

2024 Indiana Early Childhood Conference

Friday, April 5, 2024 - Conference Day 1

- 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. On-site **Registration** & Information Booth
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Exhibitors** & Information Exchange – Hall G
- 8:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Session A:** Workshops – Rooms 131 - 145
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Keynote** Address – Nefertiti B. Poynter, Ed.D. - Hall F
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Session B:** Workshops – Rooms 131 - 145
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch Break & Exhibits** – Hall G
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