



ANCHORED

Early Education Professional Development 2024-2025

EARLY EDUCATION WORKSHOP

The Hope Center, Plano, TX

August 1, 2024



Welcome to ACSI Early Education's Anchored Event! It's so good to be together!

We're so glad you're here. We're all engaged in a process of anchoring and grounding ourselves in Biblical truth and providing our students and families with transformational teaching. As Christian educators, your calling is to be Christ-centered and child-focused while anchoring your teaching on competency aligned, Biblically infused instruction. That's a tall order but that's what today is all about. Equipping you to meet the needs of the children you serve as well as refilling your own tank and tool kit.

We've got content that will encourage you, inspire you, and equip you for the work God has called you to. Today has been planned and prayed over with you in mind. Our speakers will share from their hearts and experience as professionals committed to furthering faith-based early education.

Today is also about thriving from shared experiences! It's all about being STRONGER TOGETHER to serve our school populations, to serve each other, and ultimately, to serve the Lord! Enjoy your day together. Meet someone new today.

If we can be of assistance to you or your early education program in any way, please don't hesitate to let us know. We're here to serve YOU!

The ACSI Early Education Team



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NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

LEADER.CONNECT

With Dr. Cindy Barnum, Kim Brucker, and Dr. Suzie Mohler

2nd Thursday of each month at
10:00 AM PT | 11:00 AM MT | 12:00 PM CT | 1:00 PM ET

Connect with Early Education leaders for a time of topical discussion and collaboration for solutions to the challenges you face as a leader. Gain a sense of community with other leaders and be inspired with ideas, encouragement, and especially prayer. Register to attend EE Leader Connect for an impactful one-hour gathering where leaders spur one another on in their calling to Kingdom Education.



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Scan the QR code to sign up and participate in the Early Education Leadership Networks

Dr. Althea Penn
Early Education Director

4th Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. (ET)

These meetings provide early education leaders opportunity to share ideas, challenges, and engage in building biblical community. This professional learning community (PLC) analyzes evidence-based leadership and instructional practices that are informed by current data. We use shared knowledge to cultivate expertise, guide our decisions, and enable early educators to make changes quickly based upon the needs of young learners and their families. We will also review best practices in implementing each of the Flourishing School Culture domains with industry experts. Attendance to the live meeting is eligible for CEUs. Recordings are available in ACSI Leadership Network - Early Education Community.



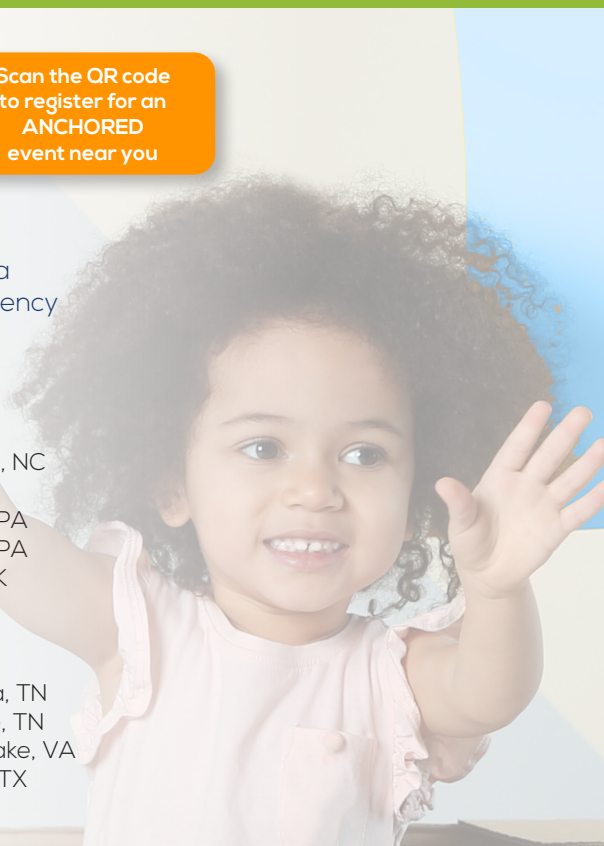
There are many ways to connect, be encouraged, network, stay informed, and obtain professional development from a Christian worldview. Here are some of those opportunities planned in '24-'25.



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Join us in the 2024-2025 school year for our Early Education Anchored Conferences, Workshops, and Leaders' Summit. Anchored by the wisdom of Hebrews 6:19, we invite you to embark on a biblically integrated professional development journey focused competency aligned teaching and leadership principles. acsi.org/anchored

