

AGENDA

Spark Early Learning in Connecticut

October 24, 2023



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| <p>9:00 - 9:30</p> | <p>Arrival & Registration Where: Atrium <i>CT Science Center: 250 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, CT 06103</i></p> |
| <p>9:30 - 10:00</p> | <p>Welcome & Conversation Sparks Where: Theater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introduction: OEC Liaison Luz Rivera • Creating Connections: Developmental Promotion, Monitoring and Screening in CT: Dr. Katie Swec |
| <p>10:00 - 10:25</p> | <p>Interactive Play & Social-Emotional Learning Where: Theater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play is the Answer: Educator/Composer Benjamin Weiner & Sparkler Education Director Dana Stewart • Wrap Up & Next Steps: Sparkler Learning Executive Director Julia Levy |
| <p>10:25 - 11:40</p> | <p>First Round: Breakout Sessions / Please Attend YOUR Assigned Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  <p>Making Play Part of Families' Everyday Where: Throughout the Science Center — Meet near the Plaza Entrance Facilitators: Dana Stewart, Benjamin Weiner, and Meaghan Penrod</p>  <p>Best Practices in ASQ Screening, Follow Up, and Family Engagement Using Sparkler Where: Community Room (Leopard Gecko) Facilitators: Amanda Heath, Maria Cloke, Erin Grimes, and Merissa Wright</p>  <p>Parents Helping Parents Lead the Way Where: Lab 2 (Box Turtle) Facilitators: Malissa Griffith and Angelica Gorrio</p>  <p>Let's Talk Data: Using Community-Level Data to Engage and Support Families Where: Theater Facilitators: Rachel Leventhal-Weiner and Nicole Cossette</p>  <p>Behavioral Health and Wellness for Early Childhood Educators and Young Children Where: Lab 3 (Ball Python) Facilitator: Lorna Thomas-Farquharson</p>  <p>Using Help Me Grow's Roadmap to Advance Family Engaged Developmental Monitoring Where: Lab 1 (Bearded Dragon) Facilitators: Melissa Passarelli, Bethanne Vergean, and Tashi Shuler Drakes</p> |

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| <p>11:40 - 12:25</p> | <p>Lunch Where: Atrium Eat, chat, and — if you want — visit the 4th floor galleries.</p> |
| <p>12:30 - 1:00</p> | <p>A Proclamation and Overview of a Year of Progress Where: Theater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CT Voices: Connecticut parents share their Sparkler experience • Developmental Screening Proclamation: Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz • A Year of Progress: OEC Commissioner Beth Bye • Supporting and Engaging Families: United Way of CT President and CEO Lisa Tepper Bates • Dance Your Feelings: Benjamin Weiner |
| <p>1:00 - 2:15</p> | <p>Interactive Session on Community Innovation Where: Theater Facilitated by OEC Deputy Commissioner Elena Trueworthy</p> |
| <p>2:15 - 3:30</p> | <p>Second Round: Breakout Sessions / Please Attend YOUR Assigned Session</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div> <p>Making Play Part of Families' Everyday Where: Throughout the Science Center — Meet near the Plaza Entrance Facilitators: Dana Stewart, Benjamin Weiner, and Meaghan Penrod</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div> <p>Best Practices in ASQ Screening, Follow Up, and Family Engagement Using Sparkler Where: Community Room (Leopard Gecko) Facilitators: Amanda Heath, Maria Cloke, Erin Grimes, and Merissa Wright</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div> <p>Parents Helping Parents Lead the Way Where: Lab 2 (Box Turtle) Facilitators: Malissa Griffith and Angelica Gorrio</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div> <p>Behavioral Health and Wellness for Early Childhood Educators and Young Children Where: Lab 3 (Ball Python) Facilitator: Lorna Thomas-Farquharson</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div> <p>Using Help Me Grow's Roadmap to Advance Family Engaged Developmental Monitoring Where: Lab 1 (Bearded Dragon) Facilitators: Melissa Passarelli, Bethanne Vergean, and Tashi Shuler Drakes</p> </div> </div> |
| <p>3:30 - 3:50</p> | <p>Wrap Up & Share Out Where: Theater</p> |
| <p>3:50 - 4:30</p> | <p>Departure & Poster Pickup Where: Atrium — On your way out, please pick up materials to share with your community.</p> |

Event Info & Materials

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