

Fort Collins Partners in Child Care Association 14th Annual Fall Festival Conference



Saturday, September 22, 2018
First United Methodist Church
1005 South Stover
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Schedule of Events

7:15 Registration Vendors and Light Breakfast
7:45 Welcome and Announcements
8:00 DeAnna Gillan "We Are All Creative Players"
9:00 Key Note Speaker: Sam Adams "Laughter is Good Business"
10:15 Break/Door Prizes/ Vendors
10:45 Lora Grippin: "Take Charge of Your Ship, Crew and Course" Or
10:45 Sarah Doyle "Best Practices in Outdoor Learning Environments" **This is a breakout class limited to 30**
12:15 Lunch/Door Prizes/Vendors
1:00 William Wride: "Building Relationships with Children and Families."
2:00 Break/Door Prizes/Vendors
2:15 Amanda Mahoney: "Show Your Self-Compassion"
3:30 Grand Prize Drawings/Closing Remarks

Our Speakers

6 clock hours of training for CDHS licensing requirements

DeAnna Gillan This interactive and entertaining presentation will prove that YOU are a creative player! Tips, tools and resources will be shared to encourage and facilitate the performing arts in your program.

Sam Adams The "Laughter Is Good Business" presentation offers the "Five P's To Success", with insights from Sam's personal and professional Odysseys, with great stories and helpful, humorous tips from his personal experiences about how to maintain and utilize one's sense of humor to achieve measures of success.

Lora Grippin Lora will discuss: Motivation to Take Charge, Making Changes, Setting Goals, How to Move Towards Goals

Sarah Doyle The outdoor learning environment is an integral part of any early childhood program, but it is often overlooked and under-utilized. By re-imagining the outdoor learning environment as a dynamic and variable space, educators will gain new insights into ways to ensure no two days outdoors are ever the same.

William Wride Take away strategies on how to build trust, confidence, and ease in your relationships with children and families even with difficult situations.

Amanda Mahoney Avoid compassion fatigue and burnout by engaging in strategies to help promote a healthy mindset within yourself.

This conference is for all Child Care Professionals, Home-Based Providers, Center-Based Staff, Early Head Start, Pre-School, and Child Advocates.

Questions? Contact Rhonda Peterson at 970-204-0241 or vipertech425@yahoo.com

Spoons

A light breakfast will be served and lunch will be catered by Spoons. Gluten free options are available, but for any other dietary needs please feel free to bring your own.

Bring a monetary donation, or new laundry detergent, garbage bags, shower curtains or liners, queen or twin size comforters or wash cloths for Brent's Place and receive a free door prize raffle ticket. See www.brentsplace.org for more information.

Registration fee \$50.00
Registration fee after Sept 17th \$60.00
Walk-In Registration fee \$60.00 (if space allows)
Become a member of FCPIC \$25.00
Registration fee for FCPIC members is \$45.00
Directors register 5 and your 6th registration is free

Return this form with registration fee to:

Melanie Kunisch FCPIC/Treasurer
6509 Fossil Crest Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80525
Make checks payable to FCPIC

The breakout class at 10:45 with ECHO is limited to the first 30 that register for it.

All registrations received after the class is filled will attend the 10:45 class with Lora Grippin.

If attending the breakout class check here _____

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Source ECC

Let's gather together for a fun filled day of learning, pampering, and shopping with your favorite Vendors!



Sam Adams has reinvented himself not once, but twice since moving to the Rocky Mountain region in 1984. As an award-winning newspaper and television sports journalist Sam has nearly 30 years of professional experience covering high-profile sporting events, from Super Bowls to Olympiads. As a prize winning standup comedian with a profanity-free-act, Sam has become a sought-after performer on the corporate entertainment circuit. As a motivational public speaker, Sam Adams reinforces an importance to embrace passions and prepare to the fullest for all endeavors. He recommends that you view your life's encounters through a humorous lens to alleviate tensions-at home, in the work place or with your own private thoughts. Sam is a Cleveland, Ohio native who, at age 24 took to heart the famous phrase "Go West, Young Man." He moved to Denver, Colorado with an open mind for embracing new opportunities and challenges in his life. In 1986 Sam accepted a part-time job covering high school sports for The Denver Post. In 1992 the Post rewarded Sam for his hard work with a full-time position, adding him to newspaper's team of reporters covering the Denver Broncos. Sam's work as a beat reporter and features writer with the Post gained notice from afar by The Charlotte Observer, and the newspaper lured him to North Carolina in 1995. A year later Sam returned to Denver, to lead the Rocky Mountain News' Broncos coverage. In 1997 the News promoted Sam to columnist. He was a mainstay in the newspaper's sports section with a column that appeared five times a week. In 2003 Sam received the "Print Journalist of The Year" award from the Colorado Association of Black Journalists. Sam's decision to pursue a career as a comedian was accelerated by the Rocky Mountain News' untimely closure in February, 2009, and bolstered by his performances at the Great American Comedy Festival in June, 2009. Sam won first place in the festival's amateur division, and, after accepting a last minute invitation to compete in the professional division, he won second place in a field of seasoned national headliner comedians. The "Laughter is Good Business" presentation offers the "Five P's To Success", with insights from Sam's personal and professional odysseys, with great stories and helpful, humorous tips from his personal experiences about how to maintain and utilize one's sense of humor to achieve measures of success. Sam's ability to connect with audiences of all ages and professions, both as a journalist, comedian and public speaker, is summed up by a tribute in his book "If You Don't Believe Me: Lessons Learned From Listening To The Greats" offered by legendary Pro Football Hall of Famer John Elway. Elway writes, through the ups and downs of an NFL career, I developed great trust, respect, and appreciation for Sam. Blending an uncanny ability to mix humor with keen insight and knowledge. Sam is a one-of-a-kind story teller.

