

## P.M. Sessions 1:00 - 2:15

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### A Handful of Language-Baby Signs

*Presented by Nina Wagar*

Participants will obtain information regarding basic communication development in infants and toddlers; specifically, expressive and receptive language milestones. The benefits of sign language will be discussed and participants will learn a functional signing vocabulary to use and adapt to the needs of infants and toddlers.

### Storytelling with Puppets

*Presented by Lois Sprengnether Keel, Storyteller and Puppeteer*

Discover a wide variety of ways to use puppets to playfully encourage literacy. Do you have puppets and don't know enough ways to use them? Or, do you need to find material that will let you use them? You will leave this workshop with a multitude of ideas for your puppets as characters in stories or in smaller ways with music, poetry, humor and more. No ventriloquism necessary! In addition, sources of performance materials, online and in print will be explored.

### Sensory Integration and the Formation of Relationships

*Presented by Gretchen Bartelli, MSW, CAC, and Patty Clark, MA, LLPC, IMH-E III*

Gretchen and Patty will share hands-on techniques on how to integrate sensory activities in the classroom that will benefit all children as well as those with a sensory integration dysfunction. You will also receive an in-depth overview of the dysfunction.

### Art Using Everyday Resources

*Presented by Rachel Arndt, Curriculum Coordinator at Northern Michigan Community Child Care*

This session will make use of community resources to provide open-ended art activities for young learners.

### Using Great Start Connect to Support Michigan's Families and Build the Quality of Care

*Presented by Cheryl Priest, Executive Director Great Start Connect Resource Center, CMU Professor Child Development*

For the first time ever, Michigan has a statewide database that includes ALL licensed and registered child care providers. This session will demonstrate how to use CONNECT to drive parents towards your program, to find and register for professional development, to improve the quality of care, and to link to valuable resources.

## P.M. Sessions 2:30 - 3:45

### Learning Math through Music, Play and Literacy

*Presented by Liz Beasley, Executive Director North Country Kids Daycare and Preschool Academy*

Participants will learn and explore creative ways to incorporate opportunities for math development into their full curriculum. This is a practical session with a focus on 3-11 year olds.

### Thinking Out of the Box

*Presented by Sommer Poquette, Director Great Start Collaborative*

Learn how to use cardboard boxes for creative and imaginative play with young children. Recycling and reusing fridge boxes to create play houses, forts, trains, castles, stores, boats, hot air balloons and more!

### Growing Your Professional Profile by Contributing to Michigan's CONNECTIONS for a Great Start Quarterly Magazine

*Presented by Cheryl Priest and Dawn Kalkman*

The Great Start Connect resource Center is publishing a quarterly magazine for all Michigan child care providers, partners, and parents. Find out how you can contribute photos, articles, activity ideas, and college student essays. You may be awarded statewide recognition, financial incentives, and other rewards.

### The Difference Differentiated Instruction Makes

*Presented by Marsha Miller and Angela Norvell, Kalkaska C.A.R.E.S. Early Reading First project*

How do teachers make small group meaningful? In this session, we will explore the use of data to inform instruction. Through the use of hands-on activities, participants will learn strategies in order to differentiate their teaching.

### Promoting Literacy through Play

*Presented by Wendy Ernst*

Participants will learn new ways to incorporate literacy rich experiences throughout the preschool curriculum through play. Storytelling and extensions will be demonstrated and resources will be provided to immediately implement in the classroom.

### Connections to Families and Literacy in Other Places

*Presented by Rachael Birgy and Tracy Spincich*

This session will provide useful information on the importance of connecting with parents and families. Participants will walk away with hands on ideas and strategies. Connections to "literacy in other places" will also be explored, giving ideas for connecting literacy to the outdoors, field trips, and more!



Friday, October 1, 2010

8:00 - 4:00 pm

North Central Michigan College, Petoskey

The value of  
**play, music play and literacy**  
with Jim Gill

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# Schedule at a Glance

## Keynote: Songs to Read! Books to Sing!

By Jim Gill

**When:** 9:15-10:30

**Where:** Student Center/Conference Center 3 & 4 (building number 10 on the map in your conference folder)

Children's author and musician Jim Gill will offer both songs to read and books to sing in this energizing session. In his humorous and straightforward style, Jim reveals the wonderful connections between music, play and literacy. You'll enjoy the opportunity to take part in reading songs and singing books that you can bring back to your program and integrate into your work with children!

