Conference Presentations by CDL Head Teachers and Academic Specialists
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April 2016, Karen Mills and Laurie Linscott, Early Care and Education Online BA Degree through MSU, MiAEYC, Grand Rapids, MI.

April 2016, Patricia Cudahy and Lillian McFarlin, Art for Toddlers, MiAEYC, Grand Rapids, MI.

April 2016, Katherine Ealy and Patricia Cudahy, What Did My Child Do Today? MiAEYC, Grand Rapids, MI.

April 2016, Marisa Diaz and Katherine Ealy, Building a Rich, Best Practice Infant Environment, MiAEYC, Grand Rapids, MI.

April 2016, Sarah Belanger and Katie Nicholson, Creating a Developmentally Appropriate Toddler Environment, MiAEYC, Grand Rapids, MI.

April 2016, Lillian McFarlin, The How and Why of Thematic Webbing, MiAEYC, Grand Rapids, MI.

April 2016, Susima Weerakoon, Sarah Helper and Danielle Zeolla, How to Scaffold Preschoolers’ Early Writing Skills, MiAEYC, Grand Rapids, MI.

February 2016, Luci Atalla, Science and Exploration, Coming Together for Children, Lansing, MI.

February 2016, Sarah Belanger & Patricia Cudahy, Toddler Environments, Coming Together for Children, Lansing, MI.

February 2016, Erica Colon, Block Area- It’s About More Than Just Building, Coming Together for Children, Lansing, MI.

February 2016, Marisa Diaz and Katherine Ealy, Building a Best Practice Rich Infant Classroom, Coming Together for Children, Lansing, MI.

February 2016, Lillian McFarlin, Picture Book Activities, Coming Together for Children, Lansing, MI.

February 2016, Sally Mowers, Early Math Counts, Coming Together for Children, Lansing, MI.
February 2016, Nora Thompson, Coming To Know a Child: Developing Skills of Observation, Coming Together for Children, Lansing, MI.

June 2015, Wan Hsuan Lin & Laurie Linscott, Cultural Competence in an Early Childhood Setting: Supporting Children and Families, National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Sciences, Taiwan.

May 2015, Julie Brower, Guest Lecturer, Chang Gung University for Science and Technology, Taiwan.

May 2015, Julie Brower & Wan Hsuan Lin, Math in Early Childhood Workshop, Chang Gung University for Science and Technology, Taiwan.

April 2015, Jennifer Davis, Hailey Farber, Cirea Rodgers, Hannah Maher, Shelby Brubaker, Creating a Toddler Environment, MiAEYC, Grand Rapids, MI.


February 2015, Jennifer Davis, Art and Music with Infants and Toddlers, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.


February 2015, Jennifer Davis & Marissa Diaz, Art and Music with Infants and Toddlers, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.

February 2015, Lucinda Atalla, Wonderful World of Science, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.

February 2015, Julie Brower, How is the Weather in Your Center, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.

February 2015, Nora Thompson, The Language of Materials, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.

February 2015, Sally Mowers, Early Math Counts, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.

February 2015, Erica Colon, Inclusion: Strategies to Support All Areas of Development, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.

February 2015, Sarah Belanger & Kristen Luedtke, Let’s Get Messy: Sensory Experiences Birth to Three, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.
February 2015, Laurie Linscott, Family Engagement: One Size Does Not Fit All, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.

November 2014, Jennifer Davis & Marissa Diaz, Art and Music with Infants and Toddlers, NAEYC, Dallas, TX.


February 2014, Jennifer Davis & Marissa Diaz, Infant and Toddler Routines and Relationships, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.

February 2014, Sarah Belanger, How to Create a Developmentally Appropriate Classroom, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.

February 2014, Sally Mowers, Hearing the Voice of the Quiet Child, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.


January 2014, Julie Brower & Jane Bobay, Adults as Partners in Children's Play, Michigan Collaborative Early Childhood Conference, Dearborn, MI.

January 2014, Laurie Linscott, Family Engagement: One Size Does Not Fit All, Michigan Collaborative Early Childhood Conference, Dearborn, MI.


February 2013, Debbie Mendelson, Preschool Rock! Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.

February 2013, Lucinda Atalla, Fun with Science, Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.


February 2013, Erica Colon, From Storybooks to Free Choice. Coming Together for Children Conference, Lansing, MI.

January 2013, Laurie Linscott, Supporting Kindergarten Transitions. Ingham Great Start Kindergarten Transition Committee Professional Development.


January 2013, Laurie Linscott, Julie Brower, Units of Study: Effective Use of Theme Planning. Michigan Early Childhood Collaborative Conference, Dearborn, MI.

March 30, 2012 - Lisa Foster, Open-ended Art Experiences for Young Children. Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children. Grand Rapids, MI.


March 29, 2012 - Erica Colón & Danielle Savory, Inclusion Strategies to Support All Learners. Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children. Grand Rapids, MI.


April 1, 2011 – Danielle Savory & Lisa Foster, Strategies that Support All Children in an Inclusive, Tolerant Environment, Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children. Grand Rapids, MI.


March 26, 2010 - Julie Brower, Lisa Foster and Erica Colón, Strategies that Support all Children in an Inclusive, Tolerant Environment. Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children. Grand Rapids, MI.

February 6, 2010 - Lisa Foster and Danielle Savory, Exploring the Natural World. Coming Together for Children Child Development Conference. Lansing, MI.


March 18, 2008 - Laurie Linscott & Kellye Wood, Supporting Children's Positive Kindergarten Transitions. Parent meeting. MSU CDL. Haslett, MI.


July 17, 2006 - Laurie Linscott., Authentic Assessment and the Garden Project. Presentation to Human Development and Family Studies Graduate class, MSU. East Lansing, MI.


April 2006 - Laurie Linscott., Inclusion Model at MSU CDL: Transitioning from Early On. Early Staff, MSU CDL. Haslett, MI.


January 2006 - Laurie Linscott., Integrating Programs. Presentation to Office of Young Children Director's Tour, MSU CDL. Haslett, MI.