



# Nurturing Community to Grow the Child

MARCH 5TH, 2021



8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



# ABOUT PALMETTO PRE-K

## PALMETTO PRE-K JAMBOREE

Palmetto Pre-K is a statewide initiative to serve families of 3- and 4-year-old children and system navigators with a parent portal to check eligibility, locate and access the free public Pre-K programs in the state, support families through the transition to kindergarten and provide high-quality trainings to early childhood professionals serving 4-year-olds. Through collaboration with the SC Department of Education, Head Start, SC First Steps and the SC Department of Social Services, this year's Jamboree has come together with top-notch, quality presenters. We are expecting more than 1,300 to attend our virtual event. In-person events are planned this summer and next Spring.



## SPONSORS OF GREAT PRIZES

Our friends at Conscious Discipline®, Kaplan Early Learning, Lakeshore Early Learning, School Specialty and Teaching Strategies will be offering fantastic prizes that we will be giving away all day during sessions.



## OUR COMMITTEE

A special thanks to our Committee for all the hard work and dedication that went into making this event a success.

Martha Strickland (chair)	SC First Steps 4K	Kristine Jenkins	SC First Steps 4K
Laura Baker	SC Early Childhood Advisory Council	Cathy Kovacs	SC Dept. of Social Services
Dr. Arthur Brewton	SC State Head Start Assn	Morgan Massenburg	SC Dept. of Social Services
Wendy Burgess	SC Dept. of Education	Joy Mazur	SC First Steps 4K
Sherrie Dueno	SC Dept. of Social Services	Jenny May	SC Dept. of Education
Samantha Ingram	SC First Steps 4K	Tina Shaw	SC Dept. of Education
Alisha Gourdine	SC Program for Infant/Toddler Care	Kim Spigener	SC Dept. of Education



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## PALMETTO PRE-K JAMBOREE

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Keynote: L. Kobie Da Wiz

9:40 -10:40 a.m. Break Out Sessions

10:50 - 11:50 a.m. Keynote: Dr. Marianne Gibbs

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Keynote: Dr. Becky Bailey

1:40 - 2 p.m. Yoga Break

2 - 3:30 p.m. Keynote: 2020 NTOY Tabatha Rosproy

Welcomed by State Superintendent Molly Spearman

Introduced by 2021 SCTOY Sarah Schumacher Gams



# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

This interactive keynote will EDU-tain and inspire participants with music storytelling and strategies to cultivate community to grow the child. By understanding the importance of community, participants will leave excited and ready to implement the tools and strategies he has shared with 1,000s of early childhood professionals. Participants will leave with: a clear definition of what is community, how community is created and cultivated, strategies and tools to build community, and how to instill UNITY in the Community



Kobie L. Da Wiz

This interactive session focuses on documentation and assessment methods for handwriting readiness and scissor skill proficiency. Enhance parent conference interactions and your professional articulation of student progress with objective and meaningful information produced from these methods.



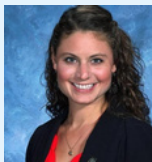
Marianne Gibbs, EdD, OTR/L

We have all been pushed to the edge of our resilience and many have been tossed beyond what their nervous system can tolerate. Join me as we explore the 3 Super Powers we all need to move beyond surviving to thriving as we reinvent education equitably for the whole adult and the whole child.



Becky Bailey, PhD

## *Yoga Break*



Tricia Ryel Richter

This 20-minute practice is designed to empower you to use our simplest tools- the breath and the body- to regain a sense of peace and equanimity in troubled moments. Learn to navigate change and uncertainty with a little more ease as we stretch gently and breathe deeply. All levels welcome- no experience or mat necessary!

For the FIRST time in the history of the National Teacher of the Year program, a preschool teacher of 4-year-old children has been selected as the 2020 NTOY! Tabatha Rosproy will encourage educators to reflect on their purpose in becoming an educator and the importance of connecting to your mission through your practice. She will share thoughts on fostering relationships between students and community, peer to peer relationships to build school community, building family partnerships, the importance of advocacy for early education and the importance of play, as an adult and in our practice.



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Tabatha Rosproy

# BREAKOUT PRESENTERS

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**L. Kobie Da Wiz**  
Using Music & Literacy to Build  
the WHOLE Child



**Marianne Gibbs, EdD, OTR/L, Write Out  
of the Box!®**  
Shapes, Symbols, and Scissor Skills  
Sequenced for Success



**Ablean Hanna & Herk Huggins, SC  
Department of Education**  
Dealing with Stress in the Family



**Susan Murphy, Elizabeth Supan, & Emily  
Williams, SC Department of Education**  
Diversity, Inclusion and Access for  
Multilingual Learners (MLs )



**Kerri Kannengieser, SC Partnerships for  
Inclusion**  
Enhancing Social Emotional Skills for  
Young Children



**Amy Holbert, Family Connection of  
SC**  
Family Engagement Resources in Early  
Childhood



**Donna Fowler, Teaching Strategies®**  
Guided and Supported: Using the Creative  
Curriculum® Guided Edition



**Jennifer Reed, JFK Consultants LLC &  
Head Start/ Early HS Reviewer**  
Here We Grow Again!



**Joy Anthony & Amy Smith, SC  
Department of Education**  
High Quality Literacy-Rich Environments

# BREAKOUT PRESENTERS

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**Shayla Pettigrew, SC First Steps 4K**  
Learning Math in Everyday Play



**Shaun "Rogers" Rogers, Roylco Inc. & Kaplan  
Early Learning Co.**  
Not Your Average Workshop Featuring the Other  
Mr. Rogers & the Marvelous Maryellen



**Wendy Burgess & Tina Shaw, SC  
Department of Education Office of  
Assessment Nurturing School Readiness**



**Lynn Kuykendall & Angela Compton, SC  
Department of Education**  
Purposeful Play Leads to School Readiness



**Faith Davis, SCPITC- Be Well Care Well**  
Resilience & Thriving: Owning Your Well-  
being



**Jessie Olson, Lakeshore**  
Learning Materials Supporting Children  
through Challenging Times



**Tanvi Solanki, ABC Quality (ABCQ )**  
Supporting the Needs of Dual Language  
Learners (DLL )



**Cathy Kovacs, M.Ed. ABC Quality (ABCQ )**  
Teaching Strategies that Support Social  
Emotional Development of Children





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A huge thank you to all of our participants for attending, and for your continued support of South Carolina's children. #PalmettoPreK

[PalmettoPreK.org](https://www.PalmettoPreK.org)

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