

Winter PTAC

January 30, 2016

Preschool Teachers Adventure Conference

*Featuring Workshops for
Early Childhood Educators,
Mother's Day Out Teachers,
Preschool Teachers, & Directors*



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*The Adventure Preschool at Windwood Presbyterian Church
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Welcome to Winter PTAC!



For those of you familiar with our Annual Preschool Teachers Adventure Conference held in the summer — we would like to invite you to Winter PTAC!

For over 18 years PTAC has been helping those in the field of Early Childhood Education keep their training current and their motivation strong during our 3-day summer 'adventure!' We sponsor a 1-day Winter version to serve those who missed training at the summer conference and/or those who would like a mid-year motivational 'push' to greet the New Year!

Working with children and their families is an important God-given task. Whether you work with infants & toddlers or preschoolers, in either a Christian or a secular setting, or you supervise people who do, you have the power to influence lives every day — "one heart at a time."

Let us help educate and inspire you — fill your spirit & entertain you! It is our hope that you will leave Winter PTAC renewed in body and spirit — ready to have a positive impact on the lives of the children and families that you work with! Please join us!

Your Day at Winter PTAC



Time

Event

7:30 am — 8:00 am

Registration/Continental Breakfast

7:50 am — 8:05 am

Praise & Worship

8:10 am — 9:20 am

Keynote Speaker — Albert Wright

9:30 am — 10:20 am

Session #1 Workshops

10:30 am — 11:20 am

Session #2 Workshops

11:30 am — 12:20 pm

Lunch #1 **OR** Session #3 Workshops

12:30 pm — 1:20 pm

Lunch #2 **OR** Session #4 Workshops

1:30 pm — 2:20 pm

Session #5 Workshops

2:35 pm — 3:30 pm

Footnote Speaker — Cleto Rodriguez

Disclaimer

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General Information

Different Tracks for Different Folks!

We offer workshops for both Directors and Early Childhood Professionals. Directors have a separate track to attend with topics chosen especially for them, while those who work in Mother's Day Out and Preschool have different workshops to choose from during each session. We truly have something for everyone!

How is Winter PTAC Different?

Winter PTAC is a smaller version of its summer counterpart. Instead of three days — it runs only one. We will still have a Keynote and Footnote Speaker to motivate and inspire you! We provide a box lunch, which will be served in the gymnasium. A selection of vendors will be available as well.

What is the Cost of Winter PTAC?

The cost for our 1-day conference is \$85.00. Fees include admission to speakers, workshops, and a box lunch. We are 'green' again this year! Handouts will only be available on the website, unless the presenters provide their own.

Do I Get Training Hours/CEU's for Winter PTAC?

Yes, if you attend the *entire day's activities* you are eligible for 7 training hours. You may apply for .7 CEU's through Texas Southern University at a cost of \$25.00.

What is the Deadline for Registration?

The deadline for registration is January 15, 2016 Registration fees are NOT refundable, but ARE TRANSFERABLE!

Is Childcare Available?

Winter PTAC has no childcare available on the premises. Participants should arrange for their own childcare. Children cannot attend workshops with a conference attendee.

Questions?

Should you have any questions about Winter PTAC, please visit our website for the latest updates at www.ptaconference.org or call The Adventure Preschool at 281-378-4080 or email ptac@windwoodpc.org



Featured Speakers



Keynote Speaker — Albert Wright

Albert started his career in childcare in the early 90's as a part-time, after school assistant and assistant youth minister. He worked his way up to a District Manager running numerous successful after school programs. His focus has always been doing what's best for children by training directors and teachers on being achievement motivated — experimenting with new models of education, focusing on building confidence in children. Albert has spent the last few years leading North and South regions of Dallas/Fort Worth as the School Age Education Specialist. He has successfully inspired numerous preschool and after school programs in growing their enrollment and is also a working expert in helping programs to get accredited by NAC and NAA. Albert has trained

all over Texas for the past 10 years — and is an exciting speaker — full of energy and excitement! Listen — and you will laugh — and learn!

