY 12, 2019 • INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

FLAG CEREMONY

Youth Explorers

Muscogee Creek Nation

OPENING BLESSING

Sandra Turner

Cherokee Nation

WELCOME SONG

Sun and Major McHenry

Muscogee Creek Nation

WELCOME

Verna Thompson

Cherokee Nation

KEYNOTE

Dr. Barbara Sorrels

Executive Director

The Institute for Childhood Education

AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019

4:00 PM—7:00 PM REGISTRATION & EXHIBITOR FAIR
International Ballroom Foyer

4:00 PM—7:00 PM WELCOME SOCIAL
International Ballroom Foyer

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019

7:00 AM—11:00 AM REGISTRATION & EXHIBITOR FAIR
International Ballroom Foyer

8:00 AM—5:00 PM EXHIBITOR FAIR
International Ballroom Foyer

8:00 AM—8:30 AM OPENING CEREMONY
International Ballroom

8:30 AM—10:00 AM KEYNOTE
International Ballroom

Dr. Barbara Sorrels
Executive Director, The Institute for
Childhood Education

10:00 AM—10:30 AM NETWORKING BREAK
International Ballroom Foyer



AGENDA

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019

10:30 AM—12:00 PM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 1

Everyone Can Help Make Breastfeeding Easier

Gilcrease

Ruth Piatak, La Leche Leader, International Board Certified Lactation Consultant

Jasha Lyons-Echo Hawk, Breastfeeding mother & Resource Development Coordinator, Pawnee Seeds Preservation Project

Understanding the Social-Emotional Development of Young Children

International Ballroom

Dr. Barbara Sorrels, Executive Director, the Institute for Childhood Education

Opioid & Heroin Awareness Community Outreach

Remington

Anthony Leadingfox, Special Agent, Bureau of Indian Affairs-Office of Justice Services, IAD

Intentional Instruction for Infants and Toddlers (Part I)

Woodward

Debbie Ballard, Professional Development Specialist, Lakeshore Learning

12:00 PM—1:30 PM NO HOST LUNCHES

International Ballroom

Enjoy a long opportunity to discuss and dialogue with colleagues. Suggested topics are provided, but feel free to start your own!

Save the Date!

2020 Green Country Early Learning Institute

AGENDA

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019

1:30 PM—3:00 PM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 2

**Connecting with Parents
to Promote Positive
Parenting**

Gilcrease

Laura Shellhammer, Child
Development Specialist

Yoga 4 Kids

Phillbrook

Amber Walls, Lead
Educator, Cherokee Nation

**Teaching in Today's
World: Ensuring Your
Own Positive Health and
Well-Being**

Remington

Captain Paul Bush,
Wewoka Police Department

**The Benefits of Using
Sign Language with
Children**

Russel

Jennifer Freese, Director
of Education, Happy Hands
Education Center

**Intentional Instruction
for Infants and Toddlers
(Part II)**

Woodward

Debbie Ballard,
Professional Development
Specialist, Lakeshore
Learning



3:00 PM—3:30 PM NETWORKING BREAK

International Ballroom Foyer

Friday, May 15—Saturday, May 16, 2020

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019

3:30 PM—5:00 PM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 3

Supporting Infant Development through Massage

Gilcrease

Princess Calvert, Early Head Start Specialist, CARD
Early Head Start

Planning and Practicing an Emergency Plan for your Business and Those You Serve

Remington

Melinda Belcher, Tulsa Human Response Coalition Program Manager, Community Service Council

The Power of Nature: Promoting Approaches that Foster Growth and Learning

Russel

Cyndi Dotson, Content Area Specialist, Cherokee Nation Early Childhood Unit
Milarosa John, Graduate Student, University of Central Oklahoma

Born to Explore: STEAM for Infants and Toddlers (Part I)

Woodward

Debbie Ballard, Professional Development Specialist, Lakeshore Learning

Explore Downtown Tulsa!

Visit the Tulsa Visitors table near the hotel registration desk and download the visitor's guide in the mobile app. See why Tulsa truly inspires!



AGENDA

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

8:00 AM—9:30 AM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 4

Active Play! Lead Fun Physical Activities with Young Children to Enhance Health and School Readiness

Gilcrease

Dr. Diane Craft, Early Childhood Physical Activity Consultant, Active Play Books

Promoting Healthy Eating Habits with Family Style Dining

Phillbrook

Liz Lazar, Nutrition Coordinator, Delaware Child Development

Understanding and Managing Behaviors in the Classroom

Remington

Stacy Hall, Licensed Professional Counselor, Evolve Professional Counseling LLC

Creating an Environment Where People Thrive

Russel

Mikey Manghum, Corporate Consultant, Paradigm Shift

Born to Explore: STEAM for Infants and Toddlers (Part II)

Woodward

Debbie Ballard, Professional Development Specialist, Lakeshore Learning

9:30 AM—10:00 AM NETWORKING BREAK

International Ballroom Foyer

AGENDA

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

10:00 AM—11:30 AM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 5

Active Play! Lead Fun Physical Activities with Young Children to Enhance Health and School Readiness

Gilcrease

Dr. Diane Craft, Early Childhood Physical Activity Consultant, Active Play Books

Say it loud! I'm healthy and I'm proud!

