

2007 Early On[®] Annual Conference

**SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT
THROUGH TEAMING**



APRIL 26-27, 2007 • BAVARIAN INN LODGE • FRANKENMUTH



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dear *Early On*® Michigan:

Thank you for your service to infants, toddlers and their families. In order to support your work, the Michigan Department of Education, along with our collaborative partners, is pleased to offer the 2007 *Early On*® Annual Conference, *Supporting Development through Teaming*. This conference will focus on the teamwork that is essential to meet the needs of the child and family.


Presenters will offer practical ideas about partnering and teaming. Sessions will provide an understanding of aspects of development from the perspectives of multiple disciplines. Topics include Early Language; Motor Milestones; Failure to Thrive; Working with Migrant Families; Nutrition and Brain Development; and much more. Please be part of this statewide early intervention team; join your colleagues to learn about these and other topics that are so important to Michigan's early intervention system.

Thank you again for your commitment to Michigan's infants and toddlers.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Flanagan
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Early On[®] Training and Technical Assistance (EOT&TA), an Innovative Project of Clinton County RESA, is your system of support. Funded by the Michigan Department of Education, EOT&TA provides Michigan's comprehensive system of personnel development mandated by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. EOT&TA meets the needs of diverse personnel. Whether providers are new, seasoned, struggling with requirements, changing systems, or in need of a sounding board, EOT&TA has staff able to assist. In addition to the annual conference, LICC conference, and System Updates, EOT&TA offers the following for 2006-2007:

Core statewide training topics:

- Family-Centered Skills for Evaluating Young Children
- Early Intervention Services
- Infant Toddler Developmental Assessment (IDA)
- Procedural Safeguards – the Rights of Parents
- Service Coordination
- *Early On* Institutes, Fall and Spring (for new staff)

Regional training in combination with TA tailored to service areas:

- Conceptualizing and Writing Outcomes in Natural Environments
- Validation of Services and Documentation of Progress – Early Intervention Benefit
- Transition
- Family-Centered Skills for Developing an IFSP Process and Content
- Utilizing HELP to Track Progress

Technical assistance on any topic including:

- Focused Monitoring Follow-up
- Service Provider Self-Review Assistance

EOT&TA also supports *Early On* statewide through the management of *Early On[®]* Public Awareness (home of the 1-800-EarlyOn referral line) and through the provision of well-trained Record Reviewers for the state's Continuous Improvement Monitoring System (CIMS). Since our inception in 2001, EOT&TA has been proud to serve you. Please contact us when considering *Early On* personnel development for your service area.

Julie Banfield
Director
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Christine Callahan
Director
EOT&TA

Sr. Barbara Cline
Training Manager
EOT&TA

PURPOSE

The 2007 *Early On*[®] Conference offers participants individual and collaborative opportunities to enhance the many facets of their work with families and their children in *Early On*. Our focus this year is understanding development through multiple perspectives and supporting development through teaming. This exciting conference will energize all participants and help them return to their teams with renewed energy and new ideas. EOT&TA brings you workshops that will enrich your abilities, skills, and competencies as early interventionists. It is our hope that you will take what you gain as a professional to enrich your early intervention team.



THIS CONFERENCE IS TARGETED TO SERVE *EARLY ON*:

Coordinators

Service Coordinators

Service Providers

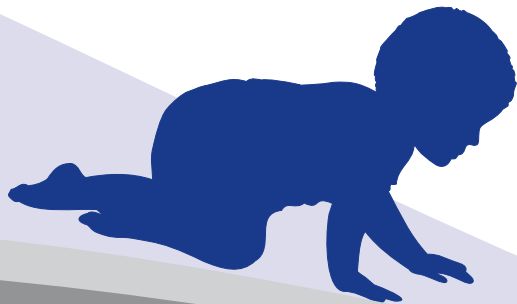
Parents

State Agency Personnel

State Mandated Activities projects

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Members

Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) Members



DEDICATION

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Thursday, April 26, 2007

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. **Registration** and Continental Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
Christine Callahan, *Director, Early On[®] Training and Technical Assistance*
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Keynote: Meeting the Needs of Families through Collaboration**
Debbie Lively, *Professor, Saginaw Valley State University*
- 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Session 1**
- 12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m. Mix and Mingle (during Lunch setup)
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Michigan Department of Education Message**
Vanessa Winborne, *State Part C Coordinator*
- 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Mix and Mingle
- 1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Session 2**
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Session 3**