Footnote Speaker — Cleto Rodriguez

Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, Cleto Rodriguez is living his lifelong dream of becoming an elite stand-up comedian. Cleto performs nationwide in comedy clubs, corporations, colleges, and churches, opening for the likes of George Lopez, Carlos Mencia, & Tim Hawkins — even opening for living legend B. B. King. He is also a daily contributor as a morning personality on News 4 WOAI Today in San Antonio. Cleto connects with his audiences by relating everyday life experiences. Anything and everything is fair game, from marriage mishaps to the challenges of dieting. His comedy is clean, high-energy, observational, and hilarious with a brilliant Latino twist. Cleto enjoys contributing his time and talents to the community by helping raise money for disadvantaged youth and the homeless.



Session 1 Workshops 9:30—10:20 am

Process vs. Product

Participants will learn the characteristics of high performing schools. We need to make sure that we are reaching our goals and have a sound product to offer customers. Quality is key — not quantity!

Speaker: Albert Wright

Audience: Directors

Developmental Milestones 1.0

This workshop presents an overview of developmental milestones for MDO-aged children (ages 12 months—36 months).

Speaker: Christi Priddy

Audience: MDO

The Power of Play!

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Speaker: Casey Casteel

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Multi-Culture With Winkie!

Books, recipes, and songs from around the world! Many cultures will be introduced in this class — along with HAPPY and EDUCATIONAL tools to share with your children! Gracias! Merci! Thank you!

Speaker: Winkie Ballas Jamail

Audience: MDO/Preschool

Bite-Sized Worship

Can preschoolers really worship? When or where does it begin? We will answer these questions, plus demonstrate ways to include worship in your everyday teaching.

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Speaker: Erika Sanchez

Audience: Preschool

Keeping Children Safe! Successful Supervision

There is nothing more important than the safety and well-being of the children in our care, but it isn't as easy as it sounds! In

Session 1 Workshops (continued)

9:30—10:20 am

our time together, we will identify the distractions that can compromise our ability to supervise and learn how to manage them so that children have the very best preschool experience!

Speaker: Lori Buxton

Audience: Preschool

“Sit Right”, “Walk Right”, “Hold It Right”, & Other Useless Commands

In this session, we will explore the dynamic developmental processes behind desired functional classroom behaviors. Dig deeper into understanding development of the young child while broadening your perspective and implementation strategies.

Speaker: Marianne Gibbs

Audience: Preschool

I’m Sorry or I Was Wrong. . .Which Is Best?

Anyone who works with young children knows that there is conflict all day long! What is the best way for children to resolve conflict? Should a child be asked to say, “I’m sorry”? Do they know what that means? Is it effective? Join us as we look at conflict resolution on a foundational level. Perhaps if we learned these skills as a child. . . We would have more peace in our homes as adults!

Speaker: Peggy Osborne

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Guidance Techniques That Work!

This fun-filled session will include strategies for developing successful guidance techniques for the classroom. Participants will learn how to handle difficult situations and children with positive techniques that really work!

Speaker: Monica Allen-Nelson

Audience: Preschool

Visuals

God created children to learn visually. This session will help participants to understand how using ‘visuals’ can help teach the children in our care routines, rules, and Godly character.

Speaker: Courtney Osborne

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Speaker: Shelley Akins

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Speaker: Kelly Kral-McDaniel

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Session 2 Workshops

10:30 — 11:20 am

Customer Service

Customers (parents!) are key to generating revenue for your program. Parents must feel that they can come to you with a problem and that you will listen to their concerns. This is important for them to keep coming back because they know that you are interested in them and their children. Parents need to feel that they have a voice and that you care. Our training will help you achieve this!

Speaker: Albert Wright

Audience: Directors

Bridging the Gap

This session give an overview of basic intervention strategies that can be used in the early childhood classroom.

Speaker: Christi Priddy

Audience: MDO

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Speaker: Darlene Abbott

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Why Kids Misbehave

Controlling a classroom is similar to fire prevention and protection.

You only have two choices! SNIFF or SNUFF! Smoke detector or fire extinguisher — proactive or reactive. In this insightful session, teacher will learn the reason children misbehave and how to respond in a way that truly benefits the child!

Speaker: Rich Chromey

Audience: MDO/Preschool

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Audience: Preschool

Picking the Right Battles With Children

Much of our time is spent in battles that should have never been started and just can’t be won! This is not an ideal way to spend your day in the classroom! We will take a look at triggers, both ours and those of the children in our care, and decide together how we can avoid unnecessary conflict in our classroom.

Speaker: Lori Buxton

Audience: Preschool

Check Your Face & Other Body Parts at the Door

Spend this session checking out yourself and how your physical affect and actions may impact the young children you serve. A unique opportunity to reflect on your physical self and how that contributes to building esteem, rapport, and trust in young children.

