

# *Conference Evaluation*

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**2007 Tri-State  
Child Care Conference**  
**October 6, 2007**  
**Marina Inn**  
**South Sioux City, NE**

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## Demographics

Number returning evaluation ..... 283  
 Number of attendees ..... 335

### Gender:

Female ..... 271  
 Male ..... 8  
 Not Marked ..... 4

### Race:

Native American ..... 17  
 Spanish Origin ..... 7  
 \*White ..... 254  
 Asian ..... 1  
 Black ..... 1  
 Other ..... 1  
 Not Marked ..... 5

(\*White – some marked 2 races)

### Age:

Under 20 ..... 9  
 20-29 ..... 79  
 30-39 ..... 66  
 40-49 ..... 50  
 50-59 ..... 49  
 60-69 ..... 23  
 Over 69 ..... 3  
 Not marked ..... 4

### How many years have you been involved in childcare:

1-2 Years ..... 56  
 3-5 Years ..... 53  
 5-10 Years ..... 59  
 10 or more ..... 99  
 Not Marked ..... 16

### How many children in your direct care:

Infants (under 18 months) ..... 715  
 Toddlers (18 mon.-3 years) ..... 1743  
 Preschool (4-5 years) ..... 2769  
 School age (6 years & Over) ..... 1146  
 Not Marked ..... 15

### I will put one or more of the ideas gained from this conference into practice

Yes ..... 242  
 No ..... 4  
 Not Marked ..... 37

### My workplace is

\*Family Child Care Home ..... 86  
 \*Child Care Center ..... 135  
*\*Some people marked both of these*  
 Preschool ..... 70  
 Grade School/Kindergarten ..... 1  
 Head Start ..... 25  
 Foster Parents ..... 5  
 Other ..... 12

Please list: 2 home daycare; 1 CCR&R; 4 Early Head Start; 1 Before & After School Care; 1 High Scope Pre-K; 1 Resource & Referral; 1 College Student; 1 Work at Sara Lee Foods  
 Not Marked ..... 4

### I Attended Today:

\*Meet License Requirement ..... 109  
 \*Personal/Professional ..... 91  
 Not Marked ..... 119  
 Other (listed below) ..... 9

1-Impressed w/last yr, the organization & facility work great; 1-CEU's; 1-To Gain More knowledge; 1-To Provide Better Care for my daycare children; 1-Fun!; 1-May Made Me; 1-Continuing Ed; 1-Enjoy Coming to these every year; 1-Training Hours.

\*Some people marked Both

### I provide for "Special Needs" children?

Hearing Impaired ..... 10  
 Physical Limitations ..... 10  
 Dietary Restrictions ..... 82  
 Diagnosed Behavior Patterns ..... 136  
 Breathing/Lung Conditions ..... 88  
 Not Marked ..... 178  
 Other ..... 70  
 Autism ..... 19  
 Highly Active ..... 3  
 ADHD ..... 11  
 Help With Reading ..... 2  
 None ..... 1  
 Speech ..... 22  
 Diabetic ..... 2  
 Visually Impaired ..... 1  
 Developmental Delays, speech, And learning ..... 2  
 Behavioral ..... 4  
 Prenatal Drug Exposure ..... 1  
 Seizures ..... 2

## Session Numbers

<b>10:00 - 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Session A</b>	
Experience, Experiment, Explore!*	.....	28
Striving for a "Win-Win" in Difficult Conversations*	.....	76
Bring Your Room to Life	.....	77
Healthy Choices, Aisle by Aisle... A Grocery Store Tour *	.....	57
Strangers & Our Children	.....	28
Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse (A & B)	.....	57
TOTAL in session A	.....	323
<b>11:15 - 12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Session B</b>	
Experience, Experiment, Explore!*	.....	26
Eating with Ethan and Emily*	.....	94
Around the World in Children's Eyes	.....	69
Assessments - Why?*	.....	32
Disaster 101	.....	46
Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse (continued from Session A)	.....	57
TOTAL in session B	.....	324
<b>1:15 - 2:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Session C</b>	
Mastering Record Keeping and Tax Preparation* (C & D)	.....	48
Story Telling Through Musical Sounds, Part II	.....	68
Gentle Hands	.....	56
Dramatic Play for Your Little Stars	.....	67
Backyard Bugs	.....	21
Abuse*	.....	45
TOTAL ins Session C	.....	305
<b>2:30 - 3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Session D</b>	
Mastering Record Keeping and Tax Preparation* (continued from Session C)	.....	46
Tell Me More*	.....	98
Wildlife Feeders	.....	24
Dramatic Play for Your Little Stars	.....	35
Get Up and Groove	.....	36
Soups & Casseroles: Quick vs. Healthy	.....	62
TOTAL in Session D		
<b>Other Numbers:</b>		
Signed up to attend conference ....		359
Paid day of conference .....		1
Requested refund early .....		3
Did not show up for event .....		31
Did not attend due to illness .....		1
Exchange for someone not coming ...		6
<b>Attendees attending .....</b>		<b>335</b>
Committee Members attending .....		18
Volunteers .....		1
Speakers attending .....		23
Exhibitors (booths) .....		6
<b>TOTAL ATTENDING .....</b>		<b>383</b>

## The most important thing I learned today:

### Keynote:

Record keeping & tax preparation. (2)  
 Tom Copeland-excellent speaker and relevant to our business.  
 The record keeping information from Tom Copeland.  
 Tax information (3)  
 Record keeping. (4)  
 Tax deductions for business.

How to make more money in this field by taking all my deductions.  
 What to track and what not for taxes.  
 Tax tips from Tom Copeland.  
 Practice good record keeping!  
 Deductions.  
 Business practices for home providers.  
 What deductions I can claim at the end of the year.  
 Nutrition, tax preparation, write offs.  
 Some with record keeping.  
 Depreciate my things.

