

2010 OCCA Fall Conference



October 2nd, 2010

**Hard Rock Hotel
and Convention Center**

777 W. Cherokee Street • Catoosa, OK 74015

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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“Children: Their Future is in Our Hands”

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Oklahoma Child Care Association Fall Conference

The Oklahoma Child Care Association is pleased to present to you our 2010 Annual Fall Conference in Tulsa, OK. We are excited to offer you the opportunity to meet and get to know other child care professionals from across the state. Providing effective, relevant training to providers is essential to the education of our youngest Oklahomans. We have chosen Susan Freeman as our keynote speaker.



Ms Freeman was born in Virginia, dropped out of high school, returned to school, earned a MA in Education & taught high school for ten years. Her personal resume' is a series of inspiring transitions: from unwed birthmother to proud mother & grandmother; from 25 years of alcoholic drinking to nine years of alcoholic recovery; from the brink of divorce to celebrating a 22-year marriage. At 43 years of age, Susan charged and conquered her crippling fear of public speaking; today she tours the world as a professional stand-up comedian. Her explanation? *“Life’s full of hurdles: sometimes we’re stopped by them, which is sad; sometimes we*

leap over them, which is great; I frequently trip over them – that’s just funny.” In 2010, Freeman gratefully accepted an invitation to perform comedy for our US troops in Kuwait and Iraq.

Susan will be speaking on “Blind Investments”. She will give us a glimpse of what we do and inspire us to continue making “Blind Investments” in the children that we are so lucky enough to be a part of their lives every day.

OCCA continues to strive to provide great speakers who understand and appreciate all you do for the children of Oklahoma. We feel that you will enjoy and be inspired by Susan.

OCCA is also so excited that we will be able to utilize the new “Convention Center” area of the Hard Rock. It will have a separate entrance, it is smoke free and noise free also!!! We encourage you to come and spend Saturday with us. It will be both entertaining as well as informative.

OCCA 2010 Board of Directors

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Conference Schedule

Saturday, October 2nd, 2010

7:00 – 7:45 am Registration
8:00 – 9:30 am Session 1
9:45 – 11:15 am General Session
11:15 – 12:30 pm Lunch (on your own)
12:30 – 2:00 pm Session 2
2:15 – 3:45 pm Session 3

*Exhibits are open from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 2nd.



General Information

Children

This is a conference for adults who teach and care for young children. It is not a conference for children. Please make other arrangements for them.

Disclaimer

The ideas presented in workshops are those of the presenters and NOT necessarily of OCCA or its Board of Directors. The workshops listed on this form may be subject to changes, adjustments or deletions prior to conference date.

Dress

Attire for the conference is casual as many activities require active participation, or moving to the music. Please come dressed appropriately with comfortable footwear in order to get the most of the experience. For your comfort, please bring a light jacket because the temperature sometimes gets chilly.

Americans With Disabilities Act

If you require special accommodations pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act, please notify the OCCA office at 800-580-4181 by September 27th.

Hotel Information

The conference facility is located at the Hard Rock Hotel & Convention Center, 777 W Cherokee St. Catoosa, OK 74015. We have a block of rooms reserved for our conference at a special group rate. If you would like to make a room reservation, please call 1-800-760-6700. You may also make reservations via the internet at www.HardRockCasinoTulsa.com. Click *Online Reservations* located on the left side of the page, then click *Group Reservation* at the top of the page, then enter the Attendee Code: OCCA~~OCTOB~~. ***RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE September 25th, 2010 TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL GROUP RATE.*** It is

each participant's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements if needed.

Parking

Self-parking is available in the parking lot connected to the hotel.

Lunch Options

Lunch on Saturday is on your own from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm. There are several eating establishments in the Hard Rock, as well as within a few miles of the convention center.

On Site Registration

If using a voucher for on-site registration you must know your K8 number. Registration is available depending on space. The cost for on-site registration is \$55.

Training Hours

There will be six hours available for Saturday. Training certificates will be in your conference packets. Code words for training hours will be given in each class you attend.

Office of Child Care Services Vouchers

The Division of Child Care has again issued vouchers to licensed centers and homes worth \$25 towards your conference registration cost. These vouchers may be used as partial payment for the conference registration fee. You must have your K8 number to use the voucher credit. If you use a voucher credit as partial payment for the conference and you do not attend, you will lose your voucher according to the DHS Conference Requirements. If you have questions about how many vouchers your facility may have or any other questions concerning the use of vouchers you may contact the OCCA office at 1-800-580-4181.

