

“BUILDING BRIDGES”



29th Annual Conference
Parkway Plaza
Casper, Wyoming
October 16th and 17th, 2009



Presenting Keynote Speakers

JEFF JOHNSON – *Jeff is a nationally recognized author and speaker who focuses on child centered learning.*

ASHLEY MERRYMAN - *Ashley is an award winning journalist whose work has received national recognition including a journalism award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a Clarion Award.*

SUSAN and KEN FISCHER – *Susan Fischer is a speech language pathologist currently working as an Outreach Consultant for the Wyoming Department of Education. Ken is the current Special Education Coordinator for STRIDE Learning Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Ken and Susan also have a private therapy practice in Fort Collins Colorado serving infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children.*

Friday, October 16, 2009

7:30am - 8:30 AM - Registration Opens
8:30 - 4:30 PM - Pre-Conference Sessions
4:30 – 9:00 PM - Exhibits Open
7:00 – 9:00 PM - Keynote Presenter Jeff Johnson

Pre-Conference Session One: 8:30am to 4:30 pm (lunch Noon – 1pm)
Susan and Ken Fischer – BEST PRACTICES: EARLY EDUCATION FOR
INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOLERS -

OR CHOOSE

Pre-Conference Session Two 8:30 to Noon

Jeff Johnson – BE A PROFESSIONAL PLAY TECHNICIAN - Children (and adults) learn through play and that means one of your many roles as a caregiver is PROFESSIONAL PLAY TECHNICIAN. This session provides a job description for this important job title and offers tips and tricks for fostering creative, developmentally appropriate, child-centered, and engaging play.

AND/OR

Pre-Conference Session Three 1:00 to 4:30 PM

Ashley Merryman - NURTURESHOCK

FRIDAY NIGHT KEYNOTE ADDRESS

7:00 – 9:00 PM

JEFF JOHNSON

“Cows in the Basement”

A child’s life should be full of whim, fantasy, imagination, and goofiness, but all too often kids are being forced to grow up too soon. This session will look at how we as caregivers can feed their need for fun and fantasy...and have a good time ourselves while doing so.

SATURDAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Eye Opener Breakfast
7:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Registration Open/Sessions All Day, Exhibits Open
8:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Opening Keynote Address - Ashley Merryman
9:30 AM - Noon	Breakout Sessions
Noon - 2:15 PM	Lunch Keynote Address - Jeff Johnson (Membership meeting, By-Laws vote)
2:15 PM - 4:45 PM	Breakout Sessions
4:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Silent Action, Drawings, Closing

SATURDAY MORNING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ashley Merryman – “Inverse Power of Praise”

LUNCH KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jeff Johnson – “Keeping Your Smile”

Whether you are a child care provider, teacher, parent, or foster parent, this session is full of ideas to help maintain and strengthen your smile and your commitment to quality early care and education. The session uses stories and humor to help caregivers learn to invest in their own care and wellbeing so they have the energy, focus, and inner resources to better care for the children in their lives

SATURDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Look forward to attending an array of breakout sessions including: Developmental Bridges: Transitions into Standards-Based Kindergarten; Working with Teen Parents; Staying on Track While My Parent is Deployed; Building Your Bridge to Your Career Future; Babywearing 101; Hands On Art; Business Basics/Leadership Development; The importance of Relationships in Early Language and Literacy Learning and 101 Sensory Table Ideas.

LITERACY BASKETS

Visit the WECA booth to place a bid on one of the many imaginative Literacy Baskets. Winners will be announced at closing. If you would like to donate a basket please contact Chandra Nettles at denettles@q.com or 307-856-5513.

HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR THE CONFERENCE

A block of rooms has been reserved at the newly renovated Parkway Plaza. The room rate will be \$70.00 for 1-4 people. Rooms are available for both October 15th and 16th. Reservations must be made by October 1st. Please call 307-235-1777 or go online at www.parkwayplaza.net to make your reservation. Remember to mention WECA at the time of registration to receive the special rate.

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