## **Protecting Children**

Mandatory reporting.

More information about child abuse.

Just report what a child says, don't question it.

Reporting abuse.

To read the book, "Dealing with people you can't stand." Red flags of abuse.

Reporting abuse.

What to do if I see a child that is being abused and who to call.

How much is not being done to protect children.

Signs & indicators of child abuse/neglect.

Iowa laws according to mandatory reporting

abuse – not to question child – let qualified authorities do this.

I am a mandatory reporter.

Importance of mandatory reporting and bringing great resources to my students.

About Mandatory Reporting

What to look for to report child abuse.

I feel the most important thing or subject was all the different signs and categories of child abuse.

Different types of child abuse, Mandatory Reporting.

This workshop just refreshed my thoughts about abuse.

I know how to take some pain away.

Stranger Danger & Our Children

Stranger Danger with Thad Boyer.

Stranger Danger for kids

What to talk to my class about Stranger Danger.

Reinforcing "Stranger Danger"

Learning about Stranger Danger!

How to talk to my kids about strangers and what to do.

Different kinds of disasters that may occur and how to plan for them.

Disasters and how to handle them.

About disaster.

## **Quality Care**

Having quality childcare, what can I offer?

To help promote my center I can hand out business cards.

Focus on benefits, not features in my daycare.

To show parents what quality is and why it matters to them and their child.

The benefits of daycare profession.

We as care givers teach children from 0 to 8 – more than we know.

Working with a preschool organization is a tremendous responsibility.

I am getting a chance to put a positive impact on children's lives, I need to take advantage of that, get up and get active, set a good example.

Was how to promote our preschool and make our school be the best it can be with the knowledge I learned.

Teaching providers about "marketing benefits of my program."

Children are special.

Is that I love what I do and I am teaching and doing something so incredibly important it is worth the sacrifices I've made.

Tell parents what their children will benefit from our program, not our features.

I am doing things right and I am in the right profession! This conference always gets me fired up for Monday morning!!

The enthusiasm I felt when I first started.

Is that I have a lot to learn.

Assessment is important!

Assess each child each day.

Assess daily.

Is the importance of assessment.

A lot of great info. J

Too many to state.

Is how to be a better teacher to pre-schoolers.

Be enthused!

Nice topics

Is how to care for my preschool children better.

To help the children learn by doing.

That each year I learn – thank you!!! J

I thought Session C was great!

## **Communication**

"Win-Win" in difficult conversations.

About communication with parents & co-workers.

How to talk to parents better.

Immediately agree to meet regarding difficult or misunderstood situation for clarification & peace!

How to deal with difficult conversations and to pay close attention to the little odd things children do say or display.

Communication that stays positive is the best way to solve any problems that child is having.

How to approach people and solve problems.

How to solve problems, and approach people easier.

To understand language of children, how to communicate with children.

If you love the child, help them and don't punish them for who they are.

Was more about the child.

Everything I do impacts their growth and development in more ways than I knew or understood.

Positive reinforcement.

Communicate/be a role model to teach them and provide quality care by knowing and believing in what you offer the child.

When in doubt trust your gut.

Change my communicating; change language, tone and speech.

How to effectively work out problems with people.

How to plan on talking with parents when issues arise.

A plan to talking with parents, that there are steps to follow to be effective.

How to deal with parents.

How to interact better with my children.

The importance of communicating with children, staff and parents.

### **Classroom**

Receiving fun and important ideas for the classroom.  
Children need room to grow and experiment.  
New ideas for my classroom!  
Need to repeat & repeat to children (scream a bit) do a 10 minute session everyday.  
Make more activities for the children to have hands on learning experiences.  
To have fun teaching.  
So much useful info. On science and music application. Thanks!  
About making file folder & making them to big poster board.  
Science does not have to be complicated.  
Is not to get boring with my ideas. Keep things fresh and always introduce new things.  
Use dramatic play.  
Science project/abuse training.  
Science is easy.  
Large interactive bulletin boards.  
Neat ideas for dramatic play.  
How to make file folder games appropriate for 3 year olds.  
Go to plan B at anytime when plan A goes out.  
Making story telling fun for children make it come alive, make props.  
Is how to make stories interesting for children.  
Be a kid within yourself – which I already do.  
To be fun, you have to think like the children.  
Dramatic play & moving.  
How to teach child and still teach them things.  
Use sign language on the children. It just helps reinforce what you're saying.  
How to make classroom more exciting and how to make storytime more fun.  
Books with music.  
Science experiment that I learn in the Experience, Experiment and Explore class.  
To explore things myself (science).  
The bulletin board ideas and the dramatic play are two things I will use a lot more of.  
To make every experience with children fun and relaxing.  
Multi-cultural understanding and acceptance.  
Science  
Get active.  
Involving children with wildlife.  
Putting bulletin boards up for your children, special needs children.  
Good and new ideas to do with the kids.  
Let the children learn through play.  
Be more creative using less money.  
Stand back, let children play.  
Dr. Jean  
Let the child be the child  
Let children be creative

### **Nutrition & Food**

Nutrition  
Read labels on food.  
Read the labels.  
Reading labels and comparing prices and facts in labels.  
Read nutrition labels.  
Reading the nutrition labels to figure the real truth in what we are eating and help to prepare better food choices.  
How to help me and my family eat better.

### **Cultural Awareness**

Around the world in children's eyes. (2)  
Culture diversity, awesome dramatic play ideas!  
Need more cultural awareness in classroom.  
I will try not to be culturally biased, include all cultures.  
Encourage children to play and learn about different cultures.

### **Infant Massage**

Massage for infants.(2)  
Baby massage.  
Massage – colicky babies  
Gentle massages.  
How to massage my baby.

