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# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

## *Be a Star Trainer*

Lights, camera, action! Are you ready to shine as a star trainer? Join us for our 4th annual Early Childhood Trainer Conference on June 11 & 12, 2025, in Las Vegas for an unforgettable experience! Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your training skills and make a lasting impact on the early childhood education community.

This conference is exclusively available to approved NV Registry trainers! In order to receive a certificate for nine Nevada Registry-approved training hours, participants must attend the entire conference, spanning both days.



SCAN TO REGISTER  
VIA EVENTBRITE

\*There are a limited number of partial scholarships available. If interested, contact: Cathy Peshlakai - [cpeshlakai@unr.edu](mailto:cpeshlakai@unr.edu)

Early Bird  
Registration:  
April 1-22 (\$99)  
Registration:  
April 23 - May 13,  
(\$125)

University of Nevada, Reno  
Extension

8050 Paradise Rd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89123

Register early to ensure first choice session selections!

# Conference Schedule

June 11 – Day 1

8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration and Creativity/Self-care Stations</b>	
9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	<b>Session 1: Adding Pizzazz with AI: Unlocking the Future of Learning by Teresa Byington</b>	Step into the spotlight and discover the star power of AI tools. Learn how AI can script a training outline, create vibrant visuals, develop evaluations, and add a touch of creativity to your sessions. Whether you are new to AI or looking to expand your skills, this session will provide valuable insights and hands-on experiences, giving you the tools to shine.
	<b>Session 2 (select 2A or 2B)</b>	
	<b>2A: Behind the Scenes: Building Show-Stopping PowerPoints by Cindy James, Lyra Bach and Maria Jake</b>	Turn your PowerPoint presentations into blockbuster hits! This hands-on session covers slide design, free images and backgrounds, embedding videos, animations and presenter tools like scripts and dual screens. Whether you're a beginner or advanced user, you'll gain Hollywood-worthy skills to create dynamic, engaging presentations that captivate any audience.
	<b>2B: From Static to Cinematic: Interactive PowerPoint Secrets by Janelle Jamero and Erin Skaggs</b>	Unlock the secrets to transforming ordinary PowerPoint presentations into show-stopping, interactive experiences! In "From Static to Cinematic: Interactive PowerPoint Secrets," you'll learn how to captivate your audience with dynamic visuals, seamless transitions, and interactive elements that make your slides feel like a Hollywood production. This training will help you create blockbuster presentations that leave a lasting impact. Get ready to turn your static slides into a cinematic masterpiece!
12:15 to 1 p.m.	<b>Italian Pasta Buffet</b>	
1 to 4 p.m.	<b>Session 3 (select 3A or 3B)</b>	
	<b>3A: From Stage Fright to Spotlight: 10 Tips for Public Speaking Success by Monica Salazar and Stephanie May</b>	Public speaking is not easy. No matter how long you have been doing it, there is always some anxiety and nervousness. But, with some good tips and practice, public speaking will become easier. Join us to learn about the 10 tips for public speaking success that will help you be the confident presenter you want to be.
	<b>3B: Lights, Camera, Confidence: Mastering the Art of Presentation by Rebecca Vizina and Desiree Cabacar</b>	This session is designed to enhance participants' ability to communicate effectively and engage audiences. Lights, Camera, Confidence covers essential techniques such as establishing credibility, building rapport, and recovering with grace. Through interactive exercises, feedback sessions, and practical tips, trainers will develop their unique presentation style and improve their overall public speaking skills. By the end of the training, you will feel more prepared to deliver compelling presentations in various settings.
	<b>Networking Event</b>	

## Day 2: June 12

8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration and Creativity/Self-care Stations</b>	
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	<b>Session 4 (select 4A or 4B)</b>	
	<b>4A - Props and Punchlines – A Comedy of Cents by Savannah Castanon and Shanell Townsend</b>	Explore various ideas on how to make an engaging learning environment on a budget. We will share ideas for creating environmental props such as centerpieces, cutouts, and team building materials.
	<b>4B- Soar to Stardom: Elevate Your Training with Legendary Character Insights by Cathy Peshlakai</b>	In this training session, we'll delve into the four primary personality styles a trainer will encounter—Eagle, Parrot, Dove, and Owl. By the end of this session, you'll have practical tools to build stronger connections with your trainees, reduce conflicts, and foster their personal growth. Let's embark on this journey together and unlock the secrets to more effective and harmonious training experiences!
	<b>Session 5: Out of This World Training: Taking it to the Next Level by Teresa Byington, Gigi Wynn and Mika Hansen</b>	What's the difference between training that you quickly forget and training that has a long-lasting positive impact on adult learners? Find out in this session designed for trainers interested in creating and delivering meaningful presentations. Learn how to guide your learners through smooth, interstellar transitions between topics and use reflection to orbit around key concepts. Experience intentional engagement strategies designed to meet the needs of diverse learners and boost retention. By the end of the mission, you'll be energized and equipped with the tools to launch your next training session to new heights.
12:30 to 1:15 p.m.	<b>Café Rio Nacho Bar</b>	
1:15 to 2 p.m.	<b>Reflect and Connect: Hollywood Squares Game</b>	
	<b>Hollywood Stars Closer Slide Show and Certificates</b>	

### Additional Conference Information:

- Transportation to the conference will be provided for guests staying at neighboring hotels. Please contact [Cathy Peshlakai](#) to confirm eligibility of your hotel.
- You are encouraged to bring a fully charged laptop for both days of the conference.
- Attendance is crucial. Participants missing more than 15 minutes of conference time will not receive the 9-hour Nevada Registry certificate.

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