Friday, April 27, 2007

- 7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. **Seminar**
- 9:50 a.m. - 10:05 a.m. Break
- 10:05 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Seminar continued**
- 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Mix and Mingle
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Closing**
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Networking



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Keynote:

Thursday, April 26, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Debbie Lively, *Professor of Teacher Education: Coordinator of the Early Childhood and Special Education Programs, Saginaw Valley State University*



Meeting the Needs of Families through Teamwork

Collaborative teaming with families and other professionals is critical to ensuring positive outcomes. It is voluntary, provides parity among partners, and promotes shared decision making toward a common goal. How do you foster synergistic teamwork? What unites all the stakeholders with mutual benefits? This keynote address will inspire participants to explore innovative ways to enhance teaming in their community.

Michigan Department of Education Message:

Thursday, April 26, 2007, 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Vanessa Winborne, *State Part C Coordinator, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services, Michigan Department of Education (MDE)*



Early On[®] Update

The Michigan Department of Education, as the state lead agency for *Early On* Michigan, has the responsibility to oversee the administration of Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004). Vanessa will provide participants with up-to-date information regarding *Early On* Michigan.

FOCUS



CODES

The workshops on the following pages are coded according to the *Early On*[®] Tools for Professional Development - Service Coordinator Role Impact Map.

TheFoun - Theoretical Foundations

TechExp - Technical Expertise

PolRulReg - Policy, Rules, Regulation

SysExp - System Expertise

WWOth - Working with Others

Com - Communicating

Think - Thinking

Adm - Administration

EsCh - Essential Characteristics

FAMILY-CENTERED PRACTICE

Early On[®] Training and Technical Assistance embraces the principles of family-centered practice and encourages all presenters and participants to consider them in their work.



CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

Applications are submitted for State Board Continuing Education Units (SB-CEUs), Nursing Contact Hours, and Social Work Contact Hours. **SB-CEUs** are offered for all sessions. In addition, participants interested in obtaining Nursing Contact Hours should register for workshops coded **NCH**; participants interested in obtaining Social Work Contact Hours should register for workshops coded **SWCH**. All continuing education credits are pending approval at the time of brochure printing.

SESSION 1 - THURSDAY, 10:45 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

A. Introduction to Baby Signs

Su Porter, MSU Extension Educator, Family Programs Director

Signing babies are calmer, more curious, have closer connections with their parents, and use more words earlier than children who don't sign. Learn three to eight signs and the reasons signing helps brains grow.

NCH, SWCH / TechExp, Com

B. Nutrition and Brain Development

Ann Lazowski, Nutritionist

Physically and emotionally, nourishment is of central importance for infants, toddlers and their families. Find out what recent research reveals about how nutrients affect development, particularly the growth of the brain.

TechExp, Think, TheFoun

C. What Do You Mean, Functional Outcomes?

Sister Barbara Cline, Training Manager, EOT&TA

It's not just the item on an evaluation tool, but the application of a skill in a real live setting that makes an outcome functional. This session will provide participants with an understanding of the relationship that exists between domain-based developmental outcomes and functional outcomes.

Com, WWOth, EsCh

D. More Than Fussy: Sensory-Based Feeding Problems in Infants and Toddlers

Ann Stacey, Occupational Therapist, Ken-O-Shay Center, Grand Rapids

Learn more about the needs of children with sensory integration disorders as they relate to eating. The benefits of early assessment, implementing a team approach, and how to support parents in daily activities will be discussed.