### **Need to work on**

Instructors should have to use the microphone – mandatory!  
Please make better conferences and better stuff.  
This is an activity that our daycare is always looking for and this year it was very boring.  
I learned nothing new.  
I don't know.

1-Always, 2-Most of the Time, 3-Sometimes, 4-Seldom, 5-Never

	Before Today's Conference	After Attending Today's Conference
I feel more confident that my interaction with the children in my care will be more appropriate to their needs and ages.	1 – 71 2 – 109 3 – 73 4 – 9 5 - 1 Not Marked - 20	1 – 126 2 – 100 3 – 8 4 – 11 5 – 5 Not Marked – 33
I can provide more stimulating environments and/or activities for the children I care for.	1 – 59 2 – 113 3 – 80 4 – 10 5 - 1 Not Marked - 20	1 – 127 2 – 88 3 – 14 4 – 13 5 – 3 Not Marked - 38
Use positive reinforcement to modify behavior.	1 – 86 2 – 108 3 – 57 4 – 8 5 - 2 Not Marked - 22	1 – 128 2 – 86 3 – 12 4 – 12 5 – 3 Not Marked - 42
I can improve relationships with parents of the children in my care.	1 – 61 2 – 111 3 – 67 4 – 16 5 - 2 Not Marked - 26	1 – 119 2 – 94 3 – 16 4 – 7 5 – 5 Not Marked - 42
I feel more committed to the profession of childcare.	1 – 97 2 – 102 3 – 43 4 – 13 5 - 3 Not Marked - 25	1 – 152 2 – 69 3 – 7 4 – 8 5 – 7 Not Marked - 40

## What new idea have you learned or what was reinforced by attending this program?:

Dramatic play with the kids more.

N/A

How important it is to be a mandatory reporter.

All the stages of child abuse.

To read labels, make better food choices.

Be enthused!!

How to converse with parents about a problem.

To make sure that I change my viewpoint on eating and cooking.

That we are little ones first teachers and despite what others think, what we do is very important to these little ones.

Food program.

To say something if you think something is wrong!

Several new things learned.

“Don’t be afraid to sell yourself – if you’re good, you’re with the money.”

New ways to add more fun & learning.

I learned a lot and I had the best time too, now I'm going to be a great teacher.

Games with songs.

Fun and attractive bulletin boards, how to make classrooms more exciting but also learning for children.

Some good ideas for songs and activities. Also good dramatic play information.

Incorporating music with stories.

Learned new ideas for bulletin boards.

Storytelling/games

Implement talking about strangers.

That we are not babysitters. We are educators.

Move and groove, teach kids.

Posters for even small children.

Different dramatic play.

That you need to add more fun to the kids learning by involving different activities.

Disaster 101

Need to be more on top of safety issues.

Fun with music

Sometimes you have to be a kid yourself.

That massaging can help with more than relaxation. It also can help with colic, constipation, ear infections, etc.

Think safety for children, challenge them to learn new ideas.  
How to talk with parents and co-workers.  
I learned about massaging toddlers and infants to help with different things.  
New ways to use interactive bulletin boards.  
Updated our mandatory reporting training.  
Music is very important.  
Making poster board, learning boards, using file folder games as source.  
The food choices  
Lots of new info. Nice variety to choose from.  
Making things fun for kids.  
Take a closer look how I care and project of myself and kids.  
Use more music with books.  
Quality vs. rates in childcare are closely tied.  
Always praise children when they do something, make learning fun in books.  
Stranger-Danger – what to exactly say and how often to say it to the children.  
Let kids be creative!  
% DV – I always wondered about that 5/20 rule.  
The communication with a child in an argumentative situation.  
Different kinds of child abuse & what to do about it.  
Lesson plans can't be set for ages 0-3. You must use the child as your guide.  
Easy & inexpensive ways to make finger puppets.  
Prejudice is a learned behavior.  
Music and reading.  
To play and have fun.  
More interaction with the children, fun ways to learn.  
Bulletin boards  
I learned more about child abuse.  
How to react to children and their behaviors.  
If I have a problem at work with someone, confront and talk it out.  
Massage for babies & 1-2 year olds.  
Attended to get more information on children.  
How to make a finger puppet glove.  
To report a situation to DHS or law enforcement.  
All children and parents have different needs.  
I learned how to massage infants.  
Massage, dealing with difficult conversations.  
Massage therapy.  
Baby massage.  
To treat everyone the same.  
Using more drama, more food experiences in the classroom.  
Introducing food/nutrition to the room.  
I will use my imagination to brighten children's lives.  
Interactive bulletin board ideas, science activities.  
Using music and movement to encourage creativity.  
I loved the science one! Lots of ideas.

Abuse, science experiments.  
A lot of new ideas from "Bring Your Room To Life"  
Great bulletin ideas from Bring Your Room To Life", Dramatic Play was full of great ideas!  
That dramatic play is more than just dress-up and anything interactive can be dramatic play.  
Science is not as hard as we think.  
Came up with socialization parent activities, homemade glove puppets.  
It is important for children to experiment, whether they find the answer or not.  
Adding stimulator to daily reading.  
Make food interesting with kids and how to show kids how to play dramatic and have fun.  
How to be prepared better for a disaster in our daycare.  
Handle disasters  
How to give children a better understanding on culture and how everyone is different but it's ok to be different.  
I've learned to present Stranger Danger to my children, learned massaging techniques.  
Speaking and the law.  
More ideas for poster board & work with my children.  
Cultural competency – excellent phrase and informative session for practicing and reinforcing acceptance of others.  
It is nice to know I am doing my job as those are practices I already do!  
Nothing  
Science and music  
Tax info. Was good but I'm more confused.  
Tom Copeland's record keeping  
More science – keep records!  
More record keeping.  
Do more record keeping.  
Depreciation  
Keep children interested and curious  
I liked the bringing your room alive interactive bulletin boards – very practical.  
The tax and record keeping information!  
I learned a lot about bookkeeping where I have been told not to do certain things.  
Better ways to incorporate science.  
Importance of record keeping.  
Tax info. was good.  
How to confront parents in an approachable way.  
Tax preparation.  
Learned about tax deductions.  
How to talk to parents better.  
Nutrition in meals  
Benefit of childcare, what I have to offer.  
How to use assessments.  
2 or 3 benefits to promote my childcare.  
Poster boards – great idea!  
Telling parents cost? Or quality  
How to have quality child care.  
You can do anything that you put your mind to.  
The record keeping was great.

