

October 31 - November 2, 2018

Atlanta Evergreen Conference Resort, 4021 Lakeview Dr., Stone Mountain, GA



2018 Fall Leadership Conference

Welcome to the 2018 GHS A Fall Leadership Conference

We invite you to join hundreds of your colleagues from our region who will convene in Stone Mountain Georgia at the Atlanta Evergreen Conference Resort for our annual 2018 Fall Leadership Conference. This annual conference is a powerful opportunity for professional growth and organizational development. We Look forward to seeing you in Stone Mountain.

About this Conference

This years' theme is: "**Exceeding The Vision.**" The purpose of the **2018 GHS A Fall Leadership Conference** is to provide an opportunity for individuals responsible for teaching and nurturing children, at all levels, to discuss current issues, exchange information, and learn valuable insights from experts in the field of early childhood care, education, and development.

This conference will include plenary and workshop session relevant for management, staff, and parents working with today's children to pave the way for student success and a promising tomorrow. Concurrent workshops provide a comprehensive array of professional development opportunities will be provided for participants who live, teach, work with, and serve children from birth to age five and their families. Workshops are designed to build knowledge, develop skills, and enhance personal growth. Join colleagues and friends at interactive workshops aligning Head Start's Services and Systems in a Community of Practice setting.

Conference Highlights

The **2018 GHS A Fall Leadership Conference** will include engaging opportunities to help your staff and families understand their role in supporting School Readiness for all children birth to five. Our workshop content offers something for everyone! From program leadership to classroom staff, content specialists, and families... together we will learn innovative strategies to ensure our Georgia Head Start and Early Head Start programs offer high-quality services to children and families that prepare them for lifelong success in school and life.

Why You Should Attend

Tools... Take away skills, strategies, innovative ideas and practical knowledge from the interactive and hands-on workshops.

Discover... the value of bringing back one good idea or strategy that would streamline program operations or provide the answer to one agency challenge.

Engagement... Meet, connect, and share stories with Head Start colleagues from across Georgia.

Vision... Listen as keynote speakers entertain, share ideas, and provide time to focus on how you want to grow personally and professionally.

Learn... Find out how associates, colleagues, and Head Start friends have enhanced their programs.

Workshop Topics

Some of the workshop topics ...

- Policy council
- Administration
- Center Management
- ERSEA
- Nutrition
- Health & Safety
- Reflective Supervision
- Coaching Model
- Understanding Organizational Climate
- DECAL Licensing
- Mental Health
- Disabilities
- Helping Parents Become Self Sufficient



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Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort

Escape to a Georgia resort 16 miles from downtown Atlanta and a million miles from ordinary at the stunning Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort. Nestled in the natural beauty of Stone Mountain Park, this Stone Mountain, GA hotel features 311 rooms and 25 suites with private balconies and stunning lake views. Surrounded by 3,200 acres of lush greenery, this AAA 4 Diamond Georgia resort allows guests to enjoy exciting recreational activities, including championship golf, hiking trails and Stone Mountain Park attractions.

Single/Double Rates @ \$126.00 USD per night

Reservations should be made prior to Monday, October 8, 2017.

For reservations go online to marriott.com, or call: 1-888-670-2250 to book your group rate for the Georgia Head Start Association.



GHS Silent Auction

Each program is asked to help with our fund raising auction event by donating at least one item (or more), with a minimum value of \$50 each.

Auction items will be on display October 31st - November 2nd, with the auction taking place on Friday, during the closing session. Please bring your items to the registration area when you arrive and identify each item with your program name and suggested retail value.



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Keynote Speaker

Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

David A. Wilson

Author, Empowerment Trainer
(Phenomenal Human Being)

Who is **David Wilson**? Some may say he is an author, some may say he is a preacher, a leader, an empowering servant, or a comedian. David A. Wilson is determined to create a legacy that simply states that he is a phenomenal human being. A native of Chicago, Illinois. His genesis is basically his beginning at low-income housing.

David started a journey with God that has unfolded to the discovery of one calling with many expressions. It was 1998, that he embraced his calling to ministry and serving people. One thing about David Wilson is his heart for people, to help them, to entertain them, and even more so, to provoke them to discover why they are here. This journey with God has served as the reason for David's understanding of his purpose and his responsibility to lead people to authentic living, meaningful lives and a life of discovering and executing how to simply be the best them. This discovery of serving humanity, David lives with a gift of speaking whether preaching, whether lecturing, whether motivating at universities, writing or writing books, or even simple conversations with someone right on the pavement. He longs to make people better; to ignite them to leave them with questions that they pursued the answers to about their own existence, their own potential on what calling they are to live.

One of his favorite quotes and motivational phrases is "Anyone can argue your potential but they cannot argue with your results." As a diverse speaker, he has been afforded the opportunity to minister to the nation in Africa and Haiti and to global organizations such as Habitat for Humanity International. David Wilson has a charisma and a word to draw and inspire people to see and take action towards the greatness that lives within them. He strongly believes in opening his heart to innovation, new ideas, and creativity that challenges others to upgrade their thinking and maximizing their potential. One of his greatest joys is pouring into his daughter. A few of his most significant joys in life is in taking time in being a father, a friend and a picture of hope for evolving champions. David's heart's desire is that his legacy will be evident that he tried to make his sphere of influence in those he encounter greater than before he met them. David realizes that the goal is to never to be famous but to simply be effective.



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Keynote Speaker

Friday, November 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Mike Longoria, Ph.D. Dr. Mike!

Engaging Children in Meaningful Learning

Mike Longoria, a.k.a. **Dr. Mike!**, has a Ph.D. in early childhood education and has 25 years of early childhood experience in the capacity as a pre-k, kindergarten, and special education teacher, Head Start administrator, university professor, independent consultant, curriculum developer, and recording artist. Dr. Mike has keynoted state and national early childhood conferences and has also conducted professional development for childcare providers, Head Start, pre-k and kindergarten teachers across the country. Dr. Mike's passion, knowledge, and innovative approach to early childhood education makes learning what it should be—fun and exciting—but most importantly, it meets the needs of **ALL** children.

Sing and Sign / Cantar y hacer Señas

Singing songs while integrating (ASL) signing are perfect tools that bridge languages in a meaningful approach to develop dual language learners. Songs have an emotional value that makes learning joyful.

Signing is a form of movement that promotes focus and concentration. Together, singing and signing are the perfect companions to develop dual language in a fun and exciting approach. Furthermore, research states that integrating signing develop higher IQ's in children.

Music, Movement and Learning: Bringing Joy to Education!

Music and movement provide students with powerful experiences that increase their memory and accelerate learning while developing various school readiness and academic skills while improving their social skills (Johnson & Edelsen, 2003 p.1). Music and movement also plays an important role in student's learning, as it influences brains in a positive way, keeps students alert and ready to learn and keeps students actively engaged. "When we keep students active, we keep their energy levels up and provide their brains with the oxygen-rich blood needed for highest performance" (Jensen, 2005 p.66). Most importantly, music and movement meet the needs of **ALL** children!

Make & Take with Dr. Mike Longoria: Read, Sing & Act

Let's all sing, move and create fun and exciting resources that will engage your children in meaningful learning while developing literacy skills. Participants will leave Dr. Mike's session with materials ready for use in the classroom and a renewed excitement for the coming school year!



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Conference Registration and Payment Information

To register for this Conference please visit the website www.ttas.org or call 1-800-882-7482. **No onsite registration.**

Conference Registration Levels	Fee	Registration Deadlines
Early Bird Registration Fee: (GHSA members only)	\$285.00	Cut off Sept. 28, 2018
Regular & Non Member Fee:	\$310.00	Oct. 1 - 15, 2018
Late Registration Fee:	\$335.00	Oct. 16 - 22, 2018

How to Register

For ease of record keeping, all Conference registrations (including presenters) must be completed online through the T/TAS at Western Kentucky University site. To register for the Conference, go to www.ttas.org and click on the events link, then click on the GHSA Event and register. When you have completed Conference registration, you will receive an electronic email registration notification. Please print out the registration notification and maintain it for your records.

Conference Payment Options

Payment is by credit card or check when registering for the Conference.
All payments for registration must be received by Monday, October 22, 2018.

Contact Information

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Make all checks payable to : Georgia Head Start Association and mail to the address above.

The mission of the Georgia Head Start Association is to provide education, leadership and advocacy that supports Head Start programs' efforts in delivering high quality comprehensive services to Georgia's children, families and communities.

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Welcome to Stone Mountain!

Stone Mountain is Georgia's most popular attraction and features a wide variety of family activities. Located just sixteen miles from downtown Atlanta, it sits on 3,200 acres of natural beauty. Adventure awaits as you discover our interactive family-friendly attractions and many natural and historic sights. Plus, you won't want to miss dozens of exciting annual events such as Spring FUN Break, Summer at the Rock, Yellow Daisy Festival, Native American Festival and Pow-Wow, Stone Mountain Christmas and Snow Mountain.

Stone Mountain activities are suitable for all ages. Take a cable car to the top of Stone Mountain for amazing views of the city. Play in the spray or stay high and dry on the Geysers Towers®. Trek through the treetops on SkyHike®, the nation's largest family adventure course. Enjoy a scenic train ride 5 miles around the base of the mountain.

Stay on-site at the Marriott Stone Mountain Inn or Evergreen Marriott resort complete with a relaxing spa and 2 championship Golf Courses. If camping is more your style, you can spend the night in a Tent, RV, Safari Tent or Yurt at the Stone Mountain Park Campground.

Let Stone Mountain Park help you plan and host your company picnic or family reunion at one of our many covered outdoor pavilions. Complete your day at the world's largest laser light show featuring a fantastic fireworks finale!

Stone Mountain Park is open year-round, but attraction hours vary by season. Check the hours of operations and events calendar for schedules on the date(s) of your visit. Buy annual attraction passes online and be sure to check out special offers and vacation packages.