(This session is repeated in 2-D)
NCH / TechExp, WWOth, Think

E. Updates From the Data Front

Charo Hulleza, Managing Director, Center for Urban Studies, WSU

Allan Knapp, Interagency Information Systems

Statewide data collection systems, EETRK and the Qualitative Compliance Information Project, will present the latest information gathered from the field, representing multiple perspectives on issues that could contribute to effective "Teaming." Data is inclusive of EETRK, annual family survey, child outcomes pilot study, and surveys of EO stakeholders.

SysExp, Adm, Com

F. The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment for Infants and Toddlers (DECA-IT)

Mary Mackrain, Consultant, Michigan's Child Care Expulsion Prevention Initiative

Learn about a new standardized assessment available for children ages 1 month to 36 months. The DECA-IT assesses protective factors and screens for potential social and emotional risks. The session offers video, PowerPoint and reflection opportunities.

NCH, SWCH / TechExp, TheFoun, PolRulReg

RESILIENCE

SESSION 2 - THURSDAY, 1:45 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

A. Parents as Play Partners: Supporting Cognitive and Social Development with Play

Julie Urbanski, *Speech Therapist, Grand Rapids Public Schools*
Chad Vostad, *Occupational Therapist, Grand Rapids Public Schools*

This session will focus on building and sustaining an effective parent/child educational group using a trans-disciplinary team approach for children with special needs. We will share techniques that empower parents in becoming effective play partners during daily routines at home and in inclusive settings.

SWCH / WWOth, EsCh, TechExp

B. Staying Connected Through Transitions

Laura Linscott, *Supervisor, MSU CDL*
Jenny Alvarez, *Ingham ISD*

Transition strategies developed and implemented at the MSU Child Development Lab in conjunction with the Ingham Early Childhood Program are the subject of this team presentation. Presenters will highlight their approach to making transition from *Early On* to an Early Childhood setting family friendly, family involved, family centered.

SWCH / WWOth, TheFoun, TechExp, PolRulReg

C. Child Outcomes Measurement - A Preview

Mischele McManus, *Consultant, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services, MDE*
Nancy Peeler, *Early On Coordinator, Michigan Department of Community Health, Public Health*
Child Outcomes Cohort One (1) Members

Early On Coordinators join the State Interagency Team to report progress with implementing the Child Outcomes Measurement System for Michigan. This presentation will feature tips for members of Cohorts 2 and 3, including ways to prepare for this requirement to measure and document child progress. Updates on future training activities will be provided.

PolRulReg, TechExp

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(Repeat of Session 1 - D)

NCH / TechExp, WWOth, Think

E. Touchpoints

Debbie Lively, *Professor, Saginaw Valley State University*

T. Barry Brazelton has identified several critical Touchpoints, periods of time that precede a rapid growth in learning for both parent and child. These are universal spurts in development. Learn to identify Touchpoints so you can assist families to optimize these challenging times and use them as windows to understanding a child's behavior and strengthening the parent/child relationship.

NCH, SWCH / TheFoun,Com,EsCh, Adm

F. Children, Families and HIV/AIDS

Janet Nunn, *MSW, Children's Hospital Pediatric Immunology/Project Challenge*
Jill Meade, *Psychologist, Children's Hospital Pediatric Immunology/Project Challenge*

This workshop will explore the particular challenges of young families facing HIV/AIDS. Attendees will learn about the system of services available and methods for best supporting the infant/toddler and their family.

NCH, SWCH / Think, WWOth, EsCh, SysExp

SESSION 3 - THURSDAY, 3:15 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

A. The Complexities of Providing Support for Families

Carol Spaman, *Trainer, EOT&TA*
Janice Fialka, *Trainer, EOT&TA*

In this interactive workshop, participants will observe scenes of home visits created by the Beach Center on Families and Disabilities to illustrate the supports and services that families receive in early intervention. Group discussion will be used to raise awareness and stimulate dialogue about family needs and the various roles of providers.

NCH, SWCH / SysExp, WWOth, EsCh

B. Building Social and Emotional Health: Preventing Challenging Behaviors

Mary Mackrain, *Consultant, Michigan's Child Care Expulsion Prevention Initiative*

Participants will learn about infant, toddler and preschool social and emotional milestones and why they are important. Also, participants will gain strategies to foster these skills in children, involve parents and adapt the environment. The presentation will include video, PowerPoint and group reflection opportunities.

