



Raelene Ostberg is founder of Thriving Together, LLC and currently a Master Trainer with MNCPD, Parent Educator with PAIIR, published writer, and mother. She is known for her entertaining, engaging, and inspirational presentations designed to lower stress and increase success. From Keynote to breakout, her trainings are packed with tangible tools you can apply right away, both personally and professionally. Participants appreciate Raelene's enthusiasm, energy, and theatrical storytelling that bring these effective, evidence-based strategies to real life application. She obtained her B.A. in Theater and M.Ed. in Family Education from the University of Minnesota.
<http://www.thriving-together.com/>



Jim Gill is a musician and author with singular credentials among children's artists. Jim spent twenty years directing programs in music play for families and children with special needs in the Chicago area. Jim completed his graduate studies in child development at the Erikson Institute of Chicago with a special emphasis on the study of play. His work experience and studies have led Jim to create each of his recordings and books as an opportunity for playful interactions between a child and a caring adult. Jim has released seven award-winning CDs of music play for young children and is also the author of two children's books. Over the years he has received five awards from the American Library Association for his releases. Jim has shared his expertise and ideas on music, play and literacy with organizations such as Head Start and the NAEYC.
<http://www.jimgill.com/>



These sessions have been approved through the Minnesota Center for Professional Development. (MNCPD)

Friday Night

What's New?

Learn about the new CACFP menu requirements and how easy the transition to the new meal requirements will be. We will have lots of great information and ideas in implementing these meal pattern requirements. The annual mandatory CACFP training will also be included.

-OR-

SUID/AHT

Sudden Unexpected Infant Death / Abusive Head Trauma.

**CDA: Safe Healthy Learning Environment
KCF: VII.A**

Saturday

Keynote Presentation

“Promoting Self-Control in Young Children” Raelene Ostberg

Gain insight into the development of the higher-level thinking skills needed for impulse-control and self-regulation in young children. Explore strategies that foster these “Executive Functions” and help children develop the self-control needed to reduce negative behaviors and increase positive behaviors. Identify strategies that will build the child's capacity to succeed both socially and academically in your care, in school, and in life. **CDA: III KCF: ILC**

Break Out Sessions

A Joyous way to learn Music Play to Promote Readiness, Literacy and Inclusion

In this energizing session Jim will share examples of his work – both books and songs – that teachers and care providers can bring back to their classrooms, playrooms and family rooms. Most importantly, Jim will discuss how his unique creations in music play inspire young children not only to move, but to regulate their movements....not only to sing, but to make connections between the words they sing and the printed word. Jim will discuss how a play-based program provides an inclusive environment for children with special needs and share thoughts based on his work with children of all ability levels. Early childhood professionals will leave the session inspired to share a new repertoire of songs and reading play activities with the children that they care for. Even more, they will leave the session understanding that what is most challenging about the nature of early childhood education is also what makes the profession so exciting. When we define our teaching as helping children learn, we not only provide joyous challenges for the children, we also keep ourselves engaged and rejuvenated by watching their excitement as they learn.
CDA: II KCF: II

Working with Challenging Behaviors

During this training, you will identify what is behind common challenging behaviors and explore techniques to work with specific challenges before, during, and after they occur. You will learn positive communication techniques that gain preschooler's cooperation and promote the behaviors you want. You will walk away with hands-on tools to increase positive behavior and decrease negative behaviors while building a strong connection with the children in your care.
CDA: III KCF: II.C

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Madison, MN 56256

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Please place a checkmark by the training you will be attending:

_____ **ONLY Friday, March 3, 2017 (Circle One)**

- What's New? (Free)

- SUID/AHT (\$10.00*)

_____ **ONLY Saturday, March 4, 2017**
 (See Cost Detail Below)

_____ **BOTH Friday & Saturday**
 (See Cost Detail Below)

What's New? OR SUID/AHT (Circle One)

**SUID/AHT is free if attending Saturday's Conference*

\$70/per person if postmarked by February 6, 2017

\$80/per person if postmarked from February 7 – 20, 2017
\$40/ Student (copy of Student ID required with registration)

I need CEU's (.6) at \$4 per person
 Total Payment Amount Included: \$ _____

Cancellation & Refunds

Cancellation requests must be in writing and postmarked by February 20, 2017. A processing fee of \$15.00 will be deducted from all refunds.

Mail or fax cancellation requests to:

Prairie Five Head Start
422 5th Ave. Box 166
Madison, MN 56256
Fax: 320-598-3025

Lodging at Prairie's Edge

Rooms are available for \$74/night + tax. Call 1-866-293-2121 before February 9, 2017 to make a reservation. Be sure to ask for the **Kids First Conference**, to receive the discount.



Conference hosted by:

Child Care Aware - West Central District
MN West Community & Technical College -
Granite Falls Campus

Child Care & Nutrition, Inc.

And the Head Start programs at:

Prairie Five Community Action
Southwestern MN Opportunity Council

Additional Support From:

Southwest Initiative Foundation

Conference Details

Dates: March 3-4, 2017

Location: Prairie's Edge Casino
Granite Falls, MN

Registration: (Includes a light breakfast and lunch)

\$70.00 Early Bird Registration
until February 6th

\$80.00 Registration Received
from February 7th-20th

Student registration is \$40

(Must be postmarked by February 20th)

CEU's: .6 CEU's are available (\$4)

Includes 6 clock hours of training

Friday

6:00-7:00pm — Appetizers & registration

7:00-9:00pm — "What's New" OR
"SUID/AHT"

Saturday

7:15-8:15am — Light Breakfast,
Registration & Vendor Shopping

8:15-10:15am — Welcome & Keynote:
"Promoting Self-Control in Young
Children" with **Raelene Ostberg**

10:15-10:30am — Break

10:30-12:30pm — **Breakout Session**

12:30-1:30pm — Lunch & Vendor
Shopping

1:30-3:30pm — **Breakout Session**

3:30 pm — Final Remarks & Door Prizes



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Kids First Early Childhood Conference



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Prairie's Edge Casino and
Convention Center
5616 Prairie's Edge Lane
Granite Falls, MN
March 3-4, 2017