Jim Gill spent twenty years directing programs in music play for families with children with special needs in the Chicago area. His unique approach of combining word play and movement opportunities into songs were developed through this work. He now presents concerts of "music and play" to children and families throughout the country at libraries, schools, and theaters. Jim also speaks to early childhood educators throughout the country about the many benefits of play in young children's lives.

Jim has produced five award-winning CDs of music play for young children that are favorites in classrooms, playrooms and family rooms. Jim is also the author of two picture books for children. His latest, A Soup Opera, is a sing-along opera inspired by concerts that Jim performs with symphony orchestras. The book received a 2010 Notable Award from the American Library Association. His first book, May There Always Be Sunshine, received the 2002 Book Award from the Philadelphia Children's Museum. Jim has a Master's degree in Child Development from the Erikson Institute of Chicago.

For more information follow this link. [www.jimgill.com](http://www.jimgill.com). *Jim Gill materials are available at the Keynote Session.*

### REGISTRATION & PACKET PICK UP:

8:00 – 9:00 Lobby of the Administration/Classroom Building. Pick up your conference packet, visit the vendors and information tables, and walk over to the Student Center for coffee and conversation before the 9:15 Keynote: Songs to Read! Books to Sing! with Jim Gill

### COFFEE BREAK:

8:15 - 9:15 Before the Keynote in the Student Center.

### KEYNOTE:

9:15 - 10:30 Jim Gill - Student Center/Conference Center 3 & 4  
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### A.M. SESSIONS:

10:45 - Noon Administration/Classroom Building and ECE Building

### LUNCH:

12:00 - 12:45 Box Lunches available in the Student Center. Grab a box and find a place indoors or outdoors and enjoy.

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1:00 - 2:15 Administration/Classroom Building and ECE Building  
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### VENDORS:

10:30 - 10:45 Vendors and information tables are on site all day in the Administration/Classroom Building. There will be multiple drawings for Giveaways throughout the day and at the end of the day. Be sure to visit the Vendors table for a chance to win and check the White Board in the Lobby for the on-going Winner's List!

# Registration Form

On-site registration also available at 8:00 a.m. Contact Yolonda Barrette @ 231.348.6703 with questions.  
For lodging information contact the Petoskey Area Chamber of Commerce, 231.347.4150

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (will be shared with vendors) NAEYC Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Registration Fees: (refreshments and lunch are included in fee)

**\$30** Pre-register NAEYC member, **\$40** Pre-register non-member, **\$50** onsite registration

Make checks payable to ECE-Windows of Opportunity and mail with registration form to:

**Early Care and Education Window of Opportunity**  
1515 Howard Street  
Petoskey, MI 49770

Or, make payment by credit card: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_

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## A.M. Sessions 10:45 - Noon

### I Am Moving, I Am Learning

*Presented by Susan Browder and Jennifer Vanderlugt, Education Coordinators for Head Start, NMCCA*

Jen and Sue will show you how to incorporate more movement into your daily schedule. They will motivate you to try these techniques by sharing the research on how learning increases when children are moving.

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### Conscious Discipline® Building Family Connection

*Presented by Lesa Rice, Certified Conscious Discipline Instructor*

Participants will gain an understanding of Conscious Discipline®, an emotional intelligence program based on Dr. Becky Bailey's Brain Smart® strategies, and how to implement it in life and work. For parents, teachers, and administrators who want to change from the traditional reward and punishment model to promoting positive behavior changes in a relationship based community model that relies on cultivating higher order thinking skills.

### Enhancing Children's Language and Vocabulary through Dramatic Play

*Presented by Jody Wade, Head Start Preschool teacher*

Jody will inspire you as she creatively shares how to increase children's language and vocabulary (literacy skills) through her enhanced and expanded dramatic play area.

### Get Moving with Zoo-phonics!

*Presented by Tamila Walker and Jana Walker, Watch Me Grow Child Development Center*

Learning sounds of letters through movement using zoo animals. The greatest aspect of this program is that it works. Children can learn sounds of letters within 2 weeks!

### Teaching in Nature

*Presented by Alison Berry, Little Traverse Conservancy Educator*

Take your children outdoors to teach them about nature. In this interactive workshop you will discover engaging and hands-on ideas that can be infused in the curriculum to bring the "outdoor classroom" into daily living. Tips on creating nature inspired indoor and outdoor spaces, rekindling the sense of wonder, and resource ideas to include nature in the classroom.

**Check the White Board in the Lobby for the Giveaway winners throughout the day – it could be you!**

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