



WFCCA MINI CONFERENCE

The Wisconsin Family Child Care Association is excited to present a one-day mini-conference for child care providers from across the region and Wisconsin!

Saturday, October 24th 2026 | 8:30am – 3:00pm



WCTC (Waukesha County Technical College)
800 Main St Pewaukee WI 53072

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/2026-Pewaukee>

Morning Session (2.5 hrs CE):

School Readiness Starts with the Brain: The Neuroscience of Curiosity, Connection, and Child-Led Learning By: Dr. Jennifer Koel

This session, rooted in developmental neuroscience, will examine how children's interests drive intentional learning. Participants will learn strategies to turn everyday moments into enriching experiences that enhance curiosity, executive functioning, and school readiness through play and responsive teaching. It will conclude with a tour of WCTC's NAEYC-accredited, 5-Star Child Development Center, showcasing child-led learning environments

Afternoon Session (6.0 hrs CE and must attend Morning Session):

Turning Storytime Into Meaningful Learning By: Shanna Hand

Explore how children's literature can go beyond reading in this interactive session. Participants will learn to use children's books for conversation, play, creativity, and social-emotional learning, moving past the typical "read and craft" approach. Join to discover how a single book can inspire meaningful experiences that align with children's interests.

Exploring Sensory Play and Reading for Enhanced Learning By: Sarah Cohan

This session shows how to combine sensory play with reading for engaging learning. Through interactive storytelling, children will boost language, literacy, creativity, problem-solving, and sensory awareness. Participants will learn to connect books with tactile, visual, auditory, and imaginative activities to captivate and deepen understanding.

SESSION OPTIONS:

School Readiness Starts with the Brain

Lunch

Turning Storytime Into Meaningful Learning

Exploring Sensory Play and Reading for Enhanced Learning

\$30 – AM Only
(no lunch)

\$50 – AM & PM Sessions
(lunch included)

Members save 20%
Join today!