The DHS voucher system requires each individual to register and sign in to verify your attendance.

Simply enclose the completed registration form with your K8 license number listed if using a voucher, plus a check or money order and mail it to:

OKLAHOMA CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 2485 • Oklahoma City, OK. 73101-2485

Phone Number: 800-580-4181 Fax Number: 405-942-0762

Instructions for Registration

Please read instructions carefully before filling out your registration.

Note: All tracks are limited and assigned on a “first come, first served” basis. Once a track is full, another track will be selected. Registration packets for Saturday may be picked up on the day of the conference beginning at 7:00 am at the registration booth.

- Conference Registrations can be submitted using one of the following:
 - a) Downloading and printing the applications from our website www.oklahomachildcareassociation.com
 - b) Completing the attached registration form(s) and mailing with your check or money order to:

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P O Box 2485
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-2485**

- c) You can pay with your credit card and fax your completed registration(s) to (405) 942-0762.
- Registrations must be postmarked or faxed by September 27th, 2010, or the fee increases to Member: Voucher + \$30, Non-member: Voucher + \$40.
 - Each participant must register on a separate form. (The registration form may be reproduced.)
 - If using a voucher credit, you must provide your K8 license number in Box 2 of the registration form or contact the OCCA office. See the back cover of the brochure for voucher information.
 - Regretfully, conference registration fees are non-refundable.
 - Conference Registrations **WILL NOT** be taken by phone.
 - Conference Registrations **CANNOT** be submitted online.

Infants – 3 years:

Learning during the first years of an infant and toddlers life is critical. Research in brain development shows crucial learning cornerstones are at stake during this time of their life. An early childhood program should be meeting the emotional, physical, social, and cognitive needs of children, using developmentally appropriate practices in a supportive and nurturing environment. The room set up, the songs we sing, the gestures we use, warm and supportive teachers are all essential in order to meet the needs of this special age group. This year's sessions will focus on how to better connect with this unique age group, using a variety of activities and compassion. We will also ask the question "How would you feel?" It will be a thought provoking session that will have you looking at child care from a whole different perspective.

Preschool:

Classroom experiences should be used to put emphasis on self-help skills, language development, and school adjustment. In preschool classrooms, a daily program schedule is a must with a curriculum that promotes concepts such as: letter recognition, numbers, counting, and sorting. Center time and group activities will be necessary for the development of attention spans and social skills. Self help and social skills need to be reinforced on a consistent basis. Learning how to assess the children's development is an important key to tracking the children in your class that are where they need to be or need additional help. This year's sessions will focus on learning the signs to look for to help children be successful, despite any learning challenges they might have. We will also learn how to incorporate the virtue of compassion into your everyday schedule, it will make your life happier and your classroom more successful. We will also ask the question "How would you feel?" It will be a thought provoking session that will have you looking at child care from a whole different perspective.

School-age:

Child care programs often do not have as much time with school-age children and the time that is spent at the center needs to be spent keeping them busy and engaged. Teachers must learn to be sensitive to the fact that some children are happier in small groups; other children thrive in larger, more active groups. Children must have a variety of areas and activities arranged for them that let them enjoy their out-of-school time to relax, play, pursue hobbies and socialize successfully with other children. This year's sessions will enlighten your perspective on what is important in a school-age program. It will also give you ideas on how to raise the bar in the program. We will also ask the question "How would you feel?" It will be a thought provoking session that will have you looking at child care from a whole different perspective.

Administrative:

Directors are the "hub" of the center. It is the responsibility of the director to communicate and see that the program runs smoothly for the children, parents and the staff. A director must build a team among the staff and work closely to manage the schedule and time to assess where changes need to be made. A director needs to have the knowledge to help the staff successfully work with the children, whether it be from the business side or the human side. We will also ask the question "How would you feel?" It will be a thought provoking session that will have you looking at child care from a whole different perspective.

