



Champions for Children 49th Annual Summit You Matter!

This event will be held virtually on ZOOM.
Registered attendees will receive an event link
and materials prior to the event.

Saturday, April 15th, 9:00am – 3:30pm Virtual Summit

Opening Session: 9:00-10:30am

What's Happening in Michigan and Why YOU Matter: Chana Edmond-Verley, CEO, Vibrant Futures

Our world is certainly a different place than it was just 3 years ago. Now, more than ever, early education professionals are the bedrock of our society, caring for children with dedication and great sacrifice. We can count on you to keep children safe, nurtured, fed, and developing toward their miraculous potential. Join us in a conversation about how children fare in society and in Michigan today. Let's explore the places where child care professionals can have an even greater impact on the lives of children. Join us in discovering together how we can strengthen sector practice and business longevity for a more vibrant future for all.



Session 1: 10:45 – 11:45am

Understanding Behavior From the Inside Out

We are seeing many challenging behaviors with children today. Behavior is communication. We label behavior as good or bad. Behavior is how children communicate what is happening in their body. Learn simple strategies adults can use to help children feel safe, connected and belonging. Hear how the use of these strategies can impact the behavior we see in children.

Gloria Sherman, Parenting and Teaching with G.L.O., LLC



Lunch break 11:45am-12:30pm

Session 2: 12:45 – 1:45pm (choose one)

A. Why Less is More – Simplify the Environment to Promote Play

When we simplify our environments and decrease an overwhelming amount of product, we allow for more child-led, open-ended play. We will explore our space to truly understand how having too many materials can change the effectiveness of our environments. We will identify some observation tools to use, both for materials and children's behaviors, to unlock the mysteries of balanced play. We will examine how we can change our environments to make play matter more, have more peaceful days and keep the learning flowing.

Vickie Rick, Retired ECE Professional

OR

B. Great Start to Quality- Reimagined to Support You Better

Great Start to Quality is reimagined to better support providers in creating and maintaining high-quality programs. Improvements allow flexibility and honor every program type. Come join us! This session will highlight the improvements to GSQ launched on February 1, 2023 and will provide a summary of the changes which were made with a focus on equity. We will discuss the quality improvement process and point out the varying options from how programs reflect on their quality using Quality Indicators to choices in observation tools. The session will also discuss connections to child care subsidy and the many resources that are available to support programs through the process.

Christy Opsommer, Director of Systems - Great Start to Quality - Early Childhood Investment Corporation

OR

C. Maximize Your Money

Join us to hear from MDHHS about the child care subsidy system, including improvements to the process of how families can access the subsidy system and the temporary billing guidance based on enrollment and not absence for subsidy eligible children. Then we will hear from some long-time home child care professionals as they share how they apply these benefits and other strategies to support their business model.

Ann Kluting, Program Coordinator, Tri-Share and Senior CACFP Specialist

Session 3: 2:00 – 3:00pm

Neuroplasticity is Our New Superpower

Neuroplasticity provides individuals with the capacity to change and adapt to our individual world. Every interaction with others rewires our brain. Building a sense of safety is more than a “nice experience.” It is a basic human need and helps us THRIVE!

Gloria Sherman, Parenting and Teaching with G.L.O., LLC

Closing Inspiration: 3:00 – 3:30pm

YOU Matter!!! Chana Edmond-Verley, CEO, Vibrant Futures

Registration Information

Register and pay before **April 10, 2023**:
Complete the online registration form. If you are registering a group of attendees, the form must be completed for each attendee.



Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/VibrantFutures2023Summit>

To Pay for the Summit:

By credit card during online registration:

<https://shop.4cchildcare.org/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=VFCCS2023>

or send your non-refundable payment to:

Vibrant Futures
233 Fulton Street East, Suite 107
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Attn: Summit Registration

Summit cost is \$60.00, due to available scholarship funds the cost is discounted to **\$40.00 per person.**

Vibrant Futures CACFP Participants:

This event is FREE for a participant of our CACFP program – registration ends April 10!

Please Note:

- Your registration will not be complete until you have completed the online registration form and paid.
- Participants earn 5 hours of training on MiRegistry.
- Cancellations, withdrawals or no shows will not be issued a refund.
- When you complete the online registration form, you will receive an email confirmation with a link to make your payment if you are not a Vibrant Futures CACFP participant.
- Sessions will be recorded so people can watch later if they cannot attend at the specific time.
- Staff, assistants and spouses will need to register and pay the fee separately if they want to receive the 5 hours of training credit.
- Attendees must complete a survey after completion of the event. The survey will have questions about the sessions and provide an opportunity for feedback. Attendees must complete the survey by **May 1st**. After completion of the event and survey, attendance equaling 5 credit hours will be recorded in MiRegistry.

We look forward to seeing you at the summit and want to thank you for the work you do each and every day with children!