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TECHnique

This session will focus on science based research on the proper guidelines for introducing young children to technology.
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Learn With Me, Play With Me!

Young children learn best through authentic experience and play. Almost all early childhood professionals will agree with this often stated philosophy — but do you know WHY? Come enjoy a crash course in Early Childhood Theory! (Think Vygotsy, Piaget, Ginott) Don’t worry though — we know that everyone learns best

while having fun, so we will PLAY too! Walk away with the theoretical reasons we know that children learn best through play and a SMILE!
Speaker: Erika Sanchez Audience: Preschool

Sing, Dance & Play — The Winkie Way!

So you think, “Well, how can I be an example of the arts if I, myself, am not equipped to perform them?” (2 left feet — can’t carry a tune in a basket — It’s just not me — I’m not equipped!) today is all about YOU! You will leave this session knowing that you were born equipped to sing, dance, play instruments, and act! Come have FUN, FUN, FUN!
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Speaker: Peggy Osborne Audience: Preschool

Let’s Be Professional, Please!

This session will provide valuable information on strategies for getting cooperation and collaboration to improve compromise among staff. Learn how to keep your behavior ethical and professional and how to advocate professionally for children and their families. Professional organizations will also be discussed.
Speaker: Monica Allen-Nelson Audience: Preschool

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Speaker: Courtney Osborne Audience: Preschool

Session 4 Workshops

12:30 — 1:20 pm

NOTE: Lunch 2 is served during this time period.

Can't We All Just Get Along? Staff Conflict Resolution

Repeat after me. . . "Conflict is not a dirty word!" The idea of conflict and confrontation can strike fear into the strongest of leaders, but it doesn't have to be a bad thing! Conflict, if managed properly, can become a catalyst for growth and strengthen relationships. Come and find out how you can make conflict work for you instead of against you in your center!

Speaker: Lori Buxton

Audience: Directors

Infant and Toddler Round Table Discussion

This is an opportunity to ask anything you've ever wondered about teaching our littlest ones. Share your stories and successes; discuss issues that can leave you wondering what to do next or if you handled it in the best way. One of the best ways to learn is by sharing with others who have "been there, done that".

Facilitator: Naomi Black

Audience: MDO

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Audience: MDO/Preschool

Bite-Sized Classroom Management

What is appropriate for each age group as far as classroom management is concerned? Come and find out some kid-tested, teacher approved methods of maintaining control and accomplishing your educational goals for the day by keeping your kids moving and obeying!

Speaker: Darlene Abbott

Audience: MDO/Preschool

Developmental Milestones 2.0

This session is an overview of developmental milestones for pre-school-aged children — ages 3-5 years.

Speaker: Christi Priddy

Audience: Preschool

Fine Motor Skills. . . Write Out of the Box!

Engaging & hands-on presentation of the fine motor development of young children 3-6 years old. This session contains essential, rarely addressed information for educators of all young children, which supports pencil grasp & pre-writing development across the curriculum.

Speaker: Marianne Gibbs

Audience: Preschool

Portfolio Content

Did you know that there are items to include in portfolios other than simply choosing a student's work? We will list key items to help your portfolios stand out!

Speaker: Albert Wright

Audience: Preschool

Motivate Me! Empowering Students

Are you tired of constantly having to find new ways to motivate your students? The key is to tap into inner motivation. We all have it — your little ones have it! In this session you will learn the six inner needs that inspire and empower all of us — even your little ones!

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Session 5 Workshops

1:30 — 2:20 pm

Early Intervention & Special Ed 101

Children's special needs are evident sometimes long before they are formally diagnosed. Preschool administrators often need to address the tough issues that teachers and parents deal with when realizing a child's development is atypical. This session focuses on the basics of effective documentation, the Early Intervention process, Special Education in the public School setting, as well as, partnering with teachers and parents.

Speaker: Erika Sanchez

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Classics With Kids

Come find ways to explore classical music with children. In addition to providing an opportunity to move and feel rhythms and tempo, classical music can ignite the imagination, contribute to problem solving abilities, enable children to recognize moods and sounds and simply be fun!

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Red Flags of Child Development

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It Must Be Confidential!

