



STARS Accreditation Training Schedule

D6 Northwest (formerly Northwest Ministry Conference) 2024

Session #1 – Friday, March 8, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (1 Hour)

Title: "First Aid for Children with Emotional Difficulties"

Presenter: Dr. Eddie Moody

Description: Between 10–20% of all children suffer from a diagnosable emotional problem. In this session we will look at actions to take to help children. Specific emphasis will be placed on interventions laypeople can use to help with anxiety and depression.

Session #2 – Friday, March 8, 2024 – 10:30 a.m. (1 Hour – two speakers splitting the time)

Title: How Not to be Stuck in a Stalemate

Presenter: Matt Markins

Description: What are we supposed to do when parents do not engage with their own kids? It can sometimes feel like we are stuck, gridlocked or even at a stalemate. Using the latest research from the book *The Faith of Our Children*, Matt Markins will walk us through fresh insights to inform how we move beyond the soundbite "parents are the primary disciplers of their kids" into a world where leaders and teachers can help parents confidently equip and engage their own kids spiritually.

Title: "You Don't Have to Be Cool & There is No Secret Sauce"

Presenter: Shane Pruitt

Description: Reaching the next generation doesn't require a wardrobe change and there are no secret sauces that have to be discovered. There are timeless truths that every leader and parent needs to know about reaching, discipling, and mobilizing the next generation with the Gospel. What are they?

Session #3 – Friday, March 8, 2024 – 12:00 p.m. (1 Hour)

Title: "Increasing Resiliency in Children"

Presenter: Dr. Shelly Melia

Description: Ever wonder why some children seem to be naturally resilient while others struggle? Explore five factors that help children be resilient and provide ideas for encouraging resiliency in the classroom.

Session #4 – Friday, March 8, 2024 – 1:30 p.m. (1 Hour – two speakers splitting the time)

Title: Mickey Mouse and Musical Chairs: Three Characteristics of Healthy Development

Presenter: Dr. Ron Hunter

Description: Discover how the world has changed even though the principles have not. Learn how three key concepts will guide you forward: relational, conversational, and generational. All three make a world of difference as kids emerge into adulthood.

Title: "Why Helping Families is Getting Harder"

Presenter: Kurt Bruner

Description: There are four main reasons why helping families is getting harder. At least two of them might surprise you. Understanding how to tackle each will help you become strategic about making kids ethically and morally stronger rather than just products of the culture.

Session #5 – Friday, March 8, 2024 – 4:00 p.m. (1 Hour)

Title: “Reaching the Hard Kids”

Presenter: Melissa MacDonald

Description: Learn how to not only reach but also teach those kids who require extra time and attention in a way that establishes a connection with both you and their Creator.

Session #6 – Saturday, March 9, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. (1 Hour)

Title: **Grit and Growth-Mindset in Early Childhood**

Presenter: Dr. Shelly Melia

Description: Can you teach children how to develop grit and a growth mindset? Researchers believe these skills start in early childhood! Learn the two concepts and implement practical ideas for your classroom.

Session #7 – Saturday, March 9, 2024 – 10:30 a.m. (1 Hour – 4 speakers splitting the time in a TED Talk style)

Title: “The Story of God in a Biblically Illiterate Age”

Presenter: Dr. Josh Ziefle

Description: With people reading books less, how do we teach the Bible when culture has become increasingly biblically illiterate? In this session, we will consider the broad scope of the biblical narrative for young people, and see how it fits in their bigger picture of other subjects taught.

Title: “Protecting Your Children”

Presenter: Dr. Randy Adams

Description: Don’t be deceived, the world is catechizing little minds. Children are primary targets of many influences and not all have their best interests in mind. How can teachers and parents protect their kids from evil and harm?

Title: “Building Confidence into a Child’s Set of Beliefs”

Presenter: Dr. Timothy Paul Jones

Description: In a world where diversity argues for many viewpoints, how can kids feel comfortable in their beliefs? Do they cave to peer pressure or just offers words they may not can defend? Dr. Timothy Paul Jones provides a insights for how teachers and parents can partnering together to increase effectiveness in kids’ development in ways that it sticks.

Title: “World Changers”

Presenter: Melissa MacDonald

Description: Who are the kids that will change the world? How can teachers come alongside and encourage a child’s dreams by properly equipping them.

Session #8 – Saturday, March 9, 2024 – 12:00 p.m. (1 Hour)

Title: Teachers as Catalysts: Leading with Play

Presenter: Dr. Ron Hunter

Description: Rediscover the joy of childhood play in this interactive session, designed to hone your leadership and teaching prowess. Utilize Play-Doh in a hands-on setting to sculpt your mentorship skills, fostering the growth of the young minds you guide. Join us for a session where play shapes the leaders of tomorrow.

Session #9 – Saturday, March 9, 2024 – 1:30 p.m. (1 Hour)

Title: “Teaching Students Instead of Lessons”

Presenter: Katie Greenwood

Description: Explore 4 strategies for creating an enriching learning experience for young minds. Walk away with tools you can immediately apply in your classroom to ensure a lasting impact on the students you teach.

Session #10 – Saturday, March 9, 2024 – 3:00 p.m. (1 Hour – two speakers splitting the time)

Title: “It is Well With My Phone”

Presenter: Arlene Pellicane

Description: Kids aren't the only ones scrolling mindlessly on their phones. How can we teach our kids discernment with devices and model healthy tech use ourselves? Learn why screens are so sticky and what's at stake when a family's attention is dominated by screen time.

Title: Dealing with Rebellious Kids

Presenter: Jim Putman

Description: Learn best habits to connect with the heart of kids even when their actions appear to push away from everything you are teaching. Understand what helps form and ultimately dismantle the attitudes of rejecting authority, acting out, and general prodigality.