



17th Annual Early Learning Conference

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Release the Potential



Laying the foundation for success through continued professional development

MESSAGE FROM DR. STEVE KNOBL



Good morning,

I am excited you're joining us today for our first face-to-face conference since 2019! The Promise Institute presents our 17th Annual Early Learning Conference, "Release the Potential 2024." Today's keynote speaker, Ms. Donna Thornton-Roberts, and our session presenters will share valuable insights and provide support so we can release our potential this year. I love learning and reading, and I love having the opportunity to share new ways to enhance the skills of our early educators who in turn will be able to share these new skills with the children in their classrooms. This conference is one of my favorite events of the year because it provides the opportunity for all of us to get together in person, learn from each other, and share the day in a professional development setting.

We have a dynamic keynote that will inspire us to release the potential in ourselves and others! I would like to take this opportunity to thank, not only Ms. Thornton-Roberts but also our leadership sponsors Publix Charities and Procure Solutions along with all our other sponsors for their support of our early childhood education field. We rely on donations to plan and deliver such a robust conference and our vendors and sponsors continue to support this event. Finally, I would like to recognize our team for working tirelessly to create such an amazing day for you. On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your commitment to our youngest learners and for choosing to be an early childhood educator. It's one of the most important professions in our workforce and we're thankful for each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Steve Knobl, Ph.D.
Executive Director

CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:45 AM - 9:00 AM **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

9:00 AM - 10:10 AM **CONFERENCE OPENING & KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

10:20 AM - 11:20 AM **BREAKOUT SESSION 1**

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM **EXHIBIT HALL & SCAVENGER HUNT**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **LUNCH AND EXHIBIT HALL**

1:10 PM - 2:10 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION 2**

2:20 PM - 3:20 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION 3**

3:30 PM **CONFERENCE ENDS**



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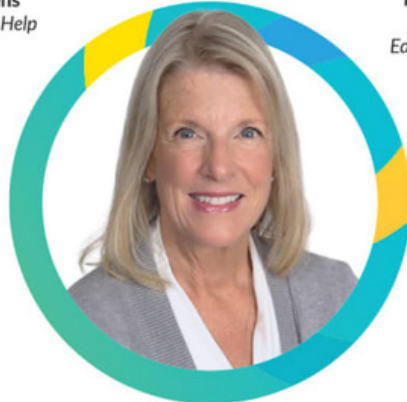
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ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE



Donna Thornton-Roberts: Celebrating 48 years in early care and education, Donna is a dynamic National Keynote Speaker and Inspirational Educator. With 40 years as a national speaker, she provides practical management training for early childhood professionals.

A firm advocate for lifelong learning, Donna earned a Bachelor's in Management of Human Resources and Organizational Design and a Master's in Business Administration. As the owner of Child Care Consulting Services, she directly serves in 12 school-age programs.

As the founder and president of the National Association of Child Care Professionals (now Association of Early Learning Leaders), and President Emeritus of the Child Development Education Alliance in Florida, Donna's mission is clear – to be intentionally inspirational. Her contagious zeal and decades of expertise make her a driving force in the field of early care and education.

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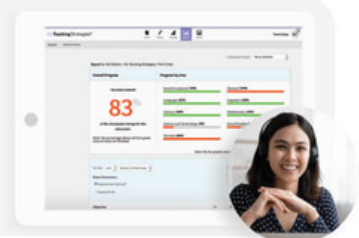
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Donna Thornton-Roberts



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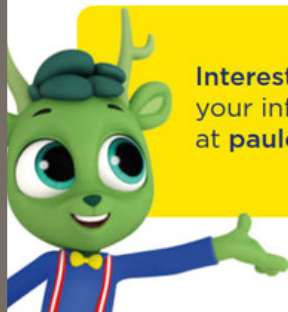
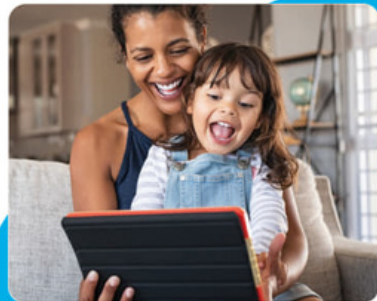
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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

7:45 AM - 9:00 AM **Conference Check-in/Breakfast/Red Carpet**
Location: Main Hall

Be welcomed by a familiar red-carpet entryway. We will have coffee for you! There will be 2 Check-in locations in the Main lobby hall which will hopefully help to minimize congestion.

