




Texas AEYC
53rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 19-21, 2017
San Antonio, TX




	Thursday October 19, 2017			
	8:00 am - 10:00 am	10:15 am - 12:15 pm	1:00 pm—3:00 pm	3:15 pm - 5:15 pm
Llano	Developing a Parent Involvement and Home Reading Program for Pre-K-Grade 3 Literacy--Dr. Carol Fetters	Understanding How to Support Families of Caregivers Experiencing a Mental Illness-- Patricia Sanchez & Raymund Begaye	TEACH Moving the Needle: Compensation Project Advisory Meeting (Invitation Only) --Megan Burk	
Live Oak	Navigating the Partner-SHIP! Developing and Maintaining Collaborative Relationships With Your Local ISD and What Makes it a Win-Win! -- Jennifer Martinez	Fun with Food: Creating Meaningful Cooking Experiences with Preschoolers--Sara Christine Chestnut	Battling Burnout - How to Win the Invisible War--Albert Wright	WhoooWho!!!! I'm a 4-Star Center! Now What?--Hope Wharton
Pecos	 Texas Association for the Education of Young Children	The Culture of Adversity- Unpacking Trauma's Impact on Children, Families and the Professionals Working with Them--Kamyala Howard & Chanelle Ellison	Don't Worry About the Mess! (Make and Take) Shele Laminack and J.R. Esparza	Mud, Mud, Marvelous Mud!--Cyndi Gostenhofer & Dr. Carol Ortega
Directors	STEM, STEAM & 21st Century Block Play--Jeffrey Whittaker	The Delight of Digital Learning-- Annette Mahan and Victoria Mahan	Factors Affecting Children's Outdoor Play in Childcare Settings--Francisco Campos, Stephanie Reynolds & Adriana Rosales	What is Autism Anyway? An Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders for Early Childhood Teachers--Dr. Cathy Guttentag
Pecan	How Do You DO? Tinkering, Making, and Engineering Brought to You by The DoSeum--Cheryl Viera, Jessica Escamilla, Gladys Hernández, & Kathy Jordan	Embracing your "Third Teacher" as a Practitioner in Early Childhood Education--Flora Harmon	Play Is MY Job!--Lisa Phillips	Listening to Children's Voices Regarding Classroom Environments- Zlata Stankovic-Ramirez and Dr. Bridgitte Vittrup
Frio	How to Create a School Family--Shela Ann Mobarak-Wannemacher	Tender Hearts in Tough Times: Helping Educators, Children and Families Deal With Uncertainty and Stress--Dawn Hallman & Denise Collins	Adapting the Environment and Experiences to Promote Inclusive Practices--Dr. Elizabeth Beavers	How to Manage Complicated Leave Issues From A to Z--Soña Ramirez
Mesquite	Prop Boxes - All Children Learn From Dramatic Play-- Mary Elizabeth Hollmann	The Power of Observation in an Early Childhood Classroom--Kim Howard	Building Healthy Habits is Fun! Promoting Physical Activity, Nutrition & Sun Safety Behaviors-- John Krampitz	Playground Safety--Renè Hudspeth
Nueces	The Constructive Play Lab: STEM and Culturally Relevant Explorations with Recycled Materials--Dr. Timothy A Kinard, Dr. Mary Esther Soto Huerta, and Dr. Jesse Gainer	Leadership Strategies for Intentional Coaching--Dr. Jenny Barkac	Brain Building--Pat Carter	Navigating the Currents of Change and Supervision - Karlene Bennett
Blanco	Introduction to TECPDS & Orientation to the Texas Trainer Registry--Dr. Tracy Jones	Present to Impress! Treat Your Audience to the Best! --Paula Barnes and Larry Kotch (Pre-Paid Event)	Train the Trainer with BookSpring Parent Bookclub--Jill Gonzalez and Lili Cantu (Pre-Paid Event)	

