AFTER A THREE-YEAR PAUSE...IT IS BACK! THE 7TH ANNUAL **EARLY CHILDHOOD SUMMIT**

> JUNE 5-7, 2024 BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

Fostering Dignity and Equality for Every Child: Strategies for Inclusive Placements, Curricula, and Instruction in Early Childhood Programs **Presented by <u>Erin E. Barton</u>**, PhD, BCBA-D

Join us as Dr. Barton guides participants through what it means to know that respecting the dignity and worth of all children is a fundamental commitment that goes beyond ethical considerations. It is a recognition of the inherent value and rights of every child, regardless of their abilities, background, or circumstances. However, many of our systems are not designed to do so. Dr. Barton will provide specific strategies for supporting the dignity of children with disabilities or children who might have disabilities and their families within early childhood programs; birth through kindergarten entry. Dr. Barton will provide a rationale for the equal worth of every child through inclusive placements, curricula, and instruction while describing what that looks like in practice using specific indicators. Participants will engage in group discussions and activities that will be used to foster learning. Participants will work in teams to create an action plan to improve services in their early childhood settings.

Dr. Barton's overarching goal will be to empower participants with actionable insights and strategies, fostering a more inclusive, respectful, and dignified environment for every child in early childhood programs. Over this two-day event, participants will explore key topics that focus on:

- •Naturally Occurring Inclusive Placements
- •Designing Inclusive Curricula
- •Evidence-based Strategies
- Professionalism

Registration

- Begins March 1, 2024 and ends by May 1, 2024
- Sessions: half-day on the 5th, full-day on the 6th, and half-day on the 7th
- Includes: breakfast & lunch on June 6th, breakfast on June 7th, and internet access each day
- Full Summit registration \$150.00*

*You may receive one graduate credit from the University of Northern Colorado for full Summit participation for an additional charge.



Beaver Run Resort and Conference Center

Each participant will reserve and pay for their own lodging. A block of rooms is available at a reduced rate for participants (cost starts from \$146).

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