Record keeping.  
 Changing the diet of the children I watch along with myself.  
 Tom Copeland's illegal daycare phone #  
 Ideas for dramatic play and songs to sing  
 Fun and attractive activities for children that are appropriate to their age.  
 Culture is a blue print or lifestyle – make drama count!  
 Make books interactive and make games for them.  
 Dramatic play  
 Bulletin boards  
 Stranger Danger – being safe with children/be more positive assessments.  
 Acting out music and books.  
 Using books  
 Really like Dr. Jean's tape  
 Mandatory Reporting  
 The WOW factor, bugs are fun.  
 I've learned about dramatic play. Different kinds.  
 Some more fun activities to do with children.  
 Win-win, when conversing with co-workers & parents.  
 More and more ways to teach through rhythm & stories.  
 Not just talk about your experience, mention your knowledge.  
 More diversity (multi-cultural) in classroom.  
 The importance of massage, how and when to report child abuse.  
 Better ways to deal with difficult conversations.  
 Encourage exploration.  
 Encourage staff to do more science  
 Science experiments.  
 Learning the trends in childcare and how to better convey how to provide quality care especially through verbiage was essential to where we are at with our business.  
 Creativity, open mind, always making it new.  
 Child abuse reporting.  
 To me, the keynote speaker was pointless.  
 Infant massage was a really good topic.  
 To play with children if needed.  
 Introducing science experiments at school and home.  
 That hands on experience and simple activities can hold children's attention.  
 Interactive bulletins  
 I am a professional  
 Professional practices  
 Fun activities to do with kids  
 Wild bird stuff  
 Some simple science experiments that could be done with the children.  
 Wildlife is great to use.  
 Culture diversity and how important it is to accept each others differences/dramatic play ideas!  
 That there are all kinds of things you can do with children.

Steps for leading a conversation, how to present our program to parents, how to be culturally competent.  
 Language usage; changing language can change minds of parents.  
 Dealing with parents and issues directly, tax info.  
 A lot of deductions I didn't know about.  
 Treat childcare as a profession.  
 I was made aware of child abuse and what to look for.  
 The experiments to learn.  
 I learned so much from this conference.  
 Nothing new.  
 Not to laugh directly at children.

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**The practice I will most likely change/or put into practice because I attended this conference is:**

More stress on learning through play.  
 Dramatic play, finger puppets.  
 Baby massage  
 Healthy eating.  
 Putting more music into my curriculum.  
 More hands on things for my children.  
 Music and story telling.  
 The learning boards.  
 Bulletin board games/try & take more training on assessment/try and make more observes time of bugs & insects, try new food ideas.  
 How to deal with difficult people.  
 Do more prepared activities for my kids.  
 Use more props and puppets during story time.  
 Expanding language usage.  
 Adding instruments to stories.  
 Baby massage  
 Dramatic play ideas!  
 Wildlife  
 More outdoor exploration  
 Backyard bugs – great, easy activities – wildlife feeders too, really good.  
 The keynote speaker was informative, but many people are only “workers” and don't have much to do with the business end of things.  
 Won't feel bad about raising rates.  
 Pay more attention to my business practices.  
 Improving my program.  
 Making a bird feeder and ways to attract birds, and other animals and how they live and what they need to survive.  
 N/A  
 More bulletin boards.  
 More creativity and music.  
 I know that to look for and how my role helps.  
 How to layer the reading experience with fun activities to enrich the experience and help them to love reading even more.  
 Science experiments.

Do more science activities/experiments.  
 Loosen up, let kids get hands on experience.  
 I know I will be better at dealing with difficult situations/conversations.  
 How I try to relax babies before putting them to sleep.  
 "Play" more with the children in my care.  
 Can't fix others, have to fix them self.  
 Baby massage.  
 Getting items for children to use when telling stories.  
 Conversing with co-workers, working out any issues.  
 Music time with children.  
 To try to calm teething, gassy babies through massage.  
 More documentation.  
 Dancing with Dr. Jean  
 Circle time  
 Have Officer Thad come to my home.  
 My acceptance of different ideas.  
 Dramatic play  
 Doing more, to be and let the children be creative.  
 Give the child choices for drama.  
 More singing.  
 More interactive bulletin boards.  
 Information on teaching children about food games.  
 More science.  
 "Putting the ingredients in my sub." – Get up and groove.  
 More accurate record keeping.  
 More interactive bulletin boards.  
 Fixing up my home more.  
 Better record keeping.  
 More confidence when raising my rates, quality care.  
 Different kinds of poster boards, maintaining tax info.  
 More advertising.  
 More nutrition, cultural learning, tax preparation  
 Assess more often  
 Love Bring Your Room To Life  
 Making more space for children.  
 Talking to parents & co-workers.  
 Will be prepared for tornados, etc.  
 Communication with parents.  
 Better record keeping.  
 Who does my taxes, learned a lot from Tom Copeland.  
 Posters and activities for toddlers.  
 Record keeping.  
 Better record keeping.  
 Tax-record keeping  
 Better record keeping habits.  
 Track hours worked outside of daycare hours.  
 Record keeping.  
 Record keeping.  
 On going Science Center.  
 Depreciating household items.