Bowie C	Risky Play: Perspectives, Characteristics, Benefits, Implementations--Tammy Potter and Brandy White	Building a Healthy Brain in Children Birth to Five--Sue Hancock	It's Never Too Early to Talk about Math! Engaging the Effective Verbal Interactions with Infants and Toddlers--Preeti Jain	Learning to Work with Parents: The Importance of Mentoring Future Early Childhood Educators --Dr. Mari Cortez, Tivy Whitlock, and Raquel Cataldo
Maverick	The Nurtured Heart Approach® in Action: Practice It, Live It!--Debbie Elder	Power of Play--Lawrence English	Play Safe! Be Safe! (In English)--Maria Figueroa	Play Safe! Be Safe! (In Spanish)--Maria Figueroa
Navarro	Labor and Employment Pitfalls to Avoid in 2018--Adam Boland	No Worksheets Allowed! Creating Meaningful Learning--Jennifer G. Fernández	Sensory Soothers for Strong, Scary Feelings--Diane Goyette	More than Post it Notes and Page Protectors: Taking a Closer Look at Observation and Assessment--Dr. Travis Davis
Seguin	Picasso Young Artist Project--Stacy Jo Signaigo	Loose Parts-How Everyday Items Can be Added to Your Classroom to Promote Unlimited Play--Ana De Hoyos O'Connor	CLI Engage: Offering Free Early Childhood Resources for School and Home--Colleen Allen	Let's Get Creative and Play to Learn--Catherine O'Brien
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Bowie A (Pre-Paid Event)	Keynote Address: Naming and Teaching from the Hidden Gems of Brilliance in Young Children's Art and Writing--Katherine Bomer	The Writing Workshop in K - 1st--Where K-1 Children Fall in Love and Learn to Write!--Katherine Bomer	Do Butterflies Eat Butter? Teaching Content Through Meaningful Inquiry That Engages Children's Minds--Kathy Loeffler	Developmentally Appropriate Practice 101 for K-1 Grade--Dr. Brian Kingrey
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Bowie B (Pre-Paid Event)	Keynote Address: Naming and Teaching from the Hidden Gems of Brilliance in Young Children's Art and Writing--Katherine Bomer	Developmentally Appropriate Practice 101 for 2nd-3rd Grade--Dr. Brian Kingrey	Project Approach in 2nd-3rd Grade--Kelly Dudley and Jesus Composeco	The Writing Workshop for 2nd-3rd Grade- Where 2nd -3rd Children Grow As Writers--Katherine Bomer

**Friday Keynote Address: Regency Ballroom 8:00-9:15: Seven Essentials Life Skills for Making Connections
Dr. Ellen Galinsky**

Friday				
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Regency East 1-3	Mind in the Making: From Research to Action--Dr. Ellen Galinsky	Role of the Assistant Director--Albert Wright	Twist and Shout! Circle Time Fun with Stacy Jo!--Stacy Jo Signaigo	Stress and Challenging Behavior – What's the Connection, What's the Impact?--Steve Erwin
Regency West 4	Advocating for Play in the Early Childhood Classroom--Dr. Brian Mowry	Is That Really in the Minimum Standards?!?--Jeannie Young	Is That Really in the Minimum Standards?!? (Repeat)--Jeannie Young	The ABC's Of Happy Eaters--D'Wana Henderson
Regency West 5	Giggles and Wiggles It's Circle Time! --Sharron Krull	Multi-Sensory Integration 0-3 years--Dr. Meena Chintapalli	Mentoring and Coaching Early Childhood Teachers: Secrets of a Successful Team--Ana Y. Castillo, Elda Perez, Norma Salazar, and Dr. Hilda Medrano	The Joys of Teaching Developmentally Appropriate Language, Art, and Math to Toddlers--Claudia Pouncey
Regency West 6	Positive Classroom Management --Leora Cowart	Mastering Creativity: Authentic Art Shawnyel Haywood	How Does Having Recess Impact Preschool Students' Behavior?--Maribel Alvarez, Stephanie Alanis, and Amalia Mora	STEM Curriculum in Today's Preschool Classroom--Dr. Lauren Gonzalez
Llano	Energize Your Primary Science Classroom via Dinah Zike's Foldables--John Elmer	Professionalism and Ethics--Karlene Bennett	"I Spy" - Making Observation and Assessments FUN for ALL--Donna Miles	Young Professionals' Round Table--Cody Summerville

