



Kristie Pretti-Frontczak

As an author, speaker, and educational consultant, I am a passionate believer in children's right to learn through play, inclusive classrooms, and transformative professional development that supports teachers' wholeness.

About Kristie

An accomplished author, sought-after consultant, and educator's educator, Dr. Kristie Pretti-Frontczak spent 16 years as a tenured professor in Higher Education at Kent State University before leaving to lead a {r}evolution in early care and education. Through comprehensive classes, thought-provoking keynote addresses, and practical resources for teachers, she's guiding adult professionals who work with our youngest students toward developing their emotional intelligence, reclaiming children's right to learn through play and reimagining more inclusive classrooms. She has written six textbooks, two workbooks, and the AEPS curricular system, served as past President of the International Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children, and spent over 50,000 hours teaching adults best practices in early childhood care and education in locations from Cincinnati to Singapore. It's all part of her effort to build kinder, more inclusive, and more creative classrooms-and therefore, a better world.



"I believe in the future of education. I believe that our society owes children more than they're getting, and teachers are the key ingredient to a shift in practice, moving from compliance to compassion, from standardization to personalization, and from segregation to integration. We need a {r}evolution."

Finding Her Path

As the middle of three sisters growing up in Twin Falls, Idaho, Kristie Pretti-Frontczak knew she wanted to do something important to change the world. She just wasn't quite sure what or how.

It wasn't until Kristie studied psychology as an undergraduate at Idaho State University and volunteered with a community program serving children with diverse abilities that she realized: shaping children's minds is the most important thing anyone can do.



Defining Her Mission

As Kristie continued her education, earning a PhD in Early Intervention from the University of Oregon, she came to believe that all children can learn if they have the right scaffolding offered through interactions with responsive adults. To really change the world, she realized, we have to change the way we teach our children. She decided that the most valuable thing she could do to effect change would be to nurture the people who nurture children: the teachers.

“Teachers play one of the most important roles in our society, helping to unleash potential despite age, barriers, and labels,” says Kristie. “And yet, they’re undervalued and often undersupported. As ‘brain architects,’ teachers can’t spread wellness if they aren’t supported by strong leaders. When truly supported, however, they can work to their highest capacity, from a place of compassion, hope, and love. Teachers deserve creative, intensive opportunities to grow through transformative professional development that addresses their wholeness.”

The rewarding nature of teaching can get lost in the rush to prep children for the next step of the education assembly line. Having seen teachers struggle to compete in the “**race to readiness**” of reaching developmental benchmarks, Kristie focuses on providing solutions to effect a change, not just in how educators teach children, but in how we support and empower teachers. “**Many of us are seeking a paradigm shift, from compliance to compassion, from standardization to personalization, and from segregation to integration,**” she says.

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Topics and Testimonials

In keynote addresses, collaborative workshops, mastermind classes, breakout sessions, webinars, and the online, practical resources she offers for teachers, Kristie addresses topics relating to building more inclusive classrooms and supporting teachers by focusing on mindset before methods. Sample topics of expertise offered in a variety of professional development and learning formats, including keynotes, breakout sessions and full day trainings:

- Unleash Every Child's Inner Genius: Follow Their Lead, While Guiding Them to Greatness
- You Belong Here: Inclusive Practices That Support Every Child's Learning and Development
- Simply Irresistible: Professional Development That Inspires Real Change-Even in the Face of Resistance
- Recognizing and Reducing Stressors: Empowering Children to Flip the Script Before They Flip Their Lids
- The Ripple Effect: Strengthen Your Teachers' EQ to Impact Student Success



"Participants leave with knowledge, skills, and the desire to make change. Even more notable is that changes are happening. Teachers are advocating for inclusive opportunities, and we are seeing positive outcomes for students."

Daina Loeffler, Early Childhood Special Education Programs Professional, 619 Coordinator
Office of Special Education, Nevada Department of Education



"A very skilled and upbeat presenter who knows how to translate complicated content so it is memorable, meaningful, and understandable. Dr. Pretti-Frontczak is a pleasure to work with and I am thrilled that she is out there making a difference for teachers of young children."

Fran Simon, Early Childhood Investigations Webinars



"We love her! She is so smart and helps us get at the core of the work. Kristie provides concrete examples and scenarios to help us understand the content."

Jill Haan, Director of Early Childhood Education
Charlevoix Emmet ISD

{R}evolutionizing Early Childhood Care and Education

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“Kristie makes EVERYTHING easy, from scheduling, communication, flexibility, and a landing page with all resources readily available. She is generous with her time and knowledge! Our administrators all said this was the BEST professional development they have received!”

Libby Culver, Supervisor
Early Childhood Education Durango School District
Colorado



“Kristie is amazing to work with. She offers such a wide range of information to meet any professional development need you might have. Her presentation style supports staff to be reflective learners, and they come away excited and energized to try their new skills in their classroom.”

Carla Heintz, Principal
Shawnee Mission Early Childhood Education Center
Kansas



“The conference titled, Completing the Assessment Puzzle: Getting the Right People and Pieces in Place, lead by Kristie, garnered the highest registration to date! Participants greatly appreciated Kristie’s humor, her generosity with valuable resources, her vast knowledge, and her willingness to stay connected and follow up via social media.”

