



Texas Association for the  
Education of Young Children

## March 2019 News

ECE Week at the Capitol - Celebrate WOYC in April - One Week Left to Vote in TXAEEYC Elections -  
Coming Soon: RFP for TXAEEYC Annual Conference - Celebrating SECA in Orlando - Power to the  
Profession Updates - TXAEEYC Programs - Upcoming Events

[Visit our Website](#)

## Join TXAEEYC for Early Childhood Education Week at the Capitol



In response to the increased focus on education during the 2019 legislative session, TXAEEYC's regular Early Childhood Education Day at the Capitol has been expanded into our ECE Week! From March 25-28, TXAEEYC has daily activities to highlight the importance of Early Childhood Education and our legislative priorities.