9:00 AM - 10:10 AM **POWER UP - INTENTIONALLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE:
BUILDING YOUR BRAND IDENTITY**

Speaker: Donna Thornton-Roberts

Keynote: Subject Matter Expert - Chief Inspirational Officer
Meeting Management Needs Nationwide

Location: Sanctuary

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CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTS**

Speaker: Barbie Sheats

Apprenticeship Instructor
Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program of Pasco County

Location: Portable 1

Participants will gain strategies for effective communication with children, families and program administration/staff. As well as how to create classroom culture that promotes and celebrates diversity. Furthermore, participants will gain understanding of critique as a way to mentor and grow within the profession.

10:20 AM - 11:20 AM **BOOKS ARE POWERFUL TOOLS: TEACHER LED LITERACY ACTIVITIES**

Speaker: Hannah Wallace

TCM Consultant - Teacher Created Materials

Location: Classroom 5

We know books are powerful tools for teaching complex topics. Especially when carefully curated to build connections for the reader. We also know teachers need easy to implement and meaningful literacy activities to teach important life skills, such as self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. We will explore different literacy activities that seamlessly integrate these skills, taking complex concepts and making them actionable. Participants will walk away with multiple examples of easy to implement, teacher led literacy activities that support essential life skills for learning. Participants will discover opportunities to promote critical and creative thinking through the partnership of carefully curated text and literacy activities.

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10:20 AM - 11:20 AM **REDUCING BITING INCIDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM**

Speaker: Angela Tufts

Provider Services Manager

Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County

Location: Fellowship Hall

This interactive presentation reviews the developmental nature of biting and identifies a variety of easy to implement strategies guaranteed to reduce biting incidents. Participants will identify preventable measures, direct intervention and replacement behaviors to use with the child who bites.

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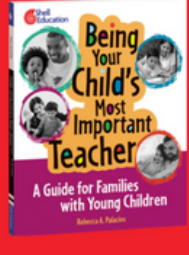
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10:20 AM - 11:20 AM **ELEVATING TEACHING PRACTICES IN YOUR PROGRAM THROUGH PRACTICE BASED COACHING STRATEGIES**

Speaker: Leslie Thomas

Education Specialist Pasco County Schools

Location: Classroom 3

Enhance teaching practices in your program by providing coaching supports that can lead to higher CLASS scores and children's continued growth in Star Early Literacy (FAST). Participants will learn strategies to coach staff using CLASS Observation feedback and FAST data reports to enhance teaching practices and child outcomes.

10:20 AM - 11:20 AM **PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR A RESPONSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

Speaker: Liz Fields

Director of Curriculum and Professional Development
Learning Beyond Paper

Location: Classroom 1

Participants will delve into the significance of establishing consistent routines and meaningful rituals to foster strong connections between teachers, children and families. Participants will be provided with practical strategies for creating a supportive and responsive learning environment through daily routines and rituals that enhance social-emotional development and strengthen the partnership between educators and families. A framework for change will be provided to participants so they can begin to shift select classroom routines into cherished rituals.

10:20 AM - 11:20 AM **LANGUAGE AND LITERACY FOR EARLY LEARNING PROVIDERS**

Speaker: Sarah Keith

Training Specialist
WEDU PBS

Location: Portable 2

This training will engage participants in learning about language and literacy development and why it is crucial for laying a foundation for reading and writing success. The presenter will share how to develop language in the early years and the 6 components of literacy development. A variety of literacy activities developed by Sesame Street and PBS kids for home and classroom use will be shared.

10:20 AM - 11:20 AM OUR CHILDREN HAVE RIGHTS

Speaker: Jake Hornstein

Co-Founder & COO

Our Children Have Rights.org (OCHR)

Location: Classroom 4

Our Children Have Rights (OCHR) is a web based nonprofit that serves children by helping parents more seamlessly navigate their child custody and co-parenting journeys, at no cost to the family. They offer no cost consultations (Zoom, Facetime, Email, Phone, Text, Facebook Messenger) and documentation review (Parenting Plans, related documents). We also provide community navigation support by educating parents on available resources to achieve and maintain a healthy co-parenting relationship that focuses on the best interest of the their child(ren). Participants will become more familiar with our program and how we can assist their audiences with child custody and co-parenting needs.

10:20 AM - 11:20 AM STOP TURNOVER - DISCOVER WHY PEOPLE QUIT

Speaker: Donna Thornton-Roberts

Keynote: Subject Matter Expert - Chief Inspirational Officer
Meeting Management Needs Nationwide

Location: Sanctuary

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10:20 AM - 11:20 AM FLORIDA EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ABOVE, BELOW AND BEYOND!

