

Join us in learning about how we can provide children and families with the building blocks for positive socio-emotional and mental health in early childhood.

This low cost training is for early childhood educators and professionals, parents or anyone interested in early childhood mental development. Come and learn from noted professionals about early childhood mental health and strategies for promoting good mental health in the classroom and in the home.



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**Tri-County Smart Start
and
Mental Health Association
of the Heartland
present**

Building for the Future: Nurturing Early Childhood Mental Health

May 16, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location:
YWCA Kansas City
1017 North 6th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

Schedule of Events

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YWCA 1017 N.6th St. KC, Ks. 66101

8:00 Check-in and Breakfast

8:30 Introduction and Welcome

8:45– 11:45 a.m.

Alice Eberhart-Wright, LCMFT
Building Relationships with Parents to
Promote Children's Mental Health

12:00– 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and speaker,
Dr. Jill Shackelford,
Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools

1:45– 4:45 p.m.

Dr. Yo Jackson
Promoting Early Childhood Mental
Health: Practical Strategies for
Care Providers

4:45 Closing remarks

Special Lunch Speaker: Dr. Jill Shackelford

Dr. Jill Shackelford became superintendent of the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools on July 1, 2005. She is the first female superintendent in the 138-year history of the school district. Dr. Shackelford joined the KCK district in 1997 as an executive director for curriculum services. She was named an assistant superintendent in 1998. Before joining the KCK district, she was executive director of student learning in the Turner Public Schools. In March 2006, Dr. Shackelford was honored by KCK Community College Intercultural Center as one of the "Women Builders of Communities and Dreams."

Presenting:

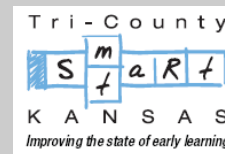
Alice Eberhart-Wright, LCMFT

Alice Eberhart-Wright is a family therapist and child development specialist who began her career at her mother's day care center. She is an international writer and speaker on numerous topics. Her songbook, Swinging On A Tune: Songs For the Very Small and Very Tall was written to help parents and teachers make up their own songs with children. Alice loves to inspire audiences to see their work with children and parents as being the kind of work that can really make a difference. Alice serves as coach and consultant for a variety of grants and projects focused on early childhood education and mental health in Kansas and Nebraska. She is the executive director for the Kansas Association for Infant Mental Health, and continues to see clients of all ages in her private practice in Topeka.

Dr. Yo Jackson

Dr. Jackson's research focuses on: how children adapt to stress and trauma, the development of the resilient child, identifying the role of protective factors in children and how these might mediate the impact of stress, investigating how cultural differences impact the psychological development of minority children and the impact of culture on bi-racial children, how witnessing domestic violence between caretakers impacts the development of aggression/victim in children, and investigating the impact of physical and sexual abuse on the psycho-social development of the child. Dr. Jackson is the author of Encyclopedia of Multicultural Psychology, and has written numerous articles on children's mental health.

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 - Morning only with Alice Eberhart-Wright (\$10)*
 - Afternoon only with Dr. Yo Jackson (\$10)*
- *Half day does not include lunch; Please contact us for special dietary needs*

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