SWCH / TechExp, Com, EsCh, TheFoun

C. Low-Tech Solutions for Movement, Sensory and Play

Kindy Segovia, *OT, AT, Kent ISD*

Movement, sensory and play experiences are crucial to early brain development. For some children, adapting play, movement and sensory activities is the only way for them to learn about themselves and experience the world around them. Learn some practical, low-tech ways to engage all children through everyday activities.

TechExp, Com

D. Sharing the "Happiest Baby on the Block" Techniques with Families

Shelly Grenier, *Early On Coordinator, Menominee*
Tracey Axtell, *Early Interventionist, Menominee Head Start*

Attendees will be presented with background information about the "Happiest Baby on the Block," featured at the 2005 *Early On* conference, including Dr. Karp's five S's, the Calming Reflex, and how to use his strategies with families. Information will be shared on the certification process and how Menominee was able to fund a program for new parents in the area.

NCH, SWCH / SysExp, Adm, WWOth

E. Networking with Early On[®] Coordinators

Becky Davis, *Early On Coordinator, EUP*
Sam Cornelius, *Early On Coordinator, COP*

Sprinters (newbies) and Marathon (experienced) coordinators will have an opportunity to weigh in on the current issues in our field. Share your success stories, brainstorm fresh ideas for current challenges, and build some colleague partnerships in a round table, topic facilitated format.

PolRulReg, WWOth, Adm, Com, Think

F. Potential Predicaments for Parents and Providers

James Royle, *Assoc. Professor, College of Education, Saginaw Valley State University*

All parents of young children are confronted with challenging situations as their children develop. This session will use humor and anecdote in discussing possible strategies for success. Particular attention will be paid to positive interaction between parents and providers of related services.

NCH, SWCH / TheFoun, TechExp, Com, WWOth

COOPERATION

FRIDAY SEMINAR - 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

A. Language and Movement: Essential Connections

Dr. Judith Vander Woude, *Professor, Calvin College*
Kathy Harris, *Physical Therapist, Kent ISD*

This presentation will focus on the relationship between motor and communication development, learning strategies for supporting parents' efforts in the home, and knowing when to refer for further evaluation.

Com, TechExp, TheFoun

B. Best Practices in Early Intervention for Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Mary Spence, *School Psychologist*
Nancy E. Keils, *Social Worker*
Marianne Miller, *Teacher Consultant*
Pamela McClure, *Speech/Language Therapist, Washtenaw ISD*

This workshop will update professionals on diagnostic practices for ASD and show use of standard early intervention assessment practices to identify children at risk. Small group work will include techniques for talking with parents about autism evaluations.

SWCH / WWOth, TechExp, TheFoun, Com

C. Motor Milestones and Brain Development

Colleen Noble, *Developmental Pediatrician, North Oakland Medical Center Pediatric Physical Therapists, NOMC*

Learn about motor milestones in the first years of life from the perspective of the integration and organization of the central nervous system. Video/demonstrations by the Euro-Peds® PT staff and their family-focused program will be highlighted.

TechExp, TheFoun, Think

D. Methamphetamine: A Home Visitor's Guide to Serving Children Who are Exposed

Detective Sgt. Abendroth, *Michigan State Police*
Janine Chittenden, *Child Health Team Supervisor, Ottawa Health Department*

A focus on critical areas: Methamphetamine effects, clandestine lab identification, dangers, the health and developmental risks to children exposed to this drug in the home. Current best practices will be discussed in working with these children and families.

NCH, SWCH / TechExp, Com, WWOth, Adm

E. When Babies Don't Grow- Understanding and Addressing Failure to Thrive

Rosemary Shy, *Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Wayne State University*
Julie Ribaldo, *Clinical Assistant Professor of Social Work, U of M*

When Failure to Thrive (FTT) is identified, early intervention and a multidisciplinary approach are necessary to prevent long-term health, emotional, psychological, and educational difficulties. Presentation will discuss causes, consequences and treatment.