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Art, Right is Relative

Who are we to judge children's art? More than that, how can you judge something that creatively expresses feelings and emotions? We will give key tips on how to find things to praise in every piece of creativity. When there is no right and wrong, it can be hard to encourage your class to express themselves freely and build skills at the same time.

Speaker: Albert Wright

Audience: Preschool

Errorless Learning. . . Who Knew?

This session involves significant self-reflection and interaction using a strategy for reflective learning called Errorless Learning. The session engages learners in a meta-cognitive approach to assessing their own teaching strategies and shares a new way to evoke children's esteem during the process of acquiring academic mastery. Like no other, this session is full of surprises for you about you!

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Terrific Transitions

Ahhhh! Transitions! One of the scariest words in a preschool teacher's vocabulary! I believe that transitions can be some of the most fun & meaningful moments with children. We are going to change those transitions from terrifying to TERRIFIC!

Speaker: Lori Buxton

Audience: Preschool

Communicating & Building Relationships Through Music with WINKIE

Find out how to intentionally align music with your daily teaching activities — focusing on building communication, relationships, and a bond between Teacher/Student and Student/Student.

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Additional Information & Reminders!



- ◆ *Last minute cancellations will be posted outside the session rooms and highlighted in our morning announcements.*
- ◆ *Some of your chosen sessions might be full, but be aware that some of the workshops will be repeated during later sessions.*
- ◆ *We recommend that you have an alternative workshop already chosen in advance for each session time. In fairness to all participants, saving more than one seat in a session is prohibited.*
- ◆ *The Director's Track is available only to Directors. Workshops will be available for Mother's Day Out Providers and Preschool Teachers.*
- ◆ *If you have any questions about Winter PTAC 2016 — please call us at 281-378-4080. Our FAX line number is 281-378-4081.*
- ◆ *Our website is: www.ptacconference.org*

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Registration Form

Please Print!

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Position (circle one): Director/Assist. Dir Admin Preschool MDO Enrichment

Please note that all communications regarding Winter PTAC will be done via email.

Email Address _____

School or Organization _____

School Address _____

School City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Conference Cost: \$ 85.00

Discount if registered by December 15, 2015: minus \$5: \$ _____

NEW: I would like to purchase a Winter PTAC T-shirt for **\$10:** \$ _____
(See website for design) S M L XL 2XL (extra \$2 for 2x & larger)

I would like to obtain .7 CEU's from Texas Southern for my attendance at PTAC.
I understand that my PTAC Registration Form, CEU Form, and payment of \$25.00
must reach The Adventure Preschool by NLT **January 15, 2016.** Yes No

CEU Payment: \$ _____

After January 15, 2016 a \$25 Late Fee will be applied: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

*****Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE, but are transferable*****

Send completed forms and make checks payable to:
WPC Conference Account
10555 Spring Cypress, Houston, TX 77070

Questions may be directed to The Adventure Programs at 281-378-4080 or Email : ptac@windwoodpc.org



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Continuing Education Registration Form

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PTAC Winter 2016

Student Registration Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Previous Last Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone No. Home: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: (if different) _____

Gender: M F

<u>Course Selection</u>			
Course Title	Location	Start Date	Course Fee
PTAC Winter Conference 2016	Offsite	1/30/2016	\$25.00

Student Signature: _____

CEU's are only available if you attend all 7 hours of the PTAC conference.

Check in and Check out will be required on the day of the conference.

Please make checks out to **The Adventure Programs** and attach to this form and the PTAC registration form.

Forms must be received no later than January 15th 2016 to receive CEU's

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Workshop Leaders



Darlene Abbott serves as co-director of Kid's Worship Choir at The Church at Station Hill, a regional campus of Brentwood Baptist Church, in Nashville, TN. She is a writer of preschool & children's music & curriculum, & has contributed to product for both Kathie Hill Music & LifeWay. She travels as an instructor & clinician for church workers, choir leaders, music educators, day school teachers, & women's events.

Monica Allen-Nelson has over 17 years of experience in Early Childhood Education, having worked as both a teacher & in supervisory positions. She has a strong knowledge of licensing guidelines & positive management skills. Most recently, Monica served as the Assistant Director at Lakewood Church CDC.

Shelly Akins musical career started at the age of 8, performing at local theatre groups, as well as film & television. After touring with many musical groups, she & her husband, Paul, began leading worship together in Mission Viejo, California. After relocating to Houston, Shelly's love for children led her to a career teaching music at Christian private schools.