Curriculum  
 More sciences  
 Everything I saw today I use or already know.  
 Do better job of assessing situations with co-workers and parents so situations are worked out before they become a problem. J  
 Stranger Danger, massaging, gentle hands  
 Try and use dramatic play into the day!  
 More dramatic play  
 More hands on experiences.  
 More science incorporated in my room.  
 Glove puppets/dramatic play for younger toddlers.  
 Dramatic play  
 Bring your room to life and dramatic play.  
 Use more dramatic play during 'centers' time.  
 More science!  
 Use of business cards.  
 Dramatic play will be expanded.  
 The info. from Eating with Ethan & Emily.  
 Interactive bulletin boards, finger puppet ideas.  
 Communicate better with parents.  
 Activity variety.  
 Talking to the children about Stranger Danger  
 Massage  
 The way I approach conversations.  
 How to communicate with parents and employees "Win-Win"  
 Kitchen activities  
 If a child makes a strange comment, having to do with abuse I will not question the child, but notify the proper people.  
 Be more aware of what kids tell me.  
 Turning some of my file folders into a bulletin board.  
 Tell more stories to the children.  
 Teach re: Strangers & what to do.  
 Reporting what a child says and not question it.  
 Keeping an eye on things going on with the kids and their behaviors.  
 Talking to my children about Stranger Danger.  
 Make learning fun.  
 Advertise "quality care"  
 Reading  
 Trying to structure more of the free play time.  
 Make boards instead of file folders.  
 Be more aware of the babies cry.  
 To improve my relationships with the children's parents.  
 Disaster preparedness.  
 Talking to my preschool class more about strangers.  
 Observing more learning experience in all areas.  
 Play centers, Dramatic play.  
 Do more assessment on kids to see what area needs more work on.  
 Proper assessment.  
 Doing bulletin boards differently.  
 Talk things through.  
 Watch the child's behavior and make reports if necessary.

Adding more diversity in my classroom.  
 Making props for books  
 Structure learning activities.  
 Story telling using more instruments.  
 Watch for signs of child abuse.  
 More interacting with the children – have a plan for each day.  
 Placing music and bulletin boards to teach.  
 Make a better emergency plan.  
 Talk to kids about safety.  
 Add more music activities with the kids.  
 Moving and being dramatic.  
 New songs/plays.  
 More music and posters for learning.  
 Gentle hands and get up and groove.  
 Do more children things appropriate to age.  
 How to be more efficient with the children.  
 Add culture and diversity into class.  
 Ideas for songs and activities.  
 Parent involvement and communication with parents more.  
 More actions with stories and songs.  
 Teach my best to the kids, and show more action.  
 Add music with learning.  
 Good ideas for finger plays/acting out stories.  
 Observe the children's health, physical condition, attitude.  
 Storytelling through musical sounds/repetition and better communication in difficult conversations.  
 Communication skills – food ideas.  
 Cook with my toddler daughter.  
 Reading labels/grocery shopping.  
 Food programs.  
 Looking at the different reactions of children who might be abused.  
 Increase more creative play.  
 N/A  
 Talking to the kids more about strangers.  
 Increase rates with quality of service.

Would describe more of the sessions/some sessions did not pertain to me.  
 Would change the lunch/food.  
 Would liven it up. Some of the speakers could put you to sleep.  
 Would have more hands on, some more handout material.  
 Where was dessert? Boardroom, not a good classroom/not everyone could fit around the table, I was sitting in the outer ring, felt left out, not the speaker's fault.

Would have dessert!  
 You do a great job.  
 Would not change a thing.  
 Distractions from visiting with others during speaker.  
 Would ask people to respect presenters by not talking throughout sessions with their neighbor, I'm hard of hearing and it's very distracting.  
 Would have speakers wear microphones.  
 Would have dessert for lunch.  
 Try to get Jim Gill – he was in Fremont last month, I was disappointed that more vendors didn't participate.  
 Have dessert. J  
 Would be more active with the audience.  
 Would have keynote speaker speak louder.  
 Add more classes and topics.  
 Probably wouldn't change anything.  
 Would be proud of myself (excellent), have 2 times a year.  
 Good job on such a large group of people.  
 Would have more hands on games or practice.  
 Have a better handout on where to buy something they show in the class.  
 Would not change anything.  
 Keep it the same.  
 Make classes smaller on some of them.  
 Remind people to be polite during presentations and to be quiet.  
 I don't know – this was my first year I thought it was great.

Nothing, it was all great!  
 Would have the keynote speaker's speech more child related.  
 Include pens and note pads.  
 Would have more hands on than talking.  
 Would pick a speaker who relates to everyone in childcare, not just directors or home providers.  
 Include rules, regulations regarding all 3 states.  
 Mandatory reporting didn't have Nebraska laws; but it did have Iowa laws; and this conference is being held in Nebraska.  
 Have all speakers wear or use microphones.  
 Would have a 2 day conference so we can get more hours otherwise this was my 1<sup>st</sup> time and I thought it was well planned and mapped out.  
 Would not change it.  
 Would be more clear in descriptions of breakout sessions. Let presenters write them.

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## **If I were in charge of this conference I,**

Wouldn't really change anything because this is my 1<sup>st</sup> time here and it's a very exciting thing. I really am enjoying what is being given now.  
 Change nothing.  
 Would do nothing different. It was very informative and organized.  
 Great job!  
 Would change a thing.  
 Not a thing.  
 You did a great job! Thank you.  
 Wouldn't change anything.  
 Would be really prepared.  
 Nothing, great job.  
 Don't change a thing.  
 I could not do a better job.

