

Early Childhood Today:

CREATING A PATHWAY FOR ALL CHILDREN

This is a conference that will address six themes of social/emotional development, speech and language, accommodations, early literacy, health and wellness, and best practices for parents, caregivers and professionals who shape the lives of children ages birth to 8 years old.

Visit www.sxu.edu, Keyword: StarNet for workshops and schedule.

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012
TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (*sign-in 8-8:30 a.m.*)
LOCATION: Saint Xavier University
Orland Park Campus
18230 Orland Parkway
Orland Park, IL 60467

FEE: \$35 (includes continental breakfast, lunch, instruction and session materials). There will be no refunds of fee given.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required and seats are limited. Registrations will be accepted based on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be no on-site or phone registration allowed. When using a purchase order, please fax a copy of the purchase order along with a completed registration form for each participant to (708) 802-6202. Registration must be received by Friday, Feb. 24. To register, visit www.sxu.edu, Keyword: StarNet. For more information, contact STAR NET at (708) 342-5370.

Illinois STAR NET is an approved provider for CPDUs through the Illinois State Board of Education and continuing education for speech-language pathologists, social workers, occupational therapists, and physical therapists through the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Note: Childcare is not available at the conference. Parents of children with disabilities up to 6 years old can apply for a family fellowship for a reimbursement stipend through STAR NET at www.swccase.org/starnet. Please click on **Fellowship Info**.



Dr. Michaelene Ostrosky will be presenting this year's plenary session on "The Pyramid Model: Supporting Children from the Base to the Point." The Pyramid Model has developed under the Center on the Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning. The center is focused on promoting the social emotional development and school readiness of children from birth to age 8. It is a national resource center funded by the Office of Head Start and the Child Care Bureau for disseminating research and evidence-based practices to early childhood programs across the country. This session will include an overview of the Pyramid Model to support young children's social emotional competence and prevent challenging behavior. Participants will learn about the model including the research, philosophy and strategies for this highly appropriate positive behavior support program for early childhood.

We will be streaming the keynote address into additional rooms in order to provide comfort for all attendees.

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