

2026 Early Childhood Care & Education Conference

Belonging Begins Here!

November 7, 2026
Danny Lang Event Center, UCC Campus



Keynote:

**Building Connection,
Regulation, and Belonging**

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Classroom Community *with* **The Play Coaches**

Build stronger classroom communities through intentional relationships, responsive environments, and consistent practices that help children feel safe, connected, and ready to learn. This session explores practical strategies to support regulation, foster belonging, strengthen peer relationships, and create predictable routines in both center-based and home settings—helping reduce challenging behaviors and creating spaces where every child and adult feels seen, supported, and connected.



REGISTRATION:

\$69 Early Bird

(postmarked before October 10th)

\$79 Regular Registration

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Keynote speakers
- Three breakout sessions
- Vendors & Resources
- Morning snacks & lunch included

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Session Details & Registration

View full session descriptions and **register online** [here](#) or by scanning the QR code below. Prefer to register by phone? **Call 541-440-4668**

Keynote **8:00 - 10:00am**

Building Connection, Regulation, and Belonging (CKC-LEC)

Explore practical strategies to support regulation, foster belonging, strengthen peer relationships and create predictable routines.

Session One: **10:15 - 11:45 am** (choose one)

Play Coaches - Power of Play (CKC- HGD)

Explore how purposeful play supports children's learning, development, connection, curiosity, and joy.

Soobin Oh - Designing Environments (CKC-LEC)

Practical framework for creating environments that inspire children's exploration.

Lunch: **11:45am - 1:00pm**

Vendors & Socializing

Session Two: **1:15 - 2:45 pm** (choose one)

Shawn Massingale - Observation Assessment (CKC-OA)

Learn the importance of observing Children during their play & how it relates to assessing development.

Soobin Oh - Conflict Curriculum (CKC-LEC)

Learn practical strategies for turning classroom conflict into opportunities for connection, belonging, and stronger relationships.

Session Three: **3:00 - 4:30 pm** (choose one)

Shawn Massingale - Nutrition (CKC-HSN)

Explore the importance of nutrition before pregnancy and its impact on social determinants of health through a short film and guided discussion

Markel Owens & Stephanie Cravalho - Every Child Belongs (CKC-PPLD)

Learn how the Every Child Belongs process works, from requesting support through consultation and determining services.



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