Live Oak	High-Quality Prekindergarten Programs--Howard Morrison & Tamala Olsby	Impacts of Stress and Trauma on the Transition of Motherhood--Kelly McGlothen, RN	Strengthening Families for Stronger Communities --Jerletha McDonald	Understanding How to Support Families of Caregivers Experiencing a Mental Illness--Patricia Sanchez & Raymund Begaye (repeat session)
Pecos	30 Best Picture Books that Feature LGBT Themes and Characters—Dr. John Sutterby	Bridging Communities and Schools with Cultural Liaisons—Dr. Sarah Baray & Larrisa Wilkinson	Breaking Bias: Creating a Culture of Diversity --Audrey Rowland	Play-Based Learning Facilitates the Academic Development of Young Dual Language Learners!—Dr. Irasema Salinas-Gonzalez & Dr. Hilda Medrano
Directors	Basics of Hiring 101 --Kristy Thornton	TECPDS Workforce Registry--Dr. Tracy Jones	Decreasing Liability through Contracts, Policies and Handbooks--Jackie Taylor	Childcare Marketing and Brand Strategies--Jerletha McDonald
Pecan	All Are Welcome!--Bea Vargas, Cille D'Ascenzo, and Debbie Rose	ECI- The Importance of Positive Social and Emotional Development--Joy Kataoka and Tammy Miller	Higher Education Networking: Resources to Enhance Inclusive Practices--Dr. Elizabeth Beavers & Dr. Karen Walker	It Takes a Village: Effective Strategies to Promote Active Family Partnership in Early Childhood/Special Education--Kathleen Kyzar
Frio	A Singing Bucket Saves the Day-Dr. Rhonda Richardson	Get the Dirt on Nature Play!--Amanda McMickle	Playing with Songs and Chants: Extend Their Thinking—Dr. Karen Bradley and Dr. Jack Bradley	Don't Worry, We Have Band-Aids: The Importance of Whole Body Play --Michelle Walsh
Mesquite	Translingual Play in Culturally Responsive Dramatic Play Settings--Irasema Gonzalez, Dr. Maria Arreguin-Anderson, & Dr. Iliana Alanis	Cultivando cerebros saludables a través del contacto visual, el contacto físico, la presencia y la interacción de juego en un mundo digital./Cultivating Healthy Brains Through Eye Contact, Human Touch, and Playful Interaction in a Digital World--Lety Valero	Together 4 Children premiers "TCC Fixer Upper" exclusively for Taking Charge of Change™ Graduates—Cindy Rodriguez, Kathy Keller, Belinda Rojas, and Terry Lewis	
Nueces	Power to the Profession: The Blueprint for a More Defined, Unified and Supported ECE Profession--Katherine Kempe	Quality Childcare Begins with YOU as the Professional--Dr. Beverly F. Ashley and Dr. David H.Fridie II	All Hands on Deck: Share Your Expertise and Contribute to the National Dialogue on Power to the Profession--Katherine Kempe	New NAEYC Chapter Structure--Rayanna Hoeft and Kim Kofron
Blanco	It's All About the Books! Selecting Books for Young Learners--Jill Gonzalez & Lili Cantu	From Scribbles to Words: Expanding the Writing Skills of Young Children --Ceri Edwards	Musical Wordplay--Dr. Vivien Geneser, Zona Dargan and Angela Rubio	How Do You Publish in Early Years?-Dr. Vivien Geneser, Dr. Jennifer Dyer-Sennette, Michelle Huffman
Bowie AB	Measure Up – 4 Year-Olds Can Learn to be Great Measurers--Dr. Bob Williams & Ellen White	"Out of This World" Dramatic Play--Ellen White	Move It! Teaching Force and Motion to Young Children--Dr. Mary Hobbs & Dr. Bob Williams	Using Technology in the Early Childhood Classroom--Dr. Mary Hobbs, Sandy Chilton, Diana McMillan
Bowie C	Have You Ever Felt That Way? Parents Asking Questions About Feelings --Dr. Mari Cortez & Tivy Whitlock	Supporting Student's Learning through Positive Guidance and Responsive Interactions--Maria Ines Castro	Co-Producing Culturally Relevant Services with Spanish Speaking Families of Young Children with Disabilities --Dr. Beverly Argus-Calvo, Dr. Marisa Macy, Dr. Sara Xary Torres, Dr. Ramon Leonardo Hernandez Collazo	Three Interactive Learning Stations (You Can Use Next Week)--Dr. Rhonda Meyer Vivian
Maverick	The Gift of Thrift: Collecting and Creating Priceless Play and Learning Materials—Dr. Shelley Nicholson & Jessica Martinez	Utilizing Outdoor Learning Environments: A Natural Approach to Play, Learning and Preventing Childhood Obesity --Cari Browning, Katie Chennisi, Stacy McReynolds, Laura Olson & Mary Clare Munger	Preschool Projects are Powerful! – Travis Davis	The Super Seven: Seven Ideas for Your Dramatic Play Center--Marisa R. Smithers
Navarro	You Gotta Be the Word: Using Hands -On Strategies to Develop Word-Conscious Children Lesley Fields	Professional Development in Your Campus: The Key to Any Effective Education Program--Melissa Williamson	Facing the Daily Challenges--Kristen Petersen	Cultivating Young Learners: Your Impact as an Early Childhood Professional--Darleta McKinnis-Weems

