

# BUILDING STRONG BRAINS TOGETHER

A Conference for a Multidisciplinary Approach  
to Understanding ACEs and Best Practices

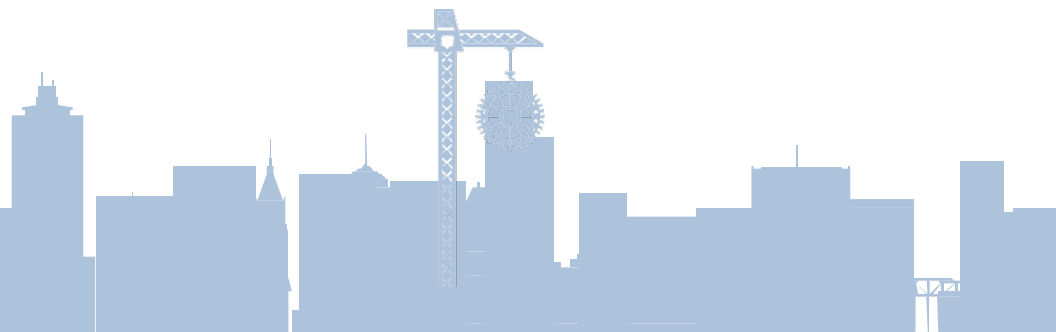


MARCH 24-25, 2017



# OVERVIEW

Early childhood educators, program administrators, social workers, psychologists, infant mental health professionals, child and family advocates, students, and researchers will be able to explore the latest research around adverse childhood experiences and learn from one another. Presentations on Saturday are specifically designed for early childhood educators who work with children daily in early childcare environments. Whether you are a newcomer to the field or an experienced professional, this conference is a great opportunity to help advance our shared work on behalf of children during their most critical period of development and learning. Information will be shared about how to mitigate adverse childhood experiences through recommended programs and practices.



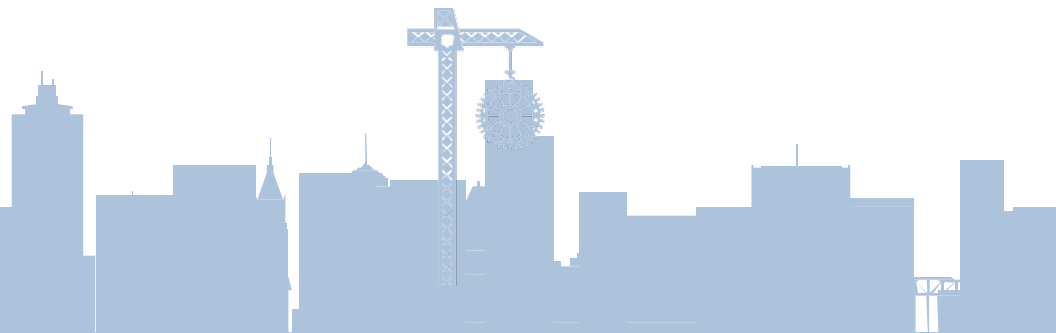
## FRIDAY CONFERENCE TOPICS

- Promoting Early Relationships to Foster Long Term Resiliency
- Regional Intervention Prevention Program
- Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch Programs
- Emergency Procedures and Disaster Response\*
- Parent Support Warm Line
- DHS Childcare Safety Regulations and Overview\*
- Handling and Storage of Hazardous Materials and Disposal of Bio-containments\*
- Small Business Planning & Startup
- Marketing your Business

## SATURDAY CONFERENCE TOPICS

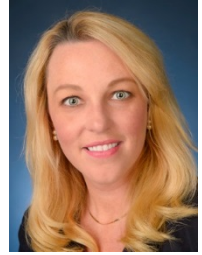
- Abusive Head Trauma\*
- Red Flags for Autism
- ASQ: Ages and Stages Developmental Screenings
- Shelby County Sheriff Dept. – Community Service Programs & Resources
- Nurturing a Community
- Stewards of Children: Darkness to Light
- Professionalism – Hiring Practices & Customer Service
- Medication Administration\*
- Nurturing Growth through Interactions

\*Meets TN DHS Licensing Mandated Training Requirements



# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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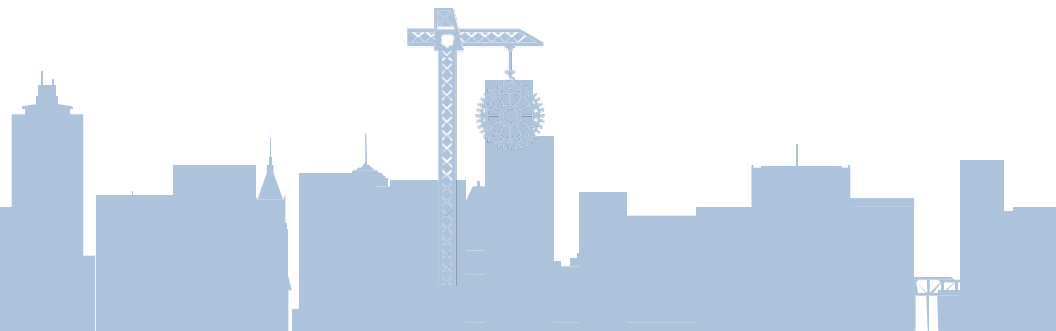


## FRIDAY KEYNOTE

“Adverse Childhood Experiences:

What Science Tells Us and How to Foster Resilience.”

