

Healthy Living, Learning & Leading

Fall Conference

Tulsa Convention Center
October 14-15, 2005



WELCOME

Dear Early Childhood Professional,

The Friends of Early Education Annual Fall Conference has been revitalized by the Educator's Group of the Child Care Resource Center. On behalf of Oklahoma State University-Tulsa, Tulsa Community College, Tulsa Technology Center and the Child Care Resource Center, we invite you and your staff to join us at the Fall Conference. The theme this year is "Healthy Living, Learning, and Leading" and will be held Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15, 2005 at the Maxwell Convention Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The conference will feature Tom Sparough, the Space Painter, who will present two different sessions on "Nurturing Ourselves, While Nurturing Others". Over 30 break-out sessions designed for child care directors, teachers, family child care home providers, and early childhood advocates. The conference provides 9 hours of Tier I training credit. In addition, three pre-conference presentations will be offered for Tier II credit on Friday, October 14 in the Conference Hall. We will have commercial and non-commercial exhibits, separate 'make and take' workshops, and the CCRC Bookstore will be on-site for your browsing pleasure.

If you have attended the Friends of Early Education Fall Conference in the past . . . we welcome you back . . . If this is your first conference . . . welcome!

Fall Conference Committee

Jan Figart, CCRC; Dawn Parton, TCC; Barbara Sorrels, OSU-Tulsa; Regina Rice, TTC; Sally Nichols-Sharpe, Bacone College; Beth Sullins, CCRC; Gina Ferman, CCRC; Melinda Belcher, CCRC.



KEYNOTE PRESENTER

Tom Sparough



Tom Sparough is a juggler, storyteller, writer, and facilitator. He is known to hundreds of thousands of people as the Space Painter, which comes from a description of juggling that Tom received from a two-year-old child.

He has performed across North America and in Europe for corporations, churches, conferences, schools, parks, festivals and special events.

As a facilitator and workshop leader this 25-year, veteran juggler has taught hundreds of thousands of people the arts of juggling and balancing. He offers a wide range of hands-on experiences that promote skill development, self-esteem, analogy insight, fellowship, and team building.

With a master's degree in psychology from the University of Cincinnati, Tom weaves important life-skill messages into his presentations. He also holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is a former newspaper reporter and editor.

He has been a featured presenter at social service, religious, health care, and education conferences from California to New York.

Mr. Sparough lives in Cincinnati with his wife and two children, and most of the other children in the neighborhood.

WORKSHOPS

A variety of workshops, focusing on the three tracks of Conference, will be available. Some workshops will be offered more than once. Complete description of workshops, times, locations and confirmed speaker information will be included in your Conference Program.

Healthy Living

- “Risk Watch Curriculum: Teaching Preschool through School Age Kids How to Stay Safe!”
- “Supporting Teachers, Strengthening Families: The Early Childhood Role in Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect”
- “Make & Take Schedule: A Management Tool for Children with Autism and other Challenging Behavior”
- “Moving Kids Safely in Child Care”
- “Face Up to Wake Up: Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Child Care”
- “Eating Healthy on the Run”
- “Good 4 Me! Childhood Obesity Prevention Program for Preschoolers”

Healthy Learning

- “The Young Child as Scientist”
- “Outdoor Learning Environments”
- “Integrating Children’s Literature and Science”
- “Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!”
- “Engaging Children’s Curiosity through Discovery Activities”
- “Integrating Children’s Literature and Math”
- “Math and Science in the Kitchen”
- “Math Made Marvelous”

Healthy Leading

- “Meeting the Challenges – Staff Resiliency”
- “Managing Your Time and Reduce Your Stress”
- “User-Friendly Portfolio Assessment”
- “Zest for Staff Meetings”
- “Working with Difficult People”
- “How to Deal with Stress”
- “Responding Constructively to Parent Complaints”
- “Ideas and Innovations: Creating Opportunities for Your Center”
- “Oklahoma’s Director Credentials – Making Sense of the Gold, Silver and Bronze”
- “Internal Marketing: How to Keep Your Current Staff and Clients Happy and Engaged”
- “Diversity Awareness and Appreciation”

In addition to the workshop sessions, ‘make and take’ sessions will be open to the first 50 participants (first come, first served) in Exhibit Hall A during Sessions II-V on Saturday. Your Conference Program will have more information on these sessions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hotel Accommodations

Three local hotels are offering discounted rates to conference attendees. To secure the discount rate, reservations need to be confirmed by October 7; mention “Early Childhood Conference”. A limited number of rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis. *Great Western Downtown Plaza Hotel* (formerly Ramada), 1-800-585-5101 or 918-585-5898, rate \$49.00. *Crowne Plaza Hotel* (formerly Adam’s Mark), 1-800-227-6963 or 918-582-9000, rate \$69.00. *Doubletree Hotel Downtown*, 1-800-838-7914 or 918-587-8000, rate \$79.00.

Registration

A registration form is included in this Conference Brochure. To register, complete the registration form (one form per person), total your costs for Conference plus any pre-conference sessions, and mail or bring your completed registration form and payment to CCRC, 18 North Norwood, Tulsa, OK, 74115. You may register on-line, using a credit card, at www.ccrctulsa.org. Or fax your registration to 918-834-9339, but only faxes with complete voucher information and a valid credit card with expiration date will be accepted.

Professional Development/ Continuing Education

A Professional Development Grid, used to track training hours, will be included in your Conference Program. Keep track of your

training hours for DHS licensing requirements by including the session letter, session code and number of clock hours. Training credits are assigned for the keynote sessions, break-out sessions, and Make and Take sessions. Only one Make and Take will be approved for credit hours. No credit is given for breaks or lunch.

Division of Child Care Vouchers

Voucher credits are available for the first 450 registrants. Vouchers are considered partial payment for registration; the remaining conference fees must be received by October 1 at CCRC. You must include your program’s K8 number on the registration form, and you must have your K8 number with you when you check in at the conference. If you use voucher credit as payment for conference, and do not attend, you will be billed for the voucher fee of \$25.00, unless you notify us in writing by October 1, 2005.

Parking

Parking is available in the Parking Garage adjacent to the Convention Center, or in the lot north of the Center. Parking is \$3.00 per day. The garage opens at 7:00 a.m. The Doubletree Downtown Hotel (across Seventh Street south of the Convention Center) will accommodate non-hotel guest parking at \$4 per day. Parking for hotel guests is complementary. Both lots require an additional fee if you leave and then return.

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Friday, October 14

Pre-Conference Sessions

Sessions require pre-registration pre-payment. Tier II Training Credit and .8 CEU per session. All sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Lunch is included.

“Reflective Supervision and Mentoring”

Dawn Parton, MS, Assistant Professor, Tulsa Community College

“Bridges Out of Poverty”

Monica Bein, MS, SLP-CCC

“Creating Effective Learning Environments”

Barbara Sorrels, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, OSU-Tulsa



Friday, October 14

12:00 noon – Registration Opens

4:00 p.m. – Bookstore and Exhibits Open

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Keynote Presentation by Tom Sparough

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Session I

Saturday, October 15

7:00 a.m. – Registration Opens

7:30 a.m. – Bookstore and Exhibits Open

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Session II

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – Session III

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon –

Lunch (included in registration fee)

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. – Tom Sparough, Presentation #2

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Session IV

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. – Session V

5:00 p.m. – Bookstore and Exhibits Close



Child Care RESOURCE CENTER

Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa's

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Tulsa, OK 74115

918-834-2273 (824-CARE)

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The purpose of the CCRC is to promote quality, affordable child care in the Tulsa area.



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