Winkie Ballas Jamail is a Certified National Trainer and believes that you are not going to reach some kids respectfully, socially, or academically, until you first reach them on the "human to human" level. Winkie is dedicated to helping educators be successful through motivation, inspiration, entertainment & a common-sense approach to stress management.

Naomi Black is the Director of the Yellow School, MDPC's Early Childhood Program serving children 3 years old through kindergarten. She has more than 30 years' experience in early childhood education, 13 as a classroom teacher, teaching preschool through third grade. Naomi began teaching at The Yellow School in 1978 and became the director in 1983. She has 25 years experience as a children's choir director and is the music teacher at the school.

Lori Buxton has been involved in Early Care and Education since 1995 and has served children and their families on many levels, including classroom teacher, trainer, children's pastor and executive child care administrator. Lori is the founder of the Gulf Coast Directors Network in southeast Texas.

Casey Casteel has an MA in Professional Counseling & is a Licensed Professional Counselor-Intern. She is completing post-graduate certification in Play Therapy. Prior to working as a psychotherapist, Casey was a teacher for 16 years & owner of Casey's Creative Connections. She has taught Early Childhood through Middle School, as well as various Arts & Movement courses.

Dr. Rick Chromey is a professor, author, and leader in emergent culture and children's ministry. He is a regular contributor and columnist for *Children's Ministry* magazine and the author of *"Energizing Children's Ministry in the Smaller Church."*

Marianne Gibbs, MOT,OTR, is an occupational therapist & education speaker. She is a national speaker & the creator of *"Fine Motor Skills... Write Out of the Box."*

Kelly Kray-McDaniel earned her BS in Communication Sciences & Disorders from Baylor University & her Master of Education from Stephen F. Austin State University. She began her career as a pre-

school teacher & early intervention specialist for the Texas Early Childhood Intervention program, eventually becoming the Assistant Director for a local ECI program. Kelly has over 15 years experience supporting & training ECI staff and therapists, parents, caregivers, preschool & day care teachers to help typical developing children & and children with special needs meet their full potential through a positive & educationally enriching natural environment.

Jean Kuecher, puppeteer & producer of the Marionette Playhouse, delights audiences with marionette, hand puppet, & black light puppetry performances. As a teacher, she used puppetry to enhance her classroom curriculum. As a school counselor, she developed weekly marionette shows on self-awareness themes. She is the director of the annual Houston Puppetry Festival, providing quality performances & workshops for teachers, librarians, & puppetry enthusiasts.

Christi Priddy is a 2006 graduate of the University of Mary Harden-Baylor. Following graduation, she worked for 8 years as an Early Intervention Specialist before moving into the private classroom setting. Her work history has enhanced her extensive knowledge of child development with a focus on developmental delays & intervention strategies.

Courtney Osborne taught kindergarten and pre-kindergarten for six years before staying home with her twins. She enjoyed her years in the classroom in private school, public school, and home bound student instruction. She feels that educating children in Biblical principles is vitally important. Courtney has enjoyed serving in the youth ministry, children's ministry, and teaching kindergarten for her church's home school enrichment program.

Lauren Osborne is a 2004 graduate of Texas A&M University and earned her Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Texas at Arlington. She taught school in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for six years and has been using Conscious Discipline® strategies in her professional and personal life since 2005. Lauren is also a Conscious Discipline® Certified Instructor. She completed her training in the spring of 2008 and is now actively presenting workshops for educators, parents and churches.

Peggy Osborne has been in the field of education for over 25 years. Peggy spent fourteen years in the elementary classroom teaching pre-k, kindergarten, second and fourth grades. From 1998 through 2010 she was an administrator within the College Station Independent School District's Early Childhood Department in College Station, TX. As a Conscious Discipline® Certified Instructor, she trained the CSISD Early Childhood teachers in Conscious Discipline®.