Lora Grippin is the Mother of three children ages 18, 21, and 27. She has 6 years' experience working in child care centers, including 2 years at Spangdahlem Air Force Base Child Care Center in Germany. She has been a state licensed child care provider and certified preschool teacher for the past 11 years. Lora currently runs her own home child care preschool in Sterling and recently received a Level 5 Rating in Colorado Shines. She was chosen by Colorado Shines as Colorado's early Childhood Professional of the Year and will receive that award in September. Lora is also a trainer for "Love and Logic Classroom."

Deanna Gillan has had a love for musical theater for as long as she can remember. She absolutely loves to perform and teach children and so, having the opportunity to do both is a dream come true. Her main objective is to cultivate children's innate creativity to come forth through the arts. Deanna received her B.A. in Elementary and Special Education with a M.A. in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY. She brings 10 years of diverse performance and teaching experience to the Fort Collins area. Deanna has trained and studied under several vocal and acting coaches in NY and CO. Deanna serves several preschools and schools around the area such as Children's House Montessori, Laura's Learn and Play, Arts and Imagination Preschool, Kris' Kids, Debra Davis Daycare, Redeemer Lutheran Church Childhood Center, Fort Collins Montessori, and La-De-Da Performing Arts with her performing arts enrichment program, Playcrafters. She fills up her summer with countless theater camps for children ages 5-15. Deanna co-directed an original play, En Route, at the 2018 Fort Collins Fringe Festival that won 1st place for the Artist's Choice Award. Her recent performances include Belle in FCCT "Beauty and the Beast," Amana in La-De-Da's "A Christmas Carol," and Gertrude in FCCT Seussical." Deanna serves on the Fort Collins Children's Theater board and volunteers with Fort Collins Read Aloud. She is a native New Yorker, but calls Fort Collins home with her husband their daughter.

William Wride has taught for 29 years, 4 years in first grade and 25 years at BF Kitchen Elementary School in Loveland teaching kindergarten. Bill serves as a lead teacher and was named "Teacher of The year" in 2010. Bill has experience as a trainer in ECE-CARES and loves working with teachers and caregivers of children of all ages. Bill plays the guitar, sings, and dances with his students every day.

Amanda D. Mahoney, MA, MFT is a private practitioner in Colorado who has been dedicated to supporting grieving children and families for over a decade. She has and continues to speak on the local and national level on the topic of children's grief, teen grief, pet loss, compassion fatigue, and self-care. Amanda received her BA from Boston College and her MA in Clinical Psychology with an Emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy from Pepperdine University. A Stanford University, School of Medicine, CCRE (Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education), Trained and Senior Certified CCT (Compassion Cultivation Training) Instructor, she was excited to be the first to offer CCT in Colorado. Amanda is co-founder of Grief Support of the Rockies and offers Compassion Cultivation Training in Fort Collins, Boulder and Denver.

Sarah Doyle, PLA, (ECHO) Design Manager is an innovative landscape architect/land planner with eighteen years of landscape industry experience specializing in community development, child care and schoolyard design, and parks and recreation. Her role as ECHO Design Manager includes development of design standards and systems, overseeing design project workflow and delivery, creating project schedule, guiding the ECHO design team in generating developmentally-appropriate, custom design solutions driven by clients and site users, and supervising the creation of site base plans, schematic plans, planting plans, cost opinions, and presentations on naturalized play and learning environments at child care centers and community sites. Her dedication to landscape architecture is evident through her volunteer work with ACE Mentoring of Colorado, Colorado Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects, JSR Foundation, and her involvement at Sunrise Senior Center and Project Angel Heart. Doyle earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Design and Contracting from Colorado State University and her Masters of Landscape Architecture and Masters of Urban Regional Planning from the University of Colorado Denver.