#### MARCH 3, 2018 | PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL | TOPEKA, KS

Experts agree that play is important for early childhood education and development. But what constitutes play? As screens and high-tech options are more available at younger and younger ages, early educators and parents are faced with numerous challenges.

Register today for the 7th Annual KAIRS Early Childhood Education Workshop on March 3 as Cari Ebert, pediatric speech-language pathologist, brings her high-energy keynote address, "The Power of Play in a High-Tech World." She will give helpful insights into how play can impact our 21st Century early childhood education. Cari will also discuss the ramifications of increased technology in the classroom and at home, early academic expectations, and will ask the question, "Is true play worth preserving?"



## Workshop Schedule

#### 9 am - 12 pm:

• Cari Ebert, Keynote: "The Power of Play in a High-Tech World"

#### 12:45 - 3 pm Breakout Presentations:

- Mary Williams: "Communicating the Value of Intentional Play"
- Dorothy Clopton: "The Hidden Senses: How They Help Us Move and Learn" – The Goals of a Movement Class
- Laurie Wyssman: "Putting Your Best Foot Forward; Marketing Your Strengths"

# **Workshop Presenters**

**Cari Ebert, MS, CCC-SLP,** a popular nationally recognized speaker, is dedicated to helping young children achieve the maximum potential with speech, language and social-emotional development. She is a speech therapist in private practice in Kansas City, MO.

Mary Williams, Quality Initiative and Professional Development Program Manager at The Family Conservancy – an organization that focuses on supporting families, caregivers and teachers prepare children for success in school and life. She has also served as an Infant/Toddler Specialist and Early Education Specialist for The Family Conversancy.

**Dorothy Clopton, OTR,** Movement Teacher, at Christ Lutheran Early Education Center and Holy Spirit Catholic Preschool. Ms. Clopton is a registered occupational therapist who spent the first 20 years of her career in medical settings and the last 15 years in early education.

Laurie Wyssman, Director, Bethany Lutheran Preschool and Mothers Day Out, Overland Park. Ms. Wyssman has 35 years experience in early childhood education as director and teacher.

## Registration

Please send this form and check to:
Dr. Jamie Finkeldei, KAIRS Vice President/Treasurer
424 Broadway • Wichita, KS 67202

Name:
Address:
School:
Contact Phone Number:
Email Address:
Number Attending:
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## Registration Fee

\$25 per person. Lunch Included

# Registrations Accepted: January 8-February 27

### Questions?

Contact Jim Bradshaw, KAIRS Executive Committee Member/ Lutheran Representative • jbradshaw@kslcms.org or Corey Reese, KAIRS Communication Director • crkairs@yahoo.com

Clock hour certification of three hours has been approved through KDHE. An additional two hours has been requested.



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