

Overall Results
“Planting the Seeds for the Future”
2015 Early Childhood Conference

168 Attendees
17 Speakers
15 Vendors
15 Volunteers
13 Counties

Sponsors that made this conference possible:

- Greenville Area Community Foundation
- Western Regional Resource Center
- Ionia Great Start Collaborative
- Chemical Bank
- Greenville Public High School
- Meijer
- Anderson and Girls Orchard
- Early On
- Oriental Trading
- Sparrow Carson Hospital
- Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Out of the 168 that attended, 132 turned in their evaluation form

Early Childhood Expo:

Rating: 4.96 out of 5

The attendees enjoyed the Early Childhood Expo. The vendors provided useful materials and the attendees walked away with fun ideas and important information. Attendees loved the vendor; Learning from Scratch, they offered many recyclable items for very low cost that many supplies that could be used in the classrooms.

Key Note Speaker: Candy Straubel-Sower

Rating: 4.96 out of 5

Most thought that Candy Straubel-Sower, provided some very interesting information that could be useful. Others felt that she was not very consistent in her presentation and that she would jump around her presentation.

Workshops:

Rating: 5 out of 5

Everyone enjoyed the workshops, they thought they were very informative and knowledgeable speakers. Attendees would like to see shorter and more sessions to attend.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch:

Rating: 4.96 out of 5

Everyone was satisfied with breakfast and lunch. The food was fresh and well prepared, loved that there was water available in all the workshops. Would like to of had a healthier breakfast and a gluten free option for lunch.

The menu for breakfast was: pastries and fruit. As well as coffee, juice and water.

Lunch included: A choice between three different choices of sandwiches, chips, fruit and cookies for dessert.

As well as coffee, juice and water. In between workshops there was a light snack, which included: variety of granola bars, crackers, mixed nuts and chocolate.

Location of Event:

Rating: 5 out of 5

Greenville High School was a great location, it was a nice and clean facility and easy to navigate, plenty of space provided. A few of the rooms were warm, but overall great location.

Overall Rating of the Event:

Rating: 4.96 out of 5

Everyone enjoyed the conference; they felt that it was very helpful. For the price, it was very reasonable, especially for the quantity of training hours they received. A large number of attendees are looking forward to next year.

What did you most like about this event?

Variety of workshops
Price was excellent, especially for earning 6 training hours
Fellowship with other providers
Staff was very friendly
Well organized
Overall teaching was inspiring

What did you least like about this event?

Would like shorter more engaging workshops
Very warm in most of the rooms
Would like lunch and breakfast to be healthier

Further Comments:

This conference needs to happen in other counties
A lot of effort and time was put into the conference
Hope you continue having this conference
Well organized and ran smoothly
Water in the rooms was wonderful

Is there any topic you would like to have covered next year?

More hands on	Art
Topics regarding infant/toddler development	Household safety
Autism	Tools for foster parents
Making learning with hands on	Sensory disorders
Childcare administration	Learning how I can better my own children in my class
Licensing Guidelines	How to help children with trauma
Helping foster parents cope	Biting
Literacy	Behavioral issues
Technology in the classrooms and the benefits	Discipline
Diversity	How to think like a kid
Strategies to use with kids who act out	Stress
Bullying in the classroom	Physical disabilities
How technology is effecting child development	Ideas on presenting manipulative for new toys/ DAP
Science activities	
Special needs	
Language	
Music	