



# 3rd Annual

# Parent Conference

For Oakland County community partners, caregivers and parents of children birth to five years of age

## South Oakland

Saturday,  
April 18, 2009  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Farmington Alameda Early Childhood Center**  
32400 Alameda, Farmington

## North Oakland

Saturday,  
May 2, 2009  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Lake Orion Community Education Resource Ctr.**  
455 Scripps Road, Lake Orion

*Two locations this year!*



**Oakland Schools**

This conference opportunity is provided through a Great Parents, Great Start grant from the Michigan Department of Education in cooperation with Great Start Collaborative-Oakland, Farmington Public Schools, Lake Orion Community Schools and Oakland Schools



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## Keynote Address: **Bucket Fillers**

**Building Children's Self-Esteem.** "Bucket fillers" are those who help without being asked, give hugs and compliments, and generally spread their love and good feelings to others. The simple metaphor of a bucket helps even preschoolers understand the importance of consideration and love, particularly towards those who bully. "Bucket dippers" rob us of happy feelings by refusing to help with a task or by saying or doing cruel things.



Speaker Katherine Martin earned her Bachelor and Master of Arts in Counseling with a specialization in Child and Adolescent Counseling from Oakland University. She is also co-author of Fill a Bucket: A Guide to Daily Happiness for Young Children.

### Multiple workshop sessions on a variety of parenting topics follow the keynote presentation including:

- Helping Children Become Independent Problem-Solvers • Supporting Children's Development of Self-Regulation • Spending Time with Your Kids Exploring Michigan • Making Room for Daddy • Organized Living and Home Routines • You've Got a Friend • Let's Play - Easy Activities for Home • If You're Stressed and You Know It! • Parenting with Love and Logic • Why Gender Matters • Taking Action to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse • Helping Children Cope with Loss • Recipe for Life for Every Child • Speech and Language Development - What to Expect?
- And many other great sessions with a focus on early childhood

Additionally, a variety of parenting and community resource exhibits and vendors will have information, materials, resources, and books.

**The conferences and workshop sessions are aimed at parents of young children, birth to age five, care providers, and community partners.**

Lunch will be provided. Free onsite child care for children 0-11 years will be provided at each conference by licensed child care staff on a first-registered, first-served system.

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### Four convenient ways to register:

**Online:** [www.oakland.k12.mi.us](http://www.oakland.k12.mi.us),  
 click on "Register Online"

**Email:** [emregistration@oakland.k12.mi.us](mailto:emregistration@oakland.k12.mi.us)  
 (please include all registration information)

**Fax:** 248.209.2021

**Mail:** Oakland Schools, Event Management  
 2111 Pontiac Lake Road  
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I will attend: (check one)

South Oakland:  
 Farmington: 4-18-09

North Oakland:  
 Lake Orion: 5-2-09

Confirmation letter will be emailed upon receipt of this registration form. This conference is free of charge.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will need child care

*If you will require free child care for children, ages 0-11, please provide the following information:*

Child #1: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #2: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #3: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #4: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Special concerns/needs: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Note: The Alameda Early Childhood Center and the Community Education Resource Center are Peanut Free facilities.*

Capacity for this conference is limited to the first 200 registrants. Register early to reserve your spot.  
 Please make a copy of this form before mailing.