8/1/2024	Workshop	The Hope Center, Plano, TX
8/3/2024	Workshop	Calvary Albuquerque Albuquerque, NM
9/21/2024	Workshop	Lodi Christian School, Lodi, CA
9/27/2024	Workshop	Northwood Temple Academy, Fayetteville, NC
9/28/2024	Workshop	Arizona Christian University, Glendale AZ
10/3/2024	Leaders' Summit	Double Tree Resort by Hilton, Lancaster, PA
10/4/2024	Conference	Double Tree Resort by Hilton, Lancaster, PA
10/26/2024	Workshop	Wesleyan Christian School, Bartlesville, OK
11/1/2024	Workshop	Trinity Christian Academy, Jackson, TN
11/1/2024	Leaders' Summit	Biola University, La Mirada, CA
11/2/2024	Conference	Biola University, La Mirada, CA
11/2/2024	Workshop	Silverdale Baptist Academy, Chattanooga, TN
11/5/2024	Workshop	Mount Juliet Christian Academy, Nashville, TN
11/9/2024	Workshop	Atlantic Shores Christian Acad., Chesapeake, VA
1/25/2025	Workshop	Living Rock Christian Academy, Bulverde, TX
1/25/2025	Workshop	Kiddie Kampus, Los Gatos, CA
2/1/2025	Workshop	Portland Christian Schools, Portland, OR
2/8/2025	Workshop	Northshore Christian Academy, Everett, WA
2/22/2025	Conference	Virtual Conference
3/1/2025	Workshop	Resurrection Christian School, Loveland, CO
3/7/2025	Leaders' Summit	The First Academy, Orlando, FL
3/8/2025	Workshop	The First Academy, Orlando, FL
3/14/2025	Workshop	Young Americans Christian School, Conyers, GA
4/11/2025	Workshop	Holden Christian Academy, Holden, MA
4/26/2025	Workshop	Grove City Christian School, Grove City, OH



EARLY EDUCATION WEBINARS

09/18/24	Biblical Social and Emotional Learning, Pt. 1
10/16/24	Biblical Social and Emotional Learning, Pt. 2
11/20/24	Tools to Teach Social and Emotional Learning
01/15/25	Biblical Diversity and Inclusion
02/19/25	Learning Differences
03/19/25	Learning with Movement



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Session Description

Anchored: Designing Learning Experiences that Unleash Student Thinking through Inquiry and God's Word

To unleash student thinking, we must first anchor our lessons in God's word and understand our children have been wired to inquire. When we begin designing lessons that start with sparking wonder and curiosity, children want to learn and know the mysteries of God. Learning is enriched when we intentionally make meaningful connections between the content, we throughout our day while using play as a vehicle to engage children in the learning process. Lastly, when we build in the right scaffolds and strategies, all children can learn.



Language Arts Series



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Schedule

8:00 AM Registration Opens

8:30 AM Welcome, Introductions, Instructions

SESSION 1: Beginning with Wonder and Curiosity

God used a burning bush that was not consumed to draw Moses to him. It was curiosity that inspired the research into understanding how God design our world. In this session, we will explore how to make a simple change in instruction that taps into a child's natural sense of wonder and curiosity to make learning engaging. At the end of this session, you will be able answer how your classroom can be a place for fostering wonder and curiosity while pointing children to God.

10:00 AM Refreshment Break

10:15 AM SESSION 2: Creating Meaningful Connections between what You Teach!

In this next part of our time together, we will look at how you can use natural connections between content areas you teach to show your students that God has a reason and purpose for all that we learn each day. These ideas will also help you to work smarter, not harder, throughout the day! At this end of this session, you will be able to envision how your classroom can be a place for building connections between subject areas!

12:00 PM Lunch

12:45 PM SESSION 3: Meaningful Play and Student Choice

Play is serious research! In this session we will explore how you can carefully design learning experiences that feel like play but engage your children in serious learning! At the end of this session, you will walk away with ideas and suggestions to help your classroom be a place for engaging kids in meaningful and playful learning that give students a voice!

2:15 PM Refreshment Break

2:30 PM SESSION 4: Using Strategies and Scaffolds to Support Students

We will end our time together getting real about the fact that we do not have a cookie cutter classroom! God has designed our students to be different! At the end of this session, you will walk away with real ideas strategies and scaffolds to help you reach the students who enter your classroom by responding to their learning needs.

3:30 PM Closing Comments



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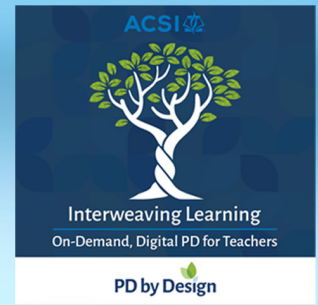
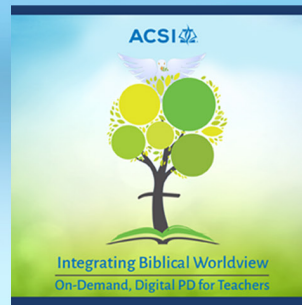
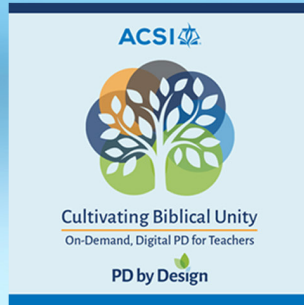
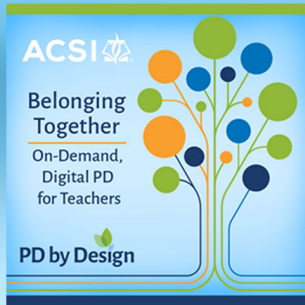
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