International Ballroom

Courtney Elder, Professional Development Specialist, Choosy Kids, LLC

Caring for Mom, Baby, and Self in Infant Mental Health

Remington

Ginger Welch, Clinical Associate Professor/ Psychologist, Oklahoma State University

Turning Ideas Into Action: How small intentional steps can bring about lasting change

Russel

Mikey Manghum, Corporate Consultant, Paradigm Shift

Infant & Toddler Social-Emotional Development (Part I)

Woodward

Debbie Ballard, Professional Development Specialist, Lakeshore Learning

11:30 AM—12:00 PM NETWORKING BREAK

International Ballroom Foyer

AGENDA



SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

**12:00 PM—2:00 PM KEYNOTE LUNCHEON:
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS FOR YOU TO
"BE WHO YOU WERE"**

International Ballroom

Courtney Elder, Professional Development Specialist, Choosy Kids, LLC

2:00 PM—2:30 PM NETWORKING BREAK

International Ballroom Foyer

2:30 PM—4:30 PM WORKSHOPS: SESSION 6

**Active Learning Of
Infants And Toddlers
And What It Does For
The Brain!**

International Ballroom

Courtney Elder,
Professional Development
Specialist, Choosy Kids, LLC

Self Defense Seminar

Russel

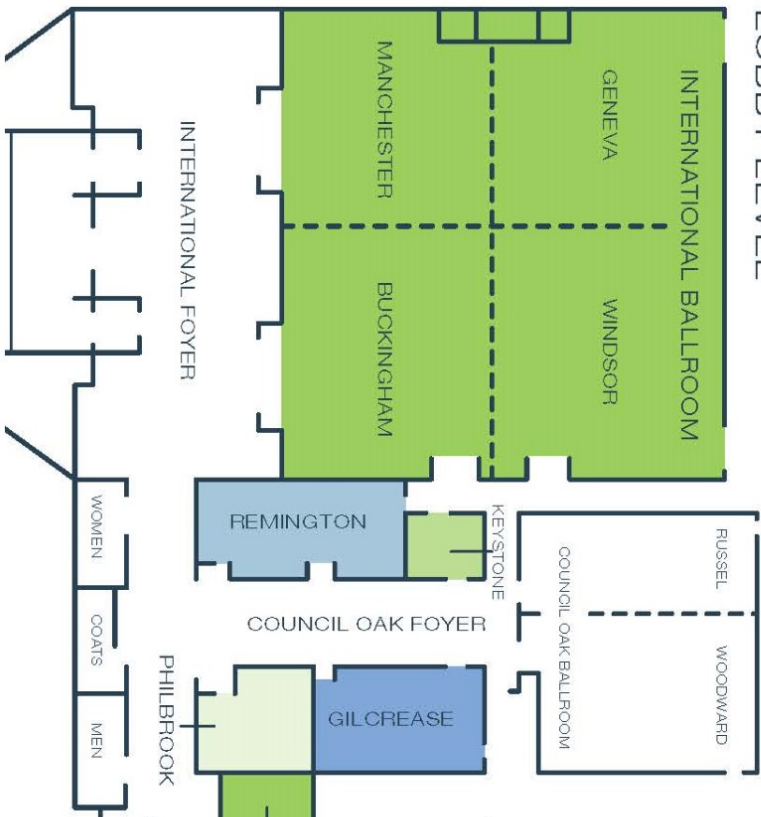
Gerald Harris, Professional
Mixed Martial Artist,
Hurricane Training Center

**Infant & Toddler Social-Emotional
Development (Part II)**

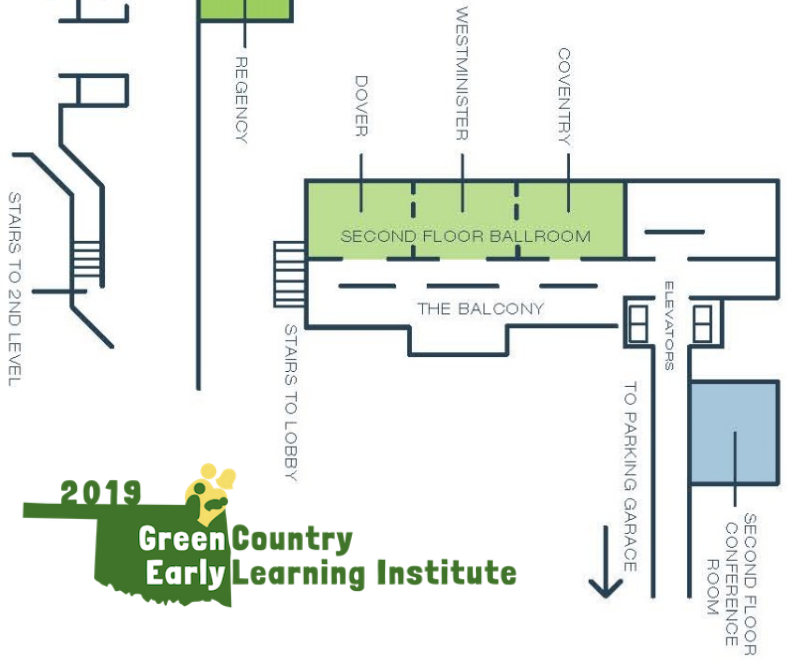
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LOBBY LEVEL



SECOND FLOOR



STAIRS TO 2ND LEVEL

