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## 2020 Kindergarten Readiness Summit



**JUNE 1–6, 2020**

**AN ONLINE EXPERIENCE  
FOR FAMILIES  
&  
EARLY CARE & EDUCATION  
PROFESSIONALS**



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# KEYNOTE WEBINAR

How the Young Brain Works  
with Nicki Patton Rowe

**LIVE WEBINAR: JUNE 1ST @ 6PM**



Infants are born with 100 billion neurons. But... most are not yet connected (kind of like a bag of Legos that haven't been put together). That means you – as a parent or early childhood educator – are a “brain builder.” Join us at this keynote session for a celebration of you – the brain builders of our next generation. Laugh and learn as Nicki

gives an explanation of brain development and learning that will leave you in awe of your role as a “brain builder.” You will learn what kinds of experiences wire neurons into connected networks that form the basis of all knowledge; the importance of “serve and return” interactions; and the connection between brain development and school readiness. You will leave this session with a better understanding of why what you do or don't do as a parent/early childhood educator during a child's first five years impacts children for a lifetime.

**Register for the LIVE Keynote Webinar:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_yvE-C6tgSairuQKkoSD42w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yvE-C6tgSairuQKkoSD42w)

*The LIVE webinar will be recorded for access following the live session.*



## BREAKOUT SESSION

Early experiences build the neural connections that lay the foundation for school readiness. This session will explore what is happening in the brain as children learn about numbers and the alphabet.

Participants will:

- Learn how a child's brain develops alphabet knowledge (connection between letter names/symbols/sounds) and number sense (connection between number names/symbols/quantity)
- Experience firsthand why learning alphabet knowledge and number sense is harder than it may seem
- Receive hands-on activity tips and ideas for helping children develop number sense and alphabet knowledge at home and in the classroom.



[Link to session](#)

### Breakout Sessions

*How Children Learn ABCs and 123s  
& What You Can Do to Help*  
with Nicki Patton Rowe



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# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## Breakout Sessions

*Strategies for Children with Sensory Needs*  
with Alison Mazurak, OTRL



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In this session, Occupational Therapist, Alison Mazurak will share strategies for children who have specific sensory needs. Participants will learn about how sensory input impacts a child's connection to learning.



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## Breakout Sessions

*Math Make & Take Projects at Home*  
with Annie Wheatcraft



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Join preschool teacher, Annie Wheatcraft for this fun session on creating hands-on math activities for the home that will engage children and families together.



[Link to session](#)

## Breakout Sessions

*Social Emotional Learning & Conscious Discipline Strategies*  
with Lynn Baker, IECE, MLIS



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In this session, participants will learn about the connection between brain development and social emotional skills. Strategies from Conscious Discipline will include both classroom and at-home practices to help children learn self-regulation skills such as delayed gratification, self-control, turntaking, and empathy for others.



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## Breakout Sessions

*Stories, Songs, and Stretches: Social Emotional Learning and Mindfulness*  
with Katie Scherrer, MLIS, RYT



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Join Katie Scherrer from Stories, Songs, and Stretches!® This session will introduce participants to the practice of mindfulness, exploring connections between mindfulness practices and social-emotional learning competencies.



[Link to session](#)

## Breakout Sessions

**Tips for Reading Aloud with Young Children**  
with Lynn Baker, IECE, MLIS



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Want children to become strong readers later? Read to them during the first five years of life! Building reading skills begins before a child actually learns to read. In this session, participants will learn strategies for interactive reading that engage children while also teaching pre-literacy skills needed for children to become successful readers in kindergarten.



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## Breakout Sessions

**Learning about Community Services**  
Sponsored by the Franklin County Community Early Childhood Council



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Learn about the different services that are available to families and early care and education providers in the Franklin County region. In this section participants will hear straight from services providers in 10-15 minute video interviews



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## Breakout Sessions

**Using Visuals at Home**  
with Lynn Baker, IECE, MLIS



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In this session, participants will learn about using visuals to help children transition between parts of the day, make choices, and put things away at home. Templates and hands-on examples will be provided for participants to create at home.



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## Breakout Sessions

**Brain Building with Vroom**  
Sponsored by a Grant through Save the Children



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Science shows that the first five years of life are when the brain develops fastest. The Vroom app shows adults how to make any moment a brain building moment. In this session, participants will get to learn more about how to use the Vroom app to engage children in fun activities that help make their brains strong for learning.



[Link to session](#)

# INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

Connect with Other Parents...



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Parents, join other parents in these special 30-minute online connections facilitated by early childhood educators. Choose to attend one or all of the four sessions offered.



[Link to session](#)

## Parent Learning Circle Topics

1. My Child's Brain: Tuesday, June 2nd, 11-11:30am
2. My Child's Language Development: Tuesday, June 2nd, 6-6:30pm
3. My Child's Literacy Development: Saturday, June 6th, 11-11:30am
4. My Child's Social Emotional Development: Saturday, June 6th, 4-4:30pm



Visit the Storytime Video Gallery and see local educators, service providers, and community members reading some of their favorite picture books!



[Link to session](#)



Early care and education Directors, join us for a special online Directors Cadre on Wednesday, June 3rd at 2:00pm. We will discuss updates to reopening and the new First5 Bluegrass Early Childhood Council.



[Link to session](#)

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