Speaker: Carrie LaBarge

Early Learning Specialist

Hernando County Schools

Location: Classroom 2

Join me in learning about the Florida Early Learning Standards and how to reach the children you are teaching. Whether they may be below, or above development, and how you may incorporate their strengths into your lesson plans and activities.

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Have burning questions for our keynote speaker **Donna Thornton-Roberts**? Here's your chance to get answers directly from the expert!

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11:30 AM - 12:00 PM **EXHIBIT HALL & SCAVENGER HUNT BREAK!**

Location: Main Hall

Now you have some time to begin your scavenger hunt! Visit each of the Sponsor tables in the main hall, and find everything else on your list. You'll qualify for a prize drawing!

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **LUNCH AND EXHIBIT HALL**

Location: Fellowship Hall - Lunch Room

Lunch will be given out in the Fellowship Hall. You may choose to eat outside in the Pavilion area.

1:10 PM - 2:10 PM **COMMUNICATION, CULTURE AND CRITIQUE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTS**

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1:10 PM - 2:10 PM **CULTIVATING EXCELLENCE: NURTURING A POSITIVE ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE**

Speaker: Kari Dittman

Early Childhood Education Instructor
Pasco County Schools

Location: Classroom 4

Step into a world where positivity thrives, collaboration flourishes, and individuals are inspired to reach their highest potential. Join me for a dynamic presentation on Cultivating Excellence: Nurturing a Positive Organizational Culture. The Presenter, a well seasoned early childhood education instructor will share actionable tips that showcase the remarkable impact a positive culture can have on teacher morale, retention, and overall success at your early childhood center. Participants will learn the importance of cultivating a positive culture, creating a growth mindset, and inspiring collaboration and action.

1:10 PM - 2:10 PM

EMBEDDING MEANINGFUL LITERACY PRACTICES IN YOUR DAILY ROUTINES

Speaker: Megan Folts

Director of Programs and Policy
MarcoPolo Learning

Location: Classroom 1

Build your confidence with teaching foundational literacy skills by learning a series of quick and powerful, research-based tooltips to promote meaningful and engaging interactions that add seamlessly to your already established classroom routines. With a focus on print concepts, phonological awareness, and vocabulary, educators and coaches will walk away with impactful best practices, insight, and MarcoPolo Learning resources that can be used in classrooms right away that boost kindergarten readiness and align with CLASS.

1:10 PM - 2:10 PM

POSITIVE GUIDANCE & CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

Speaker: Melody Dunn

Frog Street's Professional Learning Consultant
Frog Street

Location: Classroom 3

Classroom management systems will help with student learning and behavior, sustaining an orderly environment, enhancing academic skills, and furthering social and emotional development. This session will provide systems and strategies to effectively manage classrooms to optimize student learning in a joyful, positive learning environment. The goal of this session is to provide educators with greater understanding of positive guidance and classroom management techniques so they can spend more time teaching and enjoying children.

1:10 PM - 2:10 PM

RELEASE THE STRESS

Speaker: Dr. Rahul Mehra

M.D. Creator and Founder of Emotional Vaccines
The Learning Center at St. Johns (Tampa)

Location: Sanctuary

Designed to introduce all conference participants to the Parenting Pod powered by Emotional Vaccines. Emotional Vaccines are designed to educate caregivers, parents, childcare professionals, and center directors on how to address everyday life challenges surrounding parenting to build family resiliency that offset future academic, social, physical and emotional challenges for children. Participants will have access to the video content that is practical and actionable to use. This knowledge will help release the stress of early childhood education and lead to successful school readiness.

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1:10 PM - 2:10 PM

POSITIVE CULTURE

Speaker: Candice Withers & Samantha O'Dell

Center Directors

Little Sunshine Preschool & New Horizons Preschool

Location: Portable 3

A positive culture is crucial in a preschool setting as it serves as the foundation for healthy social and emotional development in young children. A nurturing and supportive environment fosters a sense of security, trust and belonging, allowing preschoolers to explore and learn with confidence. Positive relationships with teachers and peers contribute to the development of essential social skills, empathy, and cooperation. This culture not only enhances children's overall well being but also lays the groundwork for a lifelong love of learning. Moreover, a positive preschool culture encourages creativity, resilience, and a positive attitude towards challenges, setting the state for future academic success and positive behaviors.

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LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE

Speaker: Steve Knobl, Ph.D.

Executive Director

Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Join us for an engaging Leadership Roundtable session focused on the latest hot topics in early education. This dynamic discussion will bring together ELCPH, community leaders, practitioners, and educators to delve into critical issues shaping the future of early childhood development and learning.

