

# Caring For Kids and Those Who Care

## Saturday, September 20, 2008

This conference has been planned and developed just for you -- as a parent, provider, or teacher who lives and works with children. This conference will give you an opportunity to share, learn, and further your knowledge as you grow personally and professionally.



7:30-8:00 a.m.	Registration/Vendor Shopping/Continental Breakfast
8:00-8:10 a.m.	Welcome
8:10-10:30 a.m.	Keynote - <u>Make It - Take It</u> , Judy Olson, (Grant County Child Care Provider) This active, hands-on time will give you several new ideas of creative projects to make with children of all ages, using inexpensive or free recycled items. Several will be tied to a children's book so themes can be developed. All supplies will be made available for you to make the items, get copies of the ideas, patterns, and replicate them at home. Bring a camera if you'd like to take pictures of additional activity/craft ideas.
10:30-11:00 a.m.	Vendor Shopping
11:00-12:30p.m.	Session I
12:30-1:15 p.m.	Lunch & Vendor Shopping
1:15-2:45 p.m.	Session II

(I) - Infant      (T) - Toddlers      (P) - Preschool      (SA) - School Age      (ALL) - All Groups  
 The workshop identifiers will focus on children from these specific age groups.

**11:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Session I**

- A. **Read It Again** - Deb Mercier, Author, As a provider you have a unique position of fostering children's first steps toward learning. In this session we'll explore why early exposure is so important and try some fun, hands-on techniques to introduce children to the wonderful world of reading. (All)
- B. **First Grade Here We Come** - District 206 Kindergarten teachers, Information and activities that can be used in an early care setting and shared with parents to provide help with ongoing skills to get ready for 1<sup>st</sup> grade. (P, SA)
- C. **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Young Children** - Jill Beuckens, Speech Language Pathologist, Sonya Mingo, Occupational Therapist. This class will provide an overview of ASD including a definition, history and early signs/symptoms. We will offer practical strategies to use with young children with ASD in their home, child care and preschool environments. (All)
- D. **Dental Health** - Becky Lommen, RDN, Oral Health Consultant for WCIF. Early Dental Care is critical from brushing & flossing to the dangerous "bottle rot". Learn what you can do as a child care educator to be pro-active in this area. (All)
- E. **Simple Science Fun** - Kris Maehrer, Educational Resources, The Fishing Pond, St. Cloud. This class is a hands-on exploration of easy and fun science experiments you can do with kids of all ages! Discover how fun science using household items can be and bring a little exploration to your world! (T, P, SA)

**1:15 - 2:45 p.m. Session II**

- F. **Read It Again** - Deb Mercier, Author, Same as A.
- G. **First Grade Here We Come** - District 206 Kindergarten teachers, Same as B.
- H. **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Young Children** - Jill Beuckens, Speech Language Pathologist, Sonya Mingo, Occupational Therapist. Same as C.
- I. **Dental Health** - Becky Lommen, RDN, Oral Health Consultant for WCIF. Same as D
- J. **Simple Science Fun** - Kris Maehrer, Educational Resources, The Fishing Pond, St. Cloud. Same as E.

**Registration Fee: \$40.00**  
**Includes continental breakfast, lunch, handouts and certificate**  
 Registration Deadline is September 12, 2008 (postmarked)  
 Late Registration fee: \$45.00 (after September 13, 2008)  
 ‡ Vendors will have items on display for purchase  
 ‡ A Certificate of up to (5.5) clock hours will be provided

**Special hotel room rates are available upon request.**  
**Mention ATC Conference when making reservation.**  
 Hampton Inn: 320-763-3360,  
[www.alexandriasuitesmn.hamptoninn.com](http://www.alexandriasuitesmn.hamptoninn.com)  
 2 Queen or 1 King @ \$116.96 - Suite \$130.46  
 Hold by 8-19-08

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Motel USA: 320-762-5161  
 \$77.00  
 Hold by 8-19-08

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Super 8: 320-763-6552  
 \$65.88 + tax  
 Hold by 8-30-08

**Parking may be limited in the North Lot due to Motor Cycle Training.  
 Please use the West Visitor lot, the SW lot by the Book Store Bldg or the Jefferson High School Lot.**

**Registration: Caring For Kids & Those Who Care**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Conf. Registration Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (after Sept. 13 - \$45)

Session Choices:      Choice

11:00-12:30 p.m.      \_\_\_\_\_

1:15 - 2:45 p.m.      \_\_\_\_\_

Return registration and fee to:  
**Alexandria Technical College**  
**Customized Training**  
**1601 Jefferson Street, Alexandria MN 56308**

If you have any questions call 320-762-4510 or 1-888-234-1313

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