Seguin	Using Responsive Teaching and Caregiving to Support Language Development in Infants, Toddlers, and Twos-- Kathy Loeffler	If You Sense It, You Learn It: Building Bridges Through Sensory Play--Sara Gaudard, Ana Guillen & Ondina Pizano	In the Mud Kitchen: The Benefits of Mud Play—Dr.Rhonda Richardson	Being Open-Minded to Open-Ended Materials Outside--Matthew Dusza
Chula Vista	 Texas Association for the Education of Young Children	Public Policy Lunch (Pre-Paid Event)	85th Legislative Update--Chad Cantella, Aaron Carrara and Eric Knustrom	So Now What? What Do We Do in the Interim?--Chad Cantella, Aaron Carrara and Eric Knustrom
La Vista Terrace	T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Meeting - Invitation Only	CDEA - Invitation Only		

Saturday Keynote Address: Regency Ballroom 8:00-9:15 Music, Movement and Learning: Bringing Joy back to Learning—Dr. Mike

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Regency East 1-3	Music, Movement and Science--Dr. Mike	Music, Movement and Science--Dr. Mike (repeat session)	Feel that rhythm! Music and Movement Activities that Naturally Support Children's Development of Early Math Skills--Ellen Acuna and Michelle Jamail	How to Build Effective Communication Strategies with Staff and Parents--Albert Wright
Regency West 4	Science: Creating Curiosity through Tinkering and Making--Ann McKittrick	That Vital Home-School Connection: How to Build Authentic Home-School Partnerships--Lesley Fields	Connecting Ourselves and Our Children of All Ages to Nature--Sandy Stout, Kayla Galas, Cindy Calvo-Garcia & Nellie Flores	Handling, Storing, and Disposing of Hazardous Materials--Amy Lopez
Regency West 5	Creating Engaging Environments for Infants--Amanda Zarbock	Domestic Violence-The Unseen Elephant—Gene Cambridge	Make Room for Boys! Supporting Busy Preschool Boys--Kenneth Sherman	"Don't Make Me Use My Teacher Voice!": How to Manage Challenging Behaviors & Work with Individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder &/or ADHD--Amy Huebner
Regency West 6	From Chaos to Calm--There is a Better Way! (Conscious Discipline)--Kim Jackson	Using Routines to Support Our Most Challenging Children (Conscious Discipline) --Kim Jackson	Master Self-Regulation to Transform Aggression: Using Prevention Strategies as Interventions(Conscious Discipline) – Dr. Jenny Barkac	Leadership Strategies for Intentional Coaching (Conscious Discipline) (repeat session)—Dr. Jenny Barkac
Llano	TXAEOYC Annual Meeting--TXAEOYC State Board	Healthy Child Care Task Force Meeting--Kim Kofron	Social Media: The Good, Bad and Ugly—Gene Cambridge	Learn All About it! Free Pre-K Tools: Texas School Ready Online Resources--Colleen M. Allen
Live Oak	Inspiring Creativity Through Loose Parts & Process Art--Robbie Polan and Sylina Valdez	Counting and Number Sense in the Preschool Classroom--Mary Vermette	Open Ended Play with Loose Parts--Mary Vermette	The Joy of Learning: Spreading Our Wings as Early Care and Education Professionals--Dr. Rebecca Huss-Keeler, D'Wana Henderson, Amy Wood, Celia Coreas
Pecos	Developmentally Appropriate Practices for English Language Learners (ELLs) in the Era of Accountability—Dr. Melinda Miller	This Class is Made for You and Me: Supporting Equity in Diverse Classrooms—Dr. Vejoya Viren	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Recognition, Resources, and Support—Dr. Katherine Abba	Diversity: How Money Affects Children's Learning--Gene Cambridge
Directors	Staff Development on a Budget... How T.E.A.C.H Can Help--Ana de Hoyos O'Connor and Megan Burk	Increasing Your Enrollment in Tough Economic Times--Kristy Thornton	Assessment: So Now That I'm a Director, What Do I Do? --Pat Carter	How to Write a Proposal--Rhonda Crabbs

