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**Conferences Schedule**

- **8:15 AM** – **9:00 AM**: Registration & Continental Breakfast
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**SESSION A: 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM**

**A1. Meeting All Children’s Needs for Touch**
Francis Carlson, Bridgewater State College
Learn how to offer appropriate touch to children from birth to age eight. Find out how much touch a child needs, what makes a touch appropriate, and how to offer it to children with touch-related special needs.

**A2. Big Math for Small Minds:** Building Appropriate Learning Opportunities into Children’s Choice Time
Gay Nelson, Bridgewater State College
Materials will be shared that encourage children to develop foundational mathematical concepts during self-initiated play. Lots of ways to augment your learning environment in expensive, hands-on ways will be shared.

**A3. Using Sign Language with Infants, Toddlers, and Non-Verbal Preschoolers**
Allison Ginger, Educational Consultant
Sign language is a great tool for empowering children with emerging language skills. Many difficult behaviors arise from the frustration of not being able to express yourself. This workshop will introduce basic signs, and ways to incorporate signing into your curriculum.

**A4. Observing Development: Methods & Outcomes**
Michelle Manganaro, Pilgrim Child Care & Preschool
Examine ways to develop observations skills, and how observations can affect decision making in a program. Take a look at methods of observation, what we need to be looking for, techniques for recording and sharing our observations with parents, and how to use the observations in planning.

**A5. Eco-Healthy Child Care**
Kristen Lind, Child Care Network/CACCI
Learn about the Eco-Healthy Child Care checklist with easy to use instruments, rhythms, voice and songs that will help your day flow more smoothly.

**SESSION B: 1:15 PM – 3:15 PM**

**B1. Sing Through the Day**
Tina Stone, Tunes ‘n Tales by Tina
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**B2. Movement Makes Sense**
Eva Fitzgerald, Better Behavior Bureau
How important is movement to learning and behavior? They have constant interplay! Together we will explore a series of simple movements and experience that enhance whole-brain learning and support the development of self-regulation. These movements benefit every learner and increase learning outcomes.

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Mitzi Johnson & Patrick Diamond, Whole Person Health
This workshop is an introduction to alternative therapies that help children with a range of special needs. Participants will learn about the current research on various therapies and have an opportunity to personally experience acupuncture first hand.

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Amy O’Leary, Early Education for All Campaign/Strategies for Children, Inc.
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**B5. If I’m in Charge Why is Everybody Laughing?**
Margaret Werner, Wheaton College
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**GEneral INFORMATION**

**Location and Parking:** Directions and maps are available at www.bridgewater.edu/directions.cfm. Registration will be held at Bridgewater State College’s East Campus Commons, 125 Burrill Ave. (028 on the printable campus map). Workshop sessions will be held at the East Campus Commons and nearby buildings. Parking is available in the Meeksley Center Lot (Q on the map).

**Inclement Weather:** The conference will be postponed until Saturday March 13 if Bridgewater State College is officially closed on March 12. This announcement will be aired by 6 a.m. on major television and radio stations. Attendants may also call the college’s inclement weather related events line at 508-531-1271.

**THREE EASY WAYS TO REGISTER:**

1. **Register by Mail:** We will accept a credit card (MasterCard, Visa, or Discover), check or money order for the registration fee. Mail completed registration form and full payment to: External Affairs, Boyden Hall, Room 205, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA 02325.

2. **Register by Fax:** Fax registration forms to 508-531-4725 by March 5th.


**Registration must be postmarked by Friday, Feb. 26.**

**Refunds:** Contact us at 508-531-2725 by March 5 if you want a refund. Full refunds are guaranteed if the conference is cancelled. No refunds will be issued if the conference is postponed until March 13 (see Inclement Weather above).

**Confirmation:** If you want registration confirmation please include your e-mail address, fax number or a self-addressed stamped envelope with your registration.

**Certificates of attendance for your professional development portfolio will be awarded.**

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**Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity:** Bridgewater State College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.
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**Touche: The Missing Link**

**Frances Carlson, M.A.Ed.**, author of *Essential Touch: Meeting the Needs of Young Children*

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A6. Turn Your Playground into The Great Outdoors

**from Bens, New Developments Consulting**

From the No Child Left Inside Movement to the new EEC childhood programs, experts in child development are urging us to give children longer and more meaningful periods of time outside. Learn easy and cost effective ways to create natural playscapes that are good for children’s bodies, minds, and souls.

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