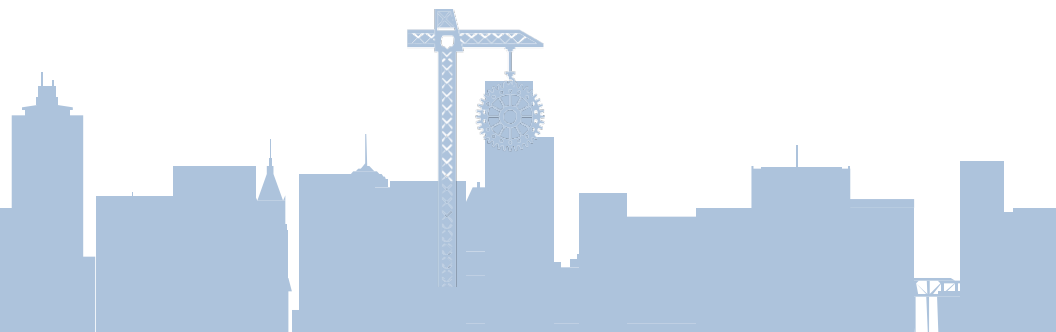
This talk will discuss the latest findings in the neuroscience of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and childhood trauma and what practitioners, researchers and educators need to know to help families foster resilience. Healthy, adaptive attachments and supportive environments strengthen neural connections. Working with families to provide enriching attachment based experiences, new neural connections can form and activate a child’s genetic potential. The purpose of this presentation is to introduce the neurobiology of ACEs and to introduce a new and innovative treatment framework founded on evidenced-based treatment interventions. This methodology will provide helpful tools to work with families in an effort to combat and prevent future exposure to ACEs.



## SATURDAY KEYNOTE

“Adverse Childhood Experiences and Attachment:  
What’s the Significance?”

This talk will provide an introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences and will address the significant role of attachment relationships in the fostering of resilience. Our earliest experiences with our caregivers provide the foundation for the patterns and interactions through which we navigate the world. Healthy and secure attachments in childhood provide the lens through which we can see and explore the world; engage in adaptive interpersonal relationships; develop self-control; build a sense of self-esteem and self-efficacy; and nurture adaptive behaviors. Children growing up in an environment with exposure to multiple ACEs and in a home with chronic and toxic stress can cause a number of attachment related problems. This talk will address the significance of attachment relationships in child development and ACE prevention and provide concrete techniques and interventions to help foster secure attachments for children and families.



## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Holiday Inn University of Memphis  
3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38152

\* Discounts available for conference attendees

## REGISTRATION FEES

Early Bird (Registration by March 1st)

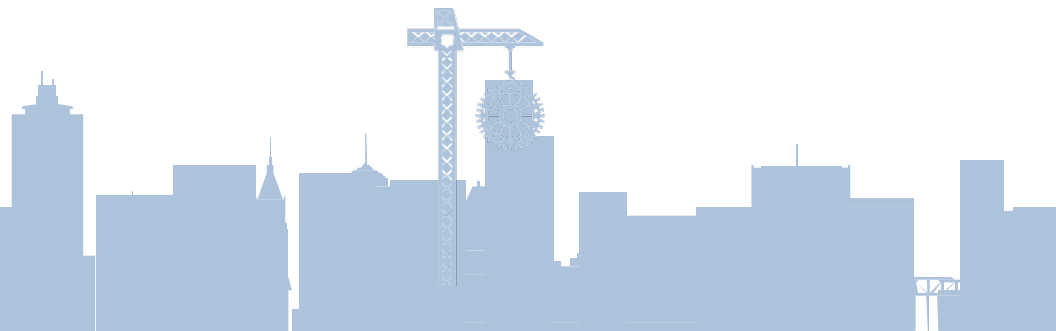
One Day: \$35    Two Day: \$60

Regular Registration

One Day: \$45    Two Day: \$80

On-site Registration

\$55 per day



This section should accommodate multiple registrants submitting one payment.

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Registration Type

- Friday     Saturday     Both

Payment Method

- Check             Money Order     Purchase Order

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