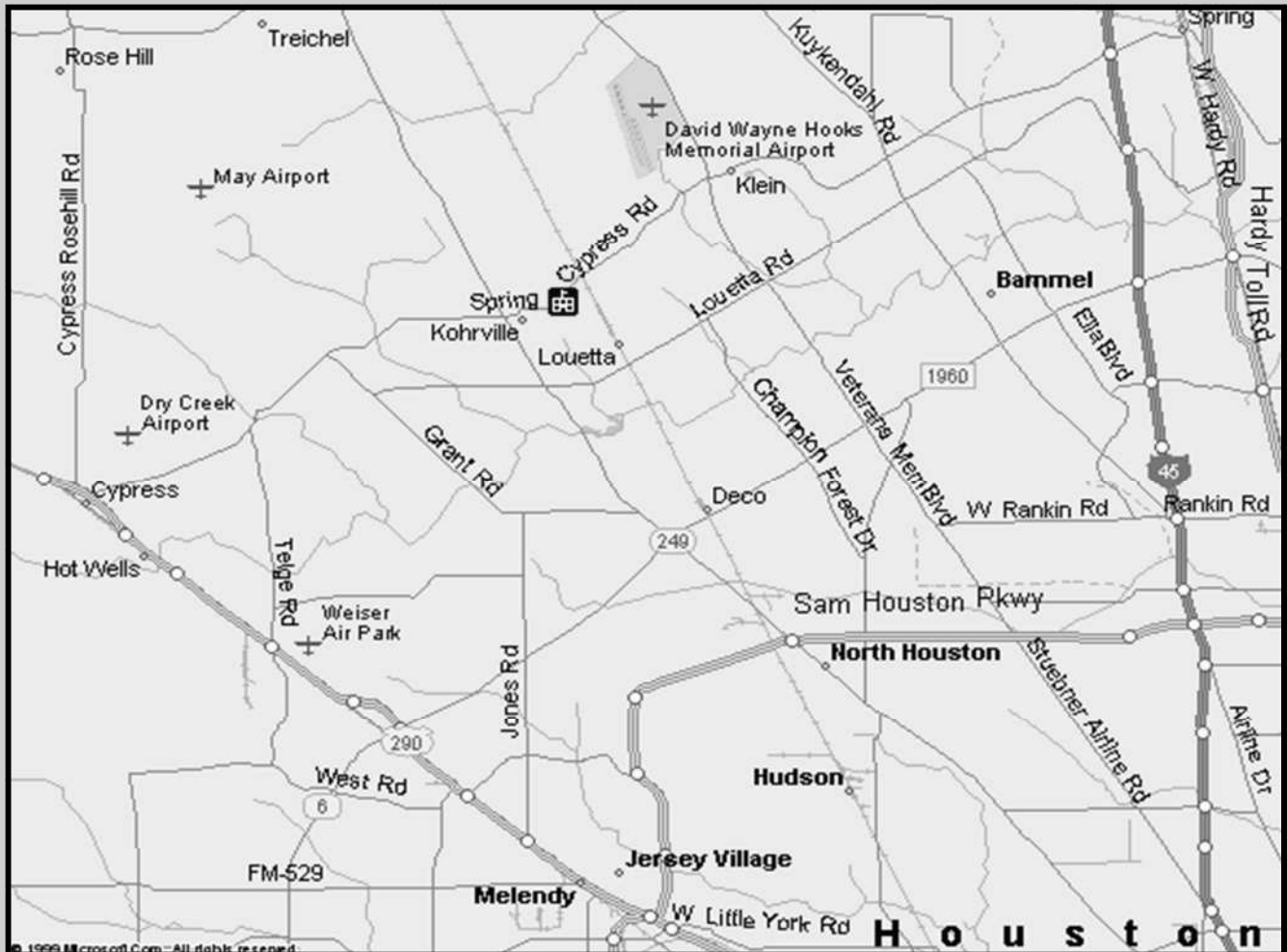
Erika Sanchez has been passionate about doing what is right for children for over 20 years. She holds an M.Ed. in Special Education & a B.A. in Special Education & Early Childhood. The opportunity to work in a variety of settings, public & private, & as a preschool administrator, has given her a wealth of experiences to share! Currently, Erika is the owner of PEACEFUL PRESCHOOLS & PARENTING, a professional development & consulting company, as well as a 3-day teacher of 4-year-olds at Wee Wuns Weekday School.

Judy Staley was an elementary school librarian for 30 years before retiring & has been doing presentations on the importance of early literacy for 14 years. She was voted Teacher of the Year three times during her career — she loves children, books, & getting teachers excited about reading to their students!



Conference Location

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Directions

The easiest approach to our facility is to follow State Highway 249 (also called the Tomball Parkway) west towards Tomball. Take the Spring Cypress Road exit and turn right on Spring Cypress. Windwood Presbyterian Church is about one mile down on the right.