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Box 1 Each participant must register on a separate form. This form may be reproduced. **PLEASE PRINT CAREFULLY**

Name _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE INITIAL)

Center Name _____

Center Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Center Phone (_____) _____ Home/Cell Phone (_____) _____
Include area code Include area code

Email Address _____ Is your facility a member of OCCA? (Membership includes all employees of facility) Yes No

Box 2 Conference Registration

OCCA Member	Pre-Registration	Late/On-site Registration
____ I am using a DHS \$25 voucher (You must supply your DHS License Number: K8 _____)	\$20	\$35
____ I am <u>NOT</u> using a voucher	\$45	\$60
Non-Member		
____ I am using a DHS \$25 voucher (You must supply your DHS License Number: K8 _____)	\$30	\$45
____ I am <u>NOT</u> using a voucher	\$55	\$70

Total Amount Due: \$

Payment Options (please check appropriate box): Check Purchase Orders Money Orders Mastercard/Visa/Discover

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____ Exp. _____

Amount Charged: \$ _____

Box 3

Mail this form with check and/or voucher to: 2010 OCCA Fall Conference, PO Box 2485, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.
If paying by Credit Card or Purchase Order, you may fax the form with payment information to (405)942-0762.
For additional information or questions, call 1-800-580-4181.

Box 4 Workshop Choices

Please make your first and second selection of the age group track you would like to attend:
 (Note: All tracks are limited to a "First Come, First Serve" basis. Maximum classroom sizes must be observed. Once your first choice of age group is full, your second choice will be selected.) Use a 1 for your first choice, a 2 for your second choice.

____ Infants-3 year olds ____ Preschool ____ School-age ____ Administrative

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Date Rec'd _____ Check #/P.O. # _____ Amount \$ _____ Confirmation sent

Application for OCCA Membership

Membership in the Oklahoma Child Care Association is available through one of the categories below.

- Please fill out the application below, send the form and payment to:
OCCA • P.O. Box 2485 • Oklahoma City, OK 73101-2485
- Or if paying by credit card, please fax it to: (405) 942-0762

CHILD CARE CENTERS

Basic Membership

Full benefits of OCCA basic membership, include voting privileges, state membership, all OCCA correspondence, discounts on training events, and much more.

Check if you are:

- Licensed for 1 - 30 children \$75
- Licensed for 31 - 75 children \$100
- Licensed for 75 and up \$150

Comprehensive Membership for Childcare Centers

A comprehensive membership receives full benefits of the Basic membership plus membership in the National Child Care Association (NCCA).

- Check here to upgrade to the Comprehensive Membership.
Add \$58 to the amount above.

Family Child Care Home

Family Child Care Home membership benefits include voting privileges, all OCCA correspondence, discounts on trainings and conferences and much more.

Check here if you would like to join as a Family Child Care Home:

- Family Child Care Home \$50

Individual Membership

Individual Membership includes discounts on trainings and conferences as a non-voting member.

- Individual Member \$50

Amount Due: \$

Name of Center, Home or Individual: _____

Director /Owner _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Licensed Capacity: _____ Days and hours your center is open: _____

Age levels of children you accept: Infants Toddlers - 2 3 & 4 5 School Age

Oh behalf of the above named center, home or individual, I, the undersigned, hereby make application for membership in Oklahoma Child Care Association and further agree to abide by the current bylaws, amendments and the Code of Ethics governing the Oklahoma Child Care Association, now and in the future.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Family Child Care Homes Licensed for Up to 7	Your home has 2 conference voucher credits
*2 and 3 Star Homes Licensed for Up to 7	Your home has 4 conference voucher credits
Large Family Child Care Homes Licensed for Up to 12	Your home has 4 conference voucher credits
*2 and 3 Star Homes Licensed for Up to 12	Your home has 8 conference voucher credits
Child Care Centers Licensed for Up to 50	Your facility has 8 conference voucher credits
*2 and 3 Star Centers licensed for Up to 50	Your facility has 16 conference voucher credits
Child Care Centers Licensed for 51-99	Your facility has 10 conference voucher credits
*2 and 3 Star Centers Licensed for 51-99	Your facility has 20 conference voucher credits
Child Care Centers Licensed for over 100	Your facility has 12 conference voucher credits
*2 and 3 Star Centers Licensed for over 100	Your facility has 24 conference voucher credits

* To receive doubled vouchers, you must be a 2 or 3 star facility as of July 1, 2005.

The Fine Print! *Voucher credits are non-refundable!* If you register for a conference using a voucher credit and do not attend, you will not get the voucher credit back. However, if a staff person is unable to attend you may substitute another staff person in their place.

Here is how it works! When you receive your registration materials from a conference, simply write your (K8 #, located on your child care license issued by DHS) on the allotted space on the registration form. When you pay for your conference you will subtract the \$25 from the registration fee. For example, if the registration fee is \$75, subtract \$25 and pay the difference of \$50. Be sure you sign in at conference and tell them your license number.

As a licensed child care center or family child care home you automatically have FREE conference voucher credits worth \$25.

\$25.00 FREE!