Minnesota Sub-Division for Early Childhood
Minnesota

Publication Highlights

Textbooks

Assessing Young Children in Inclusive Settings

Blended Practices for Teaching Young Children in Inclusive Settings

Linking Authentic Assessment and Early Childhood Intervention

An Activity-Based Approach to Early Intervention

Workbooks

The Workbook of Human Superpowers

YEC Monograph 16: Blending Practices for All Children

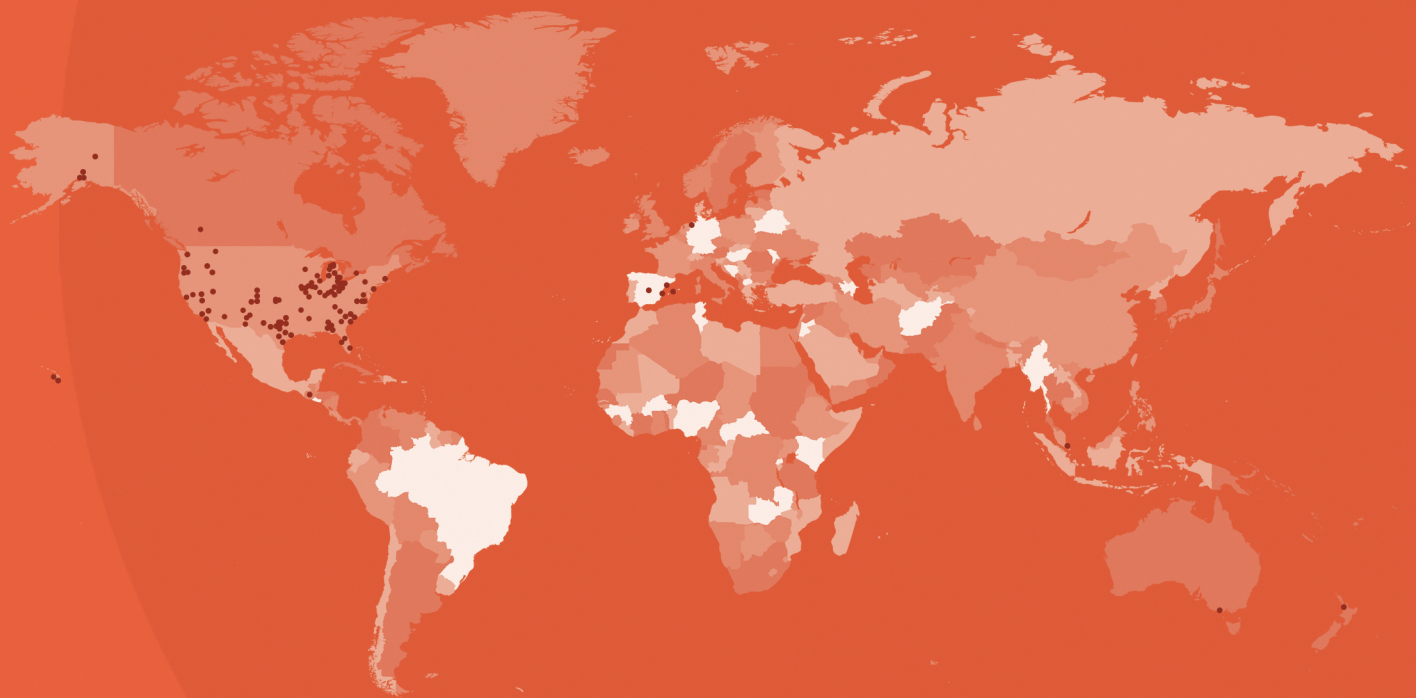
Curricular System

The Assessment, Evaluation and Programming System for Infants and Young Children

Awards and Honors

- Awarded 13 federal grants worth more than 4.7 million dollars
- Served as President on the Executive Board, Division for Early Childhood (DEC)
- Awarded 5 Kent State University and 2 Ohio Division for Early Childhood awards over 10 years
- Awarded 2013 Merle B. Karnes Award for Service to the Division





Dr. Pretti-Frontczak is spreading her powerful message about early childhood education across the globe

Alaska, USA	Idaho, USA	Montana, USA	South Carolina, USA
Arizona, USA	Illinois, USA	The Netherlands	Spain
Arkansas, USA	Indiana, USA	Nevada, USA	Tennessee, USA
Australia	Iowa, USA	New Jersey, USA	Texas, USA
California, USA	Kansas, USA	New Mexico, USA	Virginia, USA
Canada	Kentucky, USA	New York, USA	Washington, USA
Colorado, USA	Louisiana, USA	New Zealand	Washington D.C., USA
Florida, USA	Massachusetts, USA	North Carolina, USA	Wisconsin, USA
Georgia, USA	Michigan, USA	Ohio, USA	
Guatemala	Minnesota, USA	Oregon, USA	
Hawaii, USA	Missouri, USA	Singapore	

To have her impact your community, contact Dr. Pretti-Frontczak.

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