Would make sure we have enough room for all attending. The Mandatory Reporting was packed in the small room.

Would keep up the good work, but not let people enter over 15 minutes late into class or not give them a sticker in the end of class – plus, offer dessert J great pop in afternoon!

We need to remind these ladies/gentlemen to use their manners and not talk, carry on with laughter during the presentations! It is so rude and annoying.

Would make sure that the presenters understand that some providers have been in child care for many years and are not new to the field. Have assistants for presenters to help with power points, etc.

Would offer more age appropriate classes for infants & toddlers. And a variety of lunch choices.

Would change the lunch. Have more variety. It was good though. J

As a worker, not a director, the keynote speaker did not apply to me overall. I would have had that as a session and something more directly related to care for the keynote.

Would have more fun planned and offer more of an incentive to attend.

Would have the purse lady come.

Would have the purse lady come back!

Would bring back the purse lady!!! J

Would have mach situations played out, offer CPR, First Aid, Universal Precautions.

I would have another day of training with other topics.

Would bring in more vendors to give freebies to the teachers.

Do more about positive discipline.

Have more booth, more hands on classes, games, (kid related) more give-aways.

Would have more booths/vendors for people to choose from.

Would have more vendors. (purses)

Would give more choices for lunch.

Would have better lunch.

Bigger conference rooms – cramped seating.

Would demand better meals!

Would provide dessert after lunch.

Would make something other than chicken.

Give more freebies to the people attending. J

Have more vendors! And more sample stuff!

Would change nothing! Everything was wonderful.

Would have more vendors.

Would put a pen & note paper in folder. Add cookies or chips with pop for snack in the afternoon.

Would put pens & note taking paper in folders, spread chairs out more when possible.

Wouldn't change anything.

Include dessert.

Not so much lecturing, more hands on!

These classes were kind of boring this year. Make sure that every conference room have someone to talk with, enthusiasm and not be so boring. The dramatic play conference was horrible this year.

Offer more hands on activities, dramatic play was language, not dramatic play, was boring and people seemed to not know what they were talking about.

Would have food catered in.

Would have more vendors!

Would get a more motivated and upbeat keynote speaker! Would serve dessert with the lunch! More vendors!!!

Would review content of materials provided and encourage presenters to self-monitor comments that might be considered negative toward parents and other providers. We're all in this together.

Would screen presenters and encourage them to be more hands on like a preschool teacher to a lively child.

Make it interesting.

Would keep class that involves actual hands on topic for children (ideas).

Would have it at the Sioux City Convention Center to accommodate more people.

Would not use the "Boardroom" at the Marina, the room is not set up for large groups; couldn't hear in South Dakota room, fan/music won't turn all the way off.

Your committee does a great job, thanks to everyone!!

More educational vendors to walk away with.

Would allow more space for individual seating – too squished together.

Good job – wouldn't change a thing.

Would try to include more sessions on being outdoors for your program, on setting up playground environments, etc.

Would be proud this year of providing the speakers for these class/es.

Would do more for home providers.

Would offer 2 choices for meal.

Add note paper in registration packet.

Would give 6 credit hours.

Would talk about dealing with parents.

Would make it longer to get all the information in instead of only going to a few.

Would have a.m. & p.m. snacks! You feel quite short in this area.

Wouldn't change anything. It was great!

Would probably be crazier than I already am.

Wouldn't of told people what they weren't suppose to be doing when they were walking around. We paid for it you know.

More preschool trainings.

Would not do it on a Saturday.

Would not have so many food sessions and more sessions that keep you motivated.

Nothing.

Be sure to serve chocolate for dessert!  
 Make classes shorter, then add 2 extra.  
 Wouldn't have chicken.  
 Would encourage more of these conferences per year or more times per year, maybe even something monthly.  
 Would make sure Jeff Johnson had at least 1 session.  
 Good job J Thanks  
 Enjoyed All.  
 Would include directions on registration form, include blank paper in folders.  
 Would be proud.  
 Would suggest they serve a dessert.  
 Wouldn't change anything – It was very good J  
 Would love to see entertainment for us. Bring Queens of the Stone Age to play!  
 Would not run it.  
 Would have more presenters so classes aren't so long.  
 Make it with 2 days of training.  
 Continue to provide same level of high quality conference.  
 Would have pens and notepads for everyone.  
 Would do everything the same.  
 Would have one major packet of all material with ideas lessons from all speakers.  
 Would have previewed more speakers to determine a better topic/interest level to audience.  
 Would not change anything.  
 Would offer more creative learning classes.  
 Would expand it into two days allowing participants to earn more in-service training hours. Serve dessert too!  
 Would possibly have a child attend in the classes that can be used for interaction & demonstrating.  
 Have more hands on learning.  
 People should be able to choose at the time where they want to go (which sessions), don't need guards standing at the doors – that's how some treated us.  
 Do background checks and references on vendors, Home Garden Lady especially.  
 More Mandatory requirements as session.  
 Serve something other than chicken for lunch.  
 Make more mandatory requirements as sessions.  
 Would offer ½ day options.