Pecan	A Place for Everyone: Meeting the Needs of Children with Behavior Differences--Audrey Rowland	Bridging the ECI and EC Worlds to Enhance Experiences for Children with Special Needs--Eva Trevino	iPlay, iCreate, iLearn: Using Digital Tools to Enhance Learning Experiences in the Preschool Classroom--Blanca Valdez	Math is for Infants, Of Course! But Don't Forget the Toddlers and Preschoolers!--Pat Carter
Frio	Connecting Children and Nature: The Outdoor Classroom on a Shoestring Budget --Dr. Eric Strickland	The Empowered Early Childhood Educator--Jerletha McDonald	Using Yoga in the Preschool Classroom--Diana Palacios & Qena Jennings	Dynamic Circle Time--Bethene Edwards
Mesquite	If you Sense It, You Learn it: Building Bridges Through Sensory Play (repeat session)--Sara Gandara, Ana Guillén & Ondina Michelle Pizano	Alfabetizacion Temprana a traves de la Musica yel Movimiento-- Myriam Aguila	La Familia y la Escuela como Agentes Educativos / The Family and School as Educational Agents--Lina Leticia Rodriguez Trevino	Age-Appropriate Graphing of Behavior Management/Graficas apropiadas de Conducta para Ninos Pequenos--Pilar Romero Aguila
Nueces	Pathways to Becoming a Professional--Dr. Karen Walker, Dr. Josh Thompson, Dr. Vivien Geneser & Dr. David Brown	Growth Mindset: Yes, You CAN!--Dr. Jana Sanders & Dr. Debbie Vera	Food Allergies, Food Intolerance and Special Dietary Needs: A Critical Understanding for Those Caring for Young Children--Cindi Catlin-Gaskins	Toxic Stress--Kathleen Fletcher
Blanco	Active, Interesting and Engaging Story Times--Fostering Emergent Literacy and Language Arts--Phylis Benner	Can You Do It In A Chair? You Can Rhyme Most Everywhere! --Ceri Edwards	In the Aftermath: Supporting Children and Families after a Natural Disaster Dr. Rhonda Richardson	Using Cognates and Other Strategies as a Bridge to Early Literacy -- Dr. Melinda Miller
Bowie AB	Energy, Energy Everywhere: An Early Childhood Investigation Using Toys--Debbie Yarger	Teaching STEM with Toy Airplanes--Gerald Murray	Life Cycles and Living Organisms - Two Activities That Change Kids--Sandi Castro & Sonya Johnson	Kids Love Rocks and So Will You--Dr. Bob Williams & Dr. Mary Hobbs
Bowie C	Fostering Self-Discipline in Children: Communicating Expectations and Rules -- Dr. Rania Salman	Building Class Community through Culturally Responsive Practices--Dr. Rania Salman and Dr. Karen Walker	Fun, Responsive Interactions and Behavioral Guidance that Kids Will Love!--Celia Garcia-Szyska	Integrating Meta-Emotion into Early Childhood Classrooms--Dr. Hannah Mills Mechler
Maverick	Dramatic Play Kits: Promoting Integrated Curriculum and Inclusion through Play--Dr. Lin Moore and Dr. Elaine Zweig	The Mindset of Creativity: Weaving a Tapestry Using the Yarn (Child), the Weaver (Teacher), and the Loom (Environment)--Joyce Trigger & Stevie Ballow	Energy, Energy Everywhere: An Early Childhood Investigation Using Toys (repeat session)--Debbie Yarger	The Adventures of Conflict Resolution: "Give Me, It's Mine!" Shawnyel Haywood
Navarro	Risk Reduction in the Event of an Active Intruder--Frances Woltman	Take it Outside: Designing Playground Environments to Inspire Outdoor Learning Experiences--Stacy Benge	Introduction to Montessori Philosophy: Using Observations Combined with Child Development Knowledge to Prepare the Learning Environment--Catalina Murcia	Introduction to Montessori Philosophy: the Role of the Adult as Educator--Catalina Murcia
Seguin	Teaching with Heart: Developing Impulse Control, Willingness and Goal Achievement through Safety, Connection and Problem Solving--Lety Valero	Moving Beyond the Storybook: Integrating Informational and Nonfiction Texts in Meaningful Ways--Kathy Loeffler	SPICE'ING IT UP--Dr. Tara Wilson	Dancing to a Different Beat!--Karen Briley Farris and Alison Reed
Chula Vista	 Texas Association for the Education of Young Children	NAEYC Accreditation Lunch (Pre-Paid Event)	"NAEYC Accreditation 101": Understanding the Accreditation Process and Expectations--Mary Jamsek	Preparing for a NAEYC Accreditation Site Visit: The Assessor's Perspective--Mary Jamsek