

ELC OF THE BIG BEND EARLY LEARNING CONFERENCE
MAGICAL MINDS: UNLOCKING THE POWER OF IMAGINATIVE PLAY
AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE



- 7:30 - 8:15AM REGISTRATION**
check-in | breakfast | vendor village open
- 8:15 - 8:30 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**
Lizbeth Murphy, ELC CEO
- 8:30 - 9:30 MORNING KEYNOTE**
Dr. Diane Jackson Schnoor, "With A Seed - Growing the Problem Solvers Our Planet Needs"
- 9:30 - 10:15 PARTNER UPDATES**
Department of Children and Families, Deputy Assistant Secretary Angela Shave, Compliance & Legislative Updates

10:15 - 10:35 BREAK | VISIT VENDOR VILLAGE

- 10:35 - 11:35 BREAKOUT SESSION ONE**
- 11:35 - 1:00 PM LUNCH AND PROVIDER AWARDS PROGRAM**

1:00 - 1:30 BREAK | VISIT VENDOR VILLAGE

- 1:30 - 2:00 INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY**
featuring Dr. Diane Jackson Schnoor

2:00 - 2:05 BREAK

- 2:05 - 3:05 BREAKOUT SESSION TWO**

3:05 - 3:15 BREAK | LAST VENDOR VILLAGE

- 3:20 - 4:20 AFTERNOON KEYNOTES**
Ashli Givens and Maggie Willman, "The Play Ecosystem - Where Imagination Takes Root"
- 4:20 - 4:30 CLOSING REMARKS**
2027 theme preview | educational giveaways | survey

BREAKOUT SESSION ONE
10:35-11:35

AUDIENCE	INSTRUCTOR	SESSION
INFANT/TODDLER	Kathy Douglas	The Magic of Music and Movement for the Littlest Learners
PRESCHOOL	Sara Tours	Integrating Imaginative Play to Foster Growth in Language, Social-Emotional, Cognitive and Physical Domains
DIRECTOR	Paige Rheinhardt	Wizards and Magic Wands - Does your Magic Wand Still Work?

BREAKOUT SESSION TWO
2:05 - 3:05

INFANT/TODDLER	Melanie Sanders and Mary Floyd	Exploring the World of CLASS
PRESCHOOL	Jamie Harmon	Play with Purpose: Engaging Every Intelligence in the Preschool Classroom
DIRECTOR	Tanesha McDonald	Building Protective Factors & Emotional Safety in Early Learning Classrooms