NCH, SWCH / TheFoun, TechExp, Think, EsCh

F. Connecting to Specific Populations (Contains 2 Areas of Focus)

Focus 1: Parents who have Mental Illness

Sheryl Goldberg, *Early On Coordinator, Lenawee*
Michele Wilson, *Parent & CMH Speakers' Bureau, Lenawee*

All parents want their children to be healthy and develop well. Parents with mental illness may need special support to facilitate their child's progress. As these presenters share their story, you will identify helpful strategies, and potential challenges.

Focus 2: Migrant Families

Amanda Clark, *State Family Services Coordinator, Telamon Corp., Michigan Migrant Head Start*

An overview will be given on the strengths and concerns of migrant families of young children with disabilities and techniques for working with them, including partnering with families and agencies, facilitating transitions and improving continuity of care.

SWCH / WWOth, Com, EsCh, TechExp

Note: The Friday seminars are three hours in length. There will be a 15-minute break mid-morning, after which participants return to the same room and continue the Seminar until lunchtime. When registering, choose only one (1) seminar.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference Fee:

- \$120.00 postmarked or received (fax or online) by Monday, April 2, 2007
- \$150.00 postmarked or received (fax or online) after Monday, April 2, 2007

Fee Includes:

- Continental breakfast and lunch on Thursday and Friday
- Conference materials

Registration Procedures:

Complete one registration per participant and remit with payment or purchase order to the address shown on the registration form. Registrations may also be faxed to EOT&TA at (517) 668-0446. Online registration is available at www.eotta.ccrea.org. For faxed and online registration, please remit payment or P.O. within seven (7) days to:

CCRESA EOT&TA
13109 Schavey Road, Suite 4
DeWitt, MI 48820

Cancellation Policy:

Refund requests must be submitted in writing on or before April 2, 2007. A \$15.00 processing fee is charged for each refund. No refunds will be provided after April 2, 2007.

SB-CEUs - Nursing Contact Hours - Social Work Contact Hours:

Approval Pending

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the conference should contact EOT&TA at (866) 334-5437 ten (10) days in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, and other assistance.



TRUST

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel Reservations and Rates:

For conference participants, a block of rooms is reserved at the Bavarian Inn Lodge. Hotel rooms are subject to applicable state and local taxes at the time of check in. Please remember to bring your tax-exempt ID information with you. Please reserve your room directly with the hotel and specify that you are attending the *Early On*[®] Conference so you may receive the discounted rate. **For reservations call (888) 775-6343 or (989) 652-7200.**

Room rates are \$95.00 per standard room for single, double, triple, and quad occupancy, per night Tuesday - Thursday. Suites are \$155.00 for single, double, triple, and quad occupancy per room, per night, Tuesday - Thursday.

Room rates for guests staying after the conference on Friday or Saturday are \$135.00 per standard room and \$200.00 per suite. There is an additional \$12.00 charge per person for a 5th or 6th person in the same room. Rollaway bed charges are \$12.00 per night and cribs are \$5.00 per night.

The Bavarian Inn Lodge is adjacent to the Conference Center and is located five (5) minutes by foot from downtown Frankenmuth. It is also close to golf courses, shopping, attractions, and additional restaurants.

Amenities include:

- individual climate control, coffee maker, refrigerator;
- hair dryer, iron and ironing board;
- cable TV; and
- wireless internet capacity through AT&T WI FI. Cost for those without AT&T accounts: \$7.95/24 hours for terminal activation in room.

There is unlimited free parking. Ground transportation is available to and from MBS airport upon request.

The hotel offers:

- 5 Indoor swimming pools - one for adults only
- 3 Whirlpools
- 2 Restaurants
- Nightly entertainment, 2 lounges
- Gift shop
- 4 Tennis courts
- Family Fun Center: Indoor 18-hole miniature golf course, over 100 video games, exercise room, and Children's Village play area.

