



You must pre-register for this exciting day open to all educators who are invested in the Power of K. See registration form on page 12.

The Power of K: Kindergartens of the 21st Century

Saturday, September 20 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Participate in a motivational, inspirational, energetic and fun day focused on the power of the kindergarten year in the lives of children and their families! Rediscover the power of the environment in young children's lives and the power of using learning centers to reach the needs of all children. Spend a day with kindergarten colleagues sharing and learning about effective and appropriate practices in kindergarten classrooms of the 21st Century. Presenters include NC kindergarten teachers, administrators, university faculty and early education consultants.

Opening Session

The Power of the Kindergarten Environment

Eva Phillips and Amy Smith, Primary Team, Elementary Division, NC Department of Public Instruction
8:30 am - 9:15 am

Morning Breakout Sessions: Powerful Environments

9:30 am – 10:45 am

Following the opening session, participants will attend one pre-selected session demonstrating the Power of the Kindergarten Environment as addressed in the 2007 NC Kindergarten Position Statement. Sessions will explore strategies for creating effective learning centers and examine ways to incorporate observation, documentation, dialogue, questioning and the NC Kindergarten Standard Course of Study into the center-based environment. Seating for conference sessions is limited, so be sure to include your alternate choices on the registration form.

- A1: Powerful Environments
- A2: Powerful Assessment
- A3: Powerful Conversations
- A4: Powerful Learning

Lunch Break

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Enjoy a lunch break on your own. The surrounding area offers a variety of eating establishments. Also use this time to explore the Exhibit Hall.

NCAeyc Closing Keynote Address

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Clarissa Willis, Associate Director, Center of Excellence in Early Childhood Learning and Development, East Tennessee SU

Afternoon Breakout Sessions I & II

Session I: 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

Session II: 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Following the Closing Keynote, participants will attend two pre-selected sessions. Each session will take a closer look at learning centers and the powerful role they play in meeting national, state and local expectations in math and literacy. Seating for conference sessions is limited, so be sure to include your alternate choices on the registration form.

- B1: Math and Literacy in the Art Center
- B2: Math and Literacy in the Block Center
- B3: Math and Literacy in the Dramatic Play Center
- B4: Math and Literacy in the Outdoor Center
- B5: Math and Literacy in the Sand and Water Center
- B6: Math and Literacy in the Science Center