Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children

Leadership in Early Childhood Education

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Spring Leadership Institute 2020

Saturday, November 21, 2020
Hilton Garden Inn - Des Moines/Urbandale

Registration Information
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The 2020 Spring Leadership Institute will renew your spirit and affirm your commitment to working with young children and their families. Strong and effective leaders are desperately needed in the field of early childhood education. Leaders are not only managers, administrators, and project directors; leaders include anyone who speaks up on behalf of children and families.

Come spend the day with early childhood expert Gigi Schweikert. Learn how to become a better leader and discover creative ways to positively impact the families you work with. You will leave the day motivated, energized, and inspired to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

Learning Objectives

• Engage in best practices to partner with families
• Identify ways to inspire staff to be the best they can be
• Increase your ability to supervise and collaborate with staff
• Recognize the ways your positivity can impact children and families

Audience

• Preschool and child care center directors
• Child development home providers
• Family support specialists
• Teachers
• Trainers, consultants, instructors
• College students
• Early childhood educational administrators and principals
• Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) area directors
• Iowa AEYC chapter and board leadership
• Anyone who sees themselves as a current or emerging leader

Credit

Your attendance will earn six hours of DHS approved training credit and NAC renewal credit.
Institute Agenda

8:30 am  Registration/Check-In - *assorted pastries and coffee provided*
9:00 am  Welcome and Announcements
9:15 am  Keynote - Gigi Schweikert
10:30 am  Break
10:45 am  Session Resumes
12:00 pm  Lunch - *provided*
12:45 pm  Session Resumes
2:00 pm  Break
2:15 pm  Session Resumes
4:00 pm  Closing Remarks
4:15 pm  Institute Ends

Gigi Schweikert

“Inspirational, encouraging and real,” that’s what audiences and readers across the country have to say about Gigi Schweikert, an internationally known expert on early childhood education, parenting, and work life issues.

Known for her humor and practical messages, Gigi is a popular keynote speaker for education conferences, corporations, women’s events, and parenting seminars. Gigi is the best-selling author of over a dozen books including the popular *Winning Ways for Early Childhood Professionals* book series and *Prime Times: A Handbook for Excellence in Infant and Toddlers Programs*.

During her twenty-five years of experience, Gigi directed the United Nations Early Childhood Program in New York City and developed the Johnson & Johnson System of Family Centers. Gigi is President & COO of Lightbridge Academy and consults to Fortune 100 clients. Gigi also hosted the television show, “Today’s Family.”

When Gigi is not at a speaking engagement or in front of the computer writing, she’s behind the wheel of a mini-van carting around her four kids. As a busy mom, Gigi admits that she’s served orange soda to her family for breakfast trying to pass it off as orange juice. Gigi lives in New Jersey with her husband, four children, three dogs, many chickens, and one turtle.

Teaching educators and parents to help every child succeed is Gigi’s life passion. Contact Gigi at [www.gigischweikert.com](http://www.gigischweikert.com)
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Winning Ways for Partnering with Families

Why do we do all this for parents? Why did they have kids anyway? Don't we work here to educate and care for children, not their parents? Our lives would be much easier if children didn't come with parents. Sound familiar? Sure, but in today's world, we're realizing that if we really want to impact children, we have to have a positive impact on their families, too. In this humorous and practical workshop, you will learn about creative ways to partner with families. This is for anyone who gets a little crazy sometimes from demanding and questioning parents.

"Who Made Me Boss?" Tips for Supervisors

Are you wondering, "How did I get here? Why am I the supervisor?" If you're like most of us, you entered this profession to work with children, not necessarily adults. And here you are, a supervisor, responsible for making sure others do what they are supposed to do, making sure others get to work on time, and making sure others work well with children. Hey, that was my job, working with children. Supervising other adults can be the hardest part of an educator's job. Learn how to become a better leader in this fun and motivating session and discover tips to inspire your staff to be the best they can be.

The Power of One Positive Person

Have you ever thought about the incredible power you have to make a positive difference in the lives of those around you? The positive choices you make each day, the ways in which you help others, and even your smile can change the course of a day, and in some situations, the course of a life. This informational and humorous session will renew your spirit and affirm your commitment to working with young children and their families. One positive person does make a difference. Is that positive person you? It can be.
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Date       Saturday, November 21, 2020
Time       9:00 am - 4:15 pm | Registration begins at 8:30 am
Location   Hilton Garden Inn - Des Moines/Urbandale | 8600 Northpark Drive, Johnson, IA 50131

Cost
$99    Non-Member
$94    AEYC Entry and Family Level Members
$89    AEYC Standard Level Member
$84    AEYC Premium Level Member

Registration
All event registrations for the Spring Leadership Institute will be completed online through our Eventbrite Registration page. Payment can be completed by credit card directly through the Eventbrite site, mailed by check to Iowa AEYC, or by purchase order. All registration fees are due to Iowa AEYC no later than November 16, 2020. Visit https://iaaeycspringlead.eventbrite.com to register.

Refund Policy
Due to recent events, we have implemented a flexible refund policy. Your comfort in attending is of our utmost importance. Refunds for the event can be made if notice is received by Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:00pm. After Monday, November 16 all registered attendees must pay registration fees.

Iowa AEYC Members
To unlock your Entry, Family, Standard, or Premium Level Discounted Rate, please follow these steps:

1. Click here to open the registration site: https://iaaeycspringlead.eventbrite.com
2. Click the green “Register” button.
3. Click “Enter promo code” at the top of the pop up box.
4. Type in your email address associated with your membership (your email address is your promo code).
5. Click “Apply”. This will unlock your member rate accordingly.

Please note, members may only complete ONE registration at a time.

If you recently joined NAEYC or renewed your membership, please wait ONE business day to register for us to process your membership into our registration system.

Questions?  Contact Anne Geiger: anne@iowaeyc.org or 515-331-8000 ext. 122

Become a member and save money on your registration fee! Visit www.naeyc.org to join today!