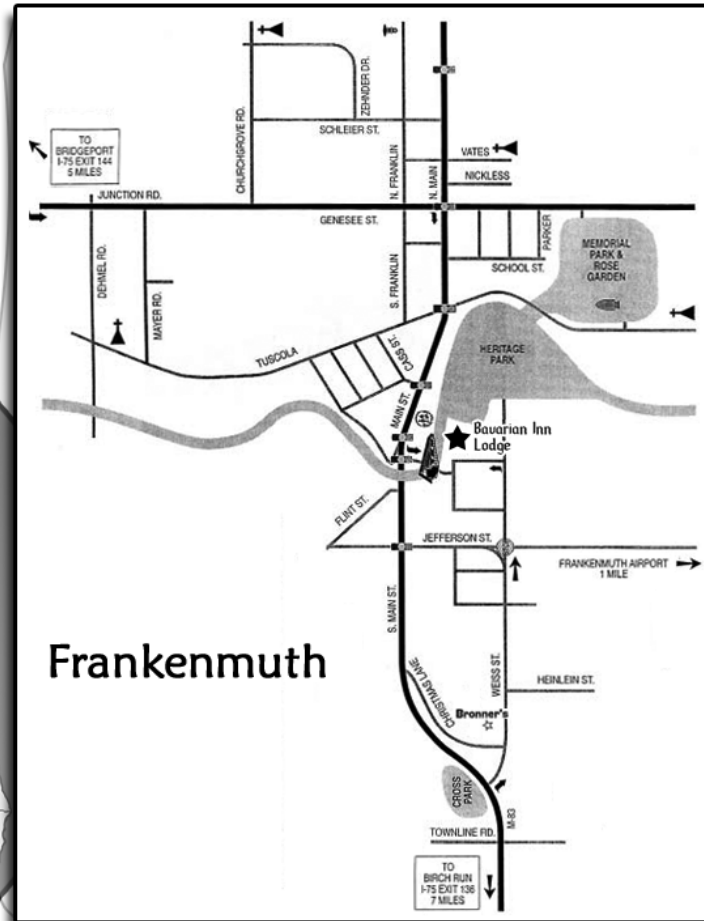
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DRIVING DIRECTIONS



Traveling from the North:

Take I-75 south past Saginaw. Exit I-75 at Frankenmuth/Bridgeport Exit #144. Turn left onto Dixie Highway and follow it for two (2) miles. Turn left at the blinking light onto Junction Road (Junction Road will be called Genesee Street in Frankenmuth). Follow this highway for 5.2 miles until you reach the traffic light at the intersection of Genesee and Main. Turn right and follow Main Street to the fourth traffic light (just beyond the two large restaurants), and turn left to cross the Wooden Covered Bridge. The Bavarian Inn Lodge will be on your left.

Traveling from the South:

Take I-75 north thru Flint. Exit I-75 at the Frankenmuth/Birch Run Exit #136. Turn right on Birch Run Road and follow it for 1.9 miles to a four-way stop at the intersection of M-83 (Gera Road) and Birch Run Road. Turn left on M-83 and follow this highway approximately 4.2 miles to Weiss Street where you will turn right. You will see Bronner's Silent Night Chapel on your left. Follow Weiss Street approximately one (1) mile to a four-way stop. Continue on Weiss Street for another quarter mile. The Bavarian Inn is on the left with easy access to parking.

VENDORS

Vendors will be joining us on Thursday, April 26, 2007 from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please take time to visit them while you are at the conference. We have built in "Mix and Mingle" times for your convenience.

WHILE IN FRANKENMUTH

You can enjoy the enchanting experience of a German fairy tale and watch for the first blooms of spring. Frankenmuth has many shops, restaurants, attractions and cultural events. Please visit www.frankenmuth.org to plan your dining, shopping, and sight seeing trips so as not to miss some truly delightful opportunities.

AUDX CALIBRATION

Calibration/Updates of the AudX hearing screening equipment will be available onsite. Those interested are asked to register in advance. Watch the listserv for more information from Nancy Peeler, the MDCH *Early On*[®] Coordinator for Public Health.





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