

AGENDA

Wyoming Kindergarten Transition Summit

January 10, 2020 Casper

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 – 8:10 a.m. Welcome and introduction

Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer, Wyoming Department of Education

8:10 – 8:30 a.m. Mix/Freeze

8:30 – 9:45 a.m. Keynote: Finding and Celebrating Deep and Simple Moments

*Dana Winters, Ph.D., Director of Simple Interactions and Academic Programs
Assistant Professor of Child and Family Studies Fred Rogers Center for Early
Learning and Children's Media at Saint Vincent College*

At the foundation of every child's healthy development is the power of human connection – and we will explore the power we have to build connections and contribute to the positive development of the children around us – especially as they transition into formal learning settings.

9:45 – 10:00 Break

10:00 – 11:15 Framework and Evidence Supporting Effective Early Childhood to Kindergarten Transition

Deana Smith, M.A. Wyoming Department of Education

A presentation on guidance, tools, and best practice surrounding Kindergarten Transition

11:15 – 12:15 Lunch

Enjoy lunch on your own. Our afternoon session will begin promptly at 12:30. A drawing will be held from 12:20 – 12:30. Must be present to win!

12:30 – 1:15 Growing Simple Interactions through Practice

Dana Winters, Ph.D.

In this session, we will be using the “Simple Interactions” approach to closely examine adult-child interactions in everyday contexts. We will discuss how these interactions weave together four basic building blocks of the human relationship – connection, reciprocity, inclusion, and opportunity to grow – to make positive developmental impacts.

Time to Collaborate: CDC/Districts

1:15 – 1:30 Activity 1: What’s going well?

Activity 2: What are your frustrations/barriers?

1:30 – 2:00 Activity 3: Review your current transition plan

Teams will collaborate and analyze their current Early Childhood to Kindergarten Transition plans.

2:00 – 2:15 Break

2:15 – 3:00 Activity 4: Transition Plan Toolkit

Collaborate with CDC/Preschool and District teams to create or enhance your Early Childhood to Kindergarten Transition Plan based on best practice.

3:00 – 3:45 Activity 5: Take Note!

This is time to take notes of shared plans and/or ideas that you can add or adjust your own plan.

3:45 – 4:00 Reevaluate & Develop

Reevaluate and develop a plan for implementation, scheduling, and 3 next steps for your group.

4:00 – 4:15 Next Steps

Margee Robertson, Special Education Director, Wyoming Department of Education

4:15 – 4:30 Questions