1:10 PM - 2:10 PM

PROCESS ART

Speaker: Katherine Sims

Director
Clinton Academy

Location: Classroom 5

Process Art is a creative outlet, a self paced learning environment, learning how to be self-directed and confident. Structured projects teach little ones to learn to follow directions. Process art teaches them more about themselves and what they really like. It opens little minds to the imagination we all once loved at their age.

1:10 PM - 2:10 PM

AGES AND STAGES QUESTIONNAIRES - PART 1

Speaker: Elisha Perry

Developmental Services Supervisor
Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc.

Location: Portable 2

The Ages and stage Questionnaire is an effective screening tool used to help identify children who may be at risk for potential developmental delays. ASQ screenings provide teachers and parents/caregivers with valuable early identification information to help guide them through the early intervention process. Early Childhood Education providers that are contracted with ELCPH are required to complete these developmental screens for all School Readiness children's ages 0-5. It is essential that all early educators know and understand the process. This two hour training is split into two parts, and it will give you the information needed in order to successfully complete and utilize both the ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE2.

2:20 PM - 3:20 PM

ROADMAP TO SUCCESS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - CREDENTIALS

Speaker: Samantha Dominguez

Early Education Advisor
Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc.

Location: Portable 1

Ready to up skill your experience in the Early Childhood Education industry? Learn about credential pathways from gaining your CDA, Directors credential, and higher education tracks such as Associates and Bachelors Degrees. Gain knowledge about the TEACH Scholarship, and how the ELCPH can assist you with the TEACH Wrap Scholarship opportunity as well!

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CULTIVATING EXCELLENCE: NURTURING A POSITIVE ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE

Speaker: Kari Dittman

Early Childhood Education Instructor
Pasco County Schools

Location: Classroom 4

Step into a world where positivity thrives, collaboration flourishes, and individuals are inspired to reach their highest potential. Join me for a dynamic presentation on Cultivating Excellence: Nurturing a Positive Organizational Culture. The Presenter, a well seasoned early childhood education instructor will share actionable tips that showcase the remarkable impact a positive culture can have on teacher morale, retention, and overall success at your early childhood center. Participants will learn the importance of cultivating a positive culture, creating a growth mindset, and inspiring collaboration and action.

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IS YOUR CENTER ELIGIBLE FOR ARPA DISCRETIONARY FUNDS?

Speaker: Carrie Culbertson

Educational Services Director
Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc.

Location: Sanctuary

Is your program eligible for ARPA Discretionary Grants? There are grant opportunities for providers and educators in 2024. Providers may apply for funding for the following: Curriculum, Software and Technology, Business Administration Software, Equipment and Supplies, Opening a new Infant room. Educators may apply for funding for the following: Retention bonus and Upskilling Courses. If your program has not applied yet, please join us to find out more.

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MARCOPOLO LEARNING FOR EDUCATORS

Speaker: Megan Folts

Director of Programs and Policy
MarcoPolo Learning

Location: Classroom 1

Join us for an engaging session that will tap into your inner child, promoting curiosity, engagement, and exploration. Experience first-hand the power of open-ended questioning, higher-level vocabulary, and hands-on activities all seamlessly integrated into your classroom through the MarcoPolo for Educators lesson model. Get ready to unlock your potential and create a truly enriching environment. Participants will learn about how MarcoPolo Learning Resources promote best teaching practices and meet the needs of a classroom's diverse learners through questioning, higher level vocabulary, and hands on exploration.

2:20 PM - 3:20 PM **EVERYDAY MAGIC**

Speaker: Orthondra Hicks

The Discovery Source

Location: Classroom 5

The effective moves any teacher could use to reduce incidents in the classroom promoting social-emotional competence in early childhood years is not easy but necessary. Teachers would love to have the "Magic Wand," to fix incidents in a blink of an eye, but there are no quick fixes to difficult incidents when children are still developing their brains. It requires a comprehensive approach that includes building relationships, evaluating our own classrooms, our own behaviors, and intentional TEACHING. This training session is designed to review key principles and strategies that will promote Positive Behaviors Supports in the classroom.

2:20 PM - 3:20 PM **PROCARE SOLUTIONS IN ECE**

Speaker: Dilan Roopan

Senior Enterprise Software Consultant
Procure Solutions

Location: Fellowship Hall

Join Dilan Roopna, Enterprise Software Consultant at Procure Solutions as he shares his experience as an ECE owner and leader in the education industry to help you transform your child care business! Learn how technology creates a foundation benefiting teachers, children and families today and in the future by fostering environments in which people thrive rather than merely survive, while also discovering how to take advantage of available grant funds to fund your Childcare Management Technology. You'll also learn how you can revolutionize your business operations. From streamlining administrative tasks to optimizing enrollment processes, we'll explore a practical solution that will save valuable time and unlock hidden revenue streams.

2:20 PM - 3:20 PM **MUSIC AND ART EXPLORATION**

Speaker: Judith Gerena

Instructional Assistant
Chasco Elementary

Location: Classroom 2

Let's explore the importance of Music and Art in a learning environment. Participants will learn how to engage with children through music and learners will explore explore with music and art experiences to understand the feeling of relief within themselves.

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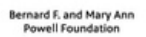
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2:20 PM - 3:20 PM **THE LANGUAGE OF CLASS**

Speaker: Kathleen Moss

VPK Regional Facilitator

West Central Region Department of Early Learning

Location: Classroom 3

The Language of CLASS is an overview of the CLASS Assessment tool used throughout the State of Florida to evaluate preschool classrooms. It is ideal for educators who are new to the profession or those that may not be as familiar with the CLASS instrument. Each dimension of the CLASS instrument is discussed and examples of what this looks like in a preschool classroom are provided. Participants will walk away with a better understanding of the CLASS Assessment Instrument and what to expect during a CLASS observation.

2:20 PM - 3:20 PM **AGES AND STAGES QUESTIONNAIRES - PART 2**

Speaker: Elisha Perry

Developmental Services Supervisor

Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc.

Location: Portable 2

The Ages and stage Questionnaire is an effective screening tool used to help identify children who may be at risk for potential developmental delays. ASQ screenings provide teachers and parents/caregivers with valuable early identification information to help guide them through the early intervention process. Early Childhood Education providers that are contracted with ELCPH are required to complete these developmental screens for all School Readiness children's ages 0-5. It is essential that all early educators know and understand the process. This two hour training is split into two parts, and it will give you the information needed in order to successfully complete and utilize both the ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE2.



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Tevin Lashley

Geaux Babies

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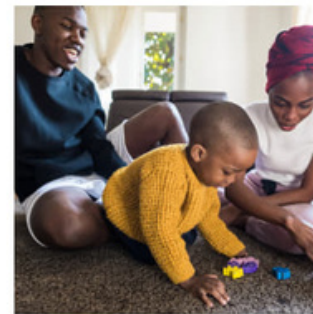
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Kids Stuff Preschool



Ashlyn Jean, the recipient of the John and Helen Long Memorial Scholarship, holds the position of lead teacher at Kids Stuff Preschool. Simultaneously, she is pursuing her A.S. in Early Childhood Education at Hillsborough Community College. Following the completion of her associate's degree, Ashlyn's aspirations include attaining her bachelor's degree in early childhood education.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE JOHN AND HELEN LONG SCHOLARSHIP

The John and Helen Long Scholarship began in 2008 at Gulf High School where Dr. Knobl was the Principal. Dr. Knobl organized the family scholarship for a graduating senior who was studying to become a teacher. This was also a way to honor the legacy of his grandparents, John and Helen Long. In 2018, the scholarship followed Dr. Knobl to the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties where it is now used to support a teacher completing a college degree in early childhood education.

Dr. Knobl has fond memories of his grandparents taking him and his younger sister to the Hudson Library, buying books together at Waldenbooks in the Gulfview Square Mall, reading around the pool each summer as they were growing up. As the oldest of eight grandchildren, he recalls how often his grandparents encouraged everyone to enjoy learning and continue their education beyond high school.

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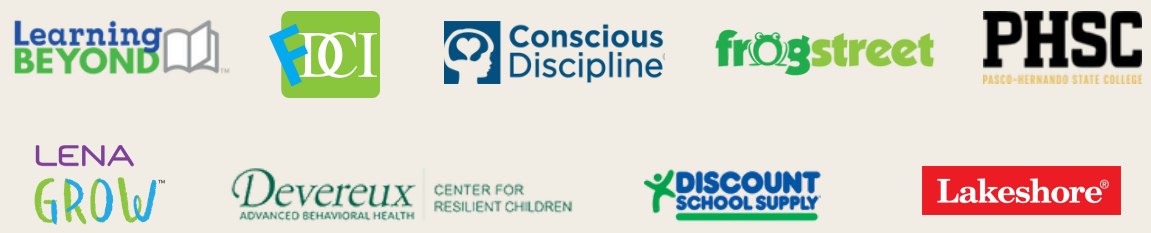
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