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Sandy Slack
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Make Room For Boys:
Helping Boys Thrive

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Location:

First Baptist Church of Alexandria
2932 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22302

Registration: 3:30–4:00 pm

Seminar: 4:00–7:00 pm



Children Together, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), Alexandria based organization committed to increasing opportunities for young children with and

without disabilities to participate in early childhood experiences together. For more information about Children Together contact our board president, Carol Keller at preschool@fairlingtonumc.org or visit our website at www.children-together.org.

The Anne Lipnick Parent Support Fund offers increased opportunities for parents in our area to attend workshops and conferences that will provide them with the resources to meet the extraordinary challenges they face. Please contact Alison Speich at 703-578-8217 x366 or alison.speich@acps.k12.va.us by October 1, 2015, for information on possible scholarship opportunities for parents.



A few years ago, Sandy Slack and Gerin Martin set out to discover what made the boys in their inclusive preschool classroom tick. They knew that the needs and interests of boys often differ from those of girls, and they learned that the environment of many preschool classrooms—their own included—puts boys at a disadvantage. Their research led to some surprising discoveries.

Workshop participants will be challenged to avoid stereotyped thinking that “boys always...” Or “girls always...” They will understand gender based differences in brain development and other physiological differences that will help them understand why gender does matter. Consciously creating a “goodness of fit” for all children will require them to understand five important needs of boys and the proven active learning strategies that benefit boys and yes even girls!!! This is an active workshop in which participants will experience for themselves what active learning means!

Sandy Slack began her long career in early childhood education as a Head Start lead teacher. After earning a master’s degree from George Washington University in early childhood special education, she began a 30 year career with Lynchburg VA City Schools. Sandy spearheaded the first inclusion placements for children with disabilities in a local preschool program.

Gerin Martin earned her bachelor’s degree from Radford University in human growth and development, with a concentration in day care teaching and administration. She taught pre-kindergarten in a private early childhood program in Lynchburg, VA for 7 years. During this time, Gerin was the first teacher to collaborate with Lynchburg City Schools to establish an inclusive classroom for preschoolers with disabilities. Gerin received a master’s degree from Lynchburg College in early childhood special education

To register, tear off this section and mail to:

Children Together

Karen Pearson, Registration
1018 Beverley Drive
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Workshop Fees per person

- \$ 50 Registration, post marked by October 1, 2015
- \$ 25 Student rate, post marked by October 1, 2015
- \$ 40 Five or more from one school or organization, post marked by September 24, 2015.
- \$ 60 Walk-in registration (if space available)

PRINT CLEARLY. Complete the information below for each person attending. This form may be photocopied. Include your check or approved purchase order made payable to: Children Together. No refunds are possible. If the seminar is full we will return your check.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Organization/School _____

Work Phone _____

Email address _____

Need Receipt? _____

(Will be provided at registration check-in)

Interpretation services? Spanish Sign Language

Please note that the conference is for adults only. Childcare is not provided.

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