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### Tessie Ragan – Speaker Kit

#### **ABOUT TESSIE**

Tessie Ragan is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer, and early childhood educator with a deep commitment to the success of family child care providers and early educators in all settings. Drawing on over a decade of hands-on experience and leadership, Tessie's sessions are real, reflective, and rooted in best practice. Whether speaking to large conference audiences or leading intimate workshops, she helps educators build strong systems, empower their practice, and create sustainable, community-centered programs.

Looking for something specific? Tessie also offers custom sessions tailored to the needs of your program, team, or event.

#### **POPULAR SESSIONS**

### You Are the Quality: Investment in Yourself and Your Business

Audience: FCC educators, leaders, trainers
Focus: Professionalism, empowerment, business development
Format: 60–90 min workshop or retreat session
Helps FCC educators lean into their expertise by building intentional self-care systems, investing in business development, and shifting mindset from daycare provider to early childhood professional.

# The Link Between a Structured Day and Behavioral Management

Audience: Mixed-age educators, FCC owners
Focus: Behavior guidance, planning, systems
Format: 90-min PD with tools + reflection
Learn how the right amount of structure supports play-based learning, reduces power struggles, and sets the tone for meaningful engagement across age groups.



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# Chaos and Learning: Planning Your Family Child Care Day

Audience: New and seasoned FCC providers
Focus: Daily flow, visual schedules, educator wellness
Format: Freebie webinar or intro-level PD
A great entry-point workshop that gives providers a plan for designing their day with balance—for the kids and themselves.

## Fostering Close-Knit Communities Through Mixed Ages in ECE

Audience: Programs with mixed-age or looping classrooms
Focus: Classroom community, continuity of care
Format: 2-hour training or conference session
Explores how empathy, long-term relationships, and intentional culture-building turn classrooms into collaborative mini-societies.

Claiming Space: The Power of FCC Advocacy

Audience: FCC providers, ECE orgs, leadership fellows
Focus: History of advocacy, organizing, public voice
Format: 60–90 min session with slides, prompts, and live Q&A
A bold and empowering look at the history and future of advocacy in early childhood education—through the lens of family child care.