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**Topics/speakers I would like to see covered/included in future conferences:**

Tom Copeland. (5)  
 More Tom Copeland  
 Tom Copeland again (2)  
 More topic on contract, etc. Tom Copeland

More from Tom Copeland  
 Even More of Tom Copeland!!  
 Love Tom  
 More legal advice, contracts  
 Handouts for Tom Copeland's Speech, good info. poor presentation this year!  
 Love & Logic  
 Love & Logic, home provider survey  
 Love & Logic, Child Guidance & Positive discipline  
 Love & Logic, possibly have different levels of classes, beginning providers, experienced providers.  
 More Love & Logic, more law enforcement & health professionals (safety, abuse, reporting, Universal Precautions, etc.) Blood borne Pathogens.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, CPR, Universal Precaution  
 First Aid, CPR, Universal Precaution  
 Universal Precautions & CPR, nutritious snacks for preschool (do not stay for lunch)  
 Universal precautions, CPR, First Aid  
 CPR & First Aid & Universal Precautions  
 Would offer blood borne pathogens  
 Blood borne pathogens  
 Review of CPR/First Aid  
 CPR/First Aid  
 Children with medical needs, ie. Monitors, oxygen  
 CPR & 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, Universal Precautions  
 Andi Prior & her husband Chuck can come back anytime  
 Andi & Chuck Prior – they were great!  
 Andi Prior-Brain Development  
 Mary McGowan, Ester Mae Cox  
 Thad Boyer  
 Stranger Danger!  
 More stranger safety  
 More stranger danger, info on grants  
 Jeff Johnson – Early Explorations & Learning, "Keynote", Wellness & Self care for the providers self.  
 Breathing Apparatus  
 Make sure you have Rosie at all the conferences, she is so very interesting. J  
 Jeff Johnson & Rosie Kuehne/Universal Precautions  
 Jeff Johnson & Rosie Kuehne  
 Always need ways of dealing with difficult situations on a more calm mode, etc.  
 Jeff Johnson  
 Jeff Johnson & Rosie Kuehne  
 Stranger Danger/Thad Boyer, Gentle Hands/Shannon McCulloch  
 Dr. Jean (3)  
 Please bring Sandra Asneres as a guest speaker.  
 The nurse on abuse was very good.  
 Carol Peterson  
 "Front Porch Swing" guy Ron \_\_\_\_\_, Esther Mae Cox

Things to do with kids in an after school setting.  
 1) High Scope (I couldn't go this time) & Sequence Guidelines & Assessment 2) Speaker-Bev Bos! 3) Preschool Art (Process)  
 Dramatic Play, Bugs get up & move  
 Nebraska Mandatory Reporting  
 Mandatory reporting standards in Nebraska  
 Communicating with parents.  
 Curriculum Thematic Units  
 Math activities and more project ideas.  
 Infant sign language.  
 Anything relating to preschool age children.  
 Diversity classes and language/music topics.  
 Less about "Business" more about the children!  
 Using Creative Curriculum  
 Room arrangement  
 Difficult Children  
 Bringing Rooms to Life  
 All that I attended were very good; great to get new ideas & topics that cover/reinforce communication (i.e. second session), never get DD because we can always improve.  
 More hands on and less lectures, we get lectures in school.  
 Dealing with parents  
 ADA guidelines  
 Waldorf, Montessori & Reggio Emilia methods for childcare programs, or "natural" childcare methods.  
 How to initiate curriculum  
 Hands on for math, behavior topics

The gap between age appropriate and kindergarten expectations!  
 Help!!! I would like help organizing materials & resources so they can be retrieved and used.  
 Why children bite? Behavior & guidance, discipline techniques  
 Have more topics concerning 2 year olds.  
 New ideas, more excitement, felt like I didn't learn anything new!  
 Art and the child – why art is so important, how we learn from art experiences.  
 Gross motor, stronger relationships with children.  
 Math in infant/toddler programs.  
 Autism (games to play)  
 Separation anxiety & how to deal/cope.  
 More hands-on type, positive guidance techniques workshops.  
 Around the world in children's eyes.  
 Positive discipline  
 Topics on arts & crafts, new ideas/reproducible patterns, dealing with kids that may have a disability, ideas for different approaches.  
 Learning more about kid's behavior and actions and how to deal with them.  
 Physical Ed  
 Exercise for children to avoid obesity, help them to be able to avoid getting hurt, how to tumble  
 Get up & groove  
 Stress relievers, how to have more fun with your

job, planning daily curriculum activities.  
 Discipline in the daycare, (Naughty kids)  
 Brain development – where and what each area does. Planning A Day – how long is too long or short for an activity?  
 Around the world in children's eyes.  
 Infant/Toddler interaction with teachers.  
 Music therapy with children. Jaime Dolzeal (Kansas City), Early Intervention/Recognition  
 ESV's Role in early education  
 Discipline problems  
 Kindersign, Kindermusic  
 Speakers were knowledgeable on their topics.  
 Toddler/infant activities, more about them.  
 Changing policies for State Pay Clients  
 Making children's games  
 Hands on  
 Geared toward preschool  
 Tips for housekeeping or cleaning of food areas and meal menus  
 Getting parents more involved, not so worried about money, more on child care.  
 Probably some on school age children  
 More science and music  
 Parent involvement & importance of it  
 Science & hands-on ideas. Transition activities, handling difficult parents, how to document important info to help child abuse reporting.  
 More on parent/provider relations  
 Art activities, fingerplays  
 Would have more hands on, some more handout material  
 More of the police/five topics to help create safe environments.  
 ADHD-ADD (mental disorders)  
 N/A not at this time.  
 Nothing that I can currently think of.  
 Nothing  
 All of them  
 Things I can always use..

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## Overall Comments:

Speaker should not chew guy and be sarcastic to attendees. Opening keynote – more focused on care than marketing.  
 In some sessions there was way too much talking going on to be able to hear the person doing the class-Disaster 101.

## If you have attended this conference in the past – please answer the following.

As a result of what I have learned through these past conferences, I have made positive changes in the following areas.....

Hands on activities for children – 121  
 Communication with children – 100  
 Child guidance and discipline – 97  
 Daily learning activities for children – 86  
 Perception of myself as a professional – 85  
 Interaction with parents – 81  
 Safety guidelines and practices at my home/facility – 66  
 Use of child development principles – 54  
 Nutrition education for children – 50

Diversity and inclusion – 45  
 Business practices for my childcare facility – 39  
 Physical arrangement of my classroom – 38  
 Menu planning for snacks/lunches – 38  
 Program management and administration – 31

Not Marked – 119

6 - Other – 1-Record Keeping; 2-N/A; 1-Environmental Rating Scales; 1-Many, Many Ideas; 1-First Time here;

## Session Evaluations

### Keynote: Competing on the Basis of Quality: Promoting Your Child Care Business

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	109	74	46	14	3	32
Related Topic to Audience	111	67	41	16	4	39
Overall Evaluation	108	68	42	16	5	39

Comments: Very good

### Session A: Experience, Experiment, Explore!

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	14	6	0	0	0	
Related Topic to Audience	16	4	0	0	0	0
Overall Evaluation	14	6	0	0	0	0

### Session A: Striving for a "Win-Win" in Difficult Conversations

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	36	21	9	2	1	1
Related Topic to Audience	37	17	11	1	2	2
Overall Evaluation	40	17	8	1	2	2

Comments: Such an awesome presenter!; Great; Fabulous!! Funny; Great speaker;

Very good attention getter;

### Session A: Bring Your Room To Life

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	21	18	17	3	5	1
Related Topic to Audience	24	16	14	5	3	3
Overall Evaluation	22	15	15	5	5	3

Comments: I was expecting to see a variety of ideas to decorate my classroom, but sat through a class where we were shown the same type of poorly made bulletin boards. Class presenter ran out of things to each

30 minutes early!; Wasn't what was advertised, was done at 10:30, just showed posters for 30 minutes.

**Session A: Healthy Choices, Aisle by Aisle...A Grocery Store Tour**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	26	10	11	1	0	0
Related Topic to Audience	26	11	8	1	0	2
Overall Evaluation	24	12	9	1	0	2

**Session A: Strangers & Our Children**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	25	1	1	0	0	0
Related Topic to Audience	23	0	2	0	1	1
Overall Evaluation	24	0	2	0	0	1

Comments: Great; Very informative Wow;

**Session A & B: Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	44	15	14	6	0	2
Related Topic to Audience	37	19	13	2	2	8
Overall Evaluation	37	20	8	6	2	8

**Session B: Experience, Experiment, Explore!**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	14	2	3	0	0	1
Related Topic to Audience	14	2	2	0	0	2
Overall Evaluation	14	3	2	0	0	1

Comments: Very fun and informative!;

**Session B: Eating With Ethan and Emily**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	8	22	26	10	7	0
Related Topic to Audience	6	17	33	12	4	1
Overall Evaluation	8	20	27	11	6	1

Comments: Didn't think it was going to be what is was; I wish she had handouts instead of just on the powerpoint,

She made me feel like we didn't know anything;

**Session B: Around the World In Children's Eyes**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	35	10	7	0	1	4
Related Topic to Audience	36	11	7	0	1	6
Overall Evaluation	37	10	7	0	1	6

Comments: Good job-really interesting; Terrific;

**Session B: Assessments - Why?**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	11	11	8	0	2	0
Related Topic to Audience	10	10	7	0	2	3
Overall Evaluation	11	11	7	0	1	2

Comments: To much information for short time;

**Session B: Disaster 101**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	17	8	7	4	1	2
Related Topic to Audience	16	11	6	3	1	2
Overall Evaluation	17	9	7	3	1	2

Comments: Talked down to audience;

**Session C&D: Mastering Record Keeping and Tax Preparation**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	70	5	0	0	2	5
Related Topic to Audience	68	5	0	0	2	7
Overall Evaluation	68	5	0	0	2	7

**Session C: Story Telling Through Musical Sounds Part II**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	36	11	6	0	3	6
Related Topic to Audience	38	10	4	1	3	6
Overall Evaluation	36	11	4	1	3	7

Comments: Great materials.; Very good;

**Session C: Gentle Hands**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	13	13	13	1	0	2
Related Topic to Audience	14	9	14	1	0	4
Overall Evaluation	14	12	11	1	0	4

Comments: Great;

**Session C: Dramatic Play for Your Little Stars**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	29	13	7	4	5	3
Related Topic to Audience	30	13	6	2	5	5
Overall Evaluation	29	9	9	5	3	6

Comments: Very good.; Too much talk; Awesome;

**Session C: Backyard Bugs**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	9	4	2	0	0	1
Related Topic to Audience	8	4	2	0	0	2
Overall Evaluation	8	4	2	0	0	2

**Session C: Abuse**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	16	8	7	1	0	0
Related Topic to Audience	18	8	3	1	0	2
Overall Evaluation	16	10	4	1	0	1

**Session D: Tell Me More**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	18	24	20	10	2	15
Related Topic to Audience	18	23	18	10	3	17
Overall Evaluation	18	22	18	15	2	17

Comments: Boring; Not what I expected; Excellent presenter!!

**Session D: Wildlife Feeders**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	9	7	2	0	0	3
Related Topic to Audience	8	6	3	0	0	4
Overall Evaluation	8	7	2	0	0	4

**Session D: Dramatic Play for Your Little Stars**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	10	5	6	2	0	1
Related Topic to Audience	13	3	5	2	0	1
Overall Evaluation	12	4	5	2	0	1

**Session D: Get Up and Groove**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	13	5	0	1	2	3
Related Topic to Audience	14	4	0	1	2	3
Overall Evaluation	14	4	0	1	2	3

Comments: My favorite;

**Session D: Soups and Casseroles: Quick vs. Healthy**

	1-Excellent	2	3	4	5	Not Marked
Content	18	12	7	0	0	7
Related Topic to Audience	20	10	4	1	0	9
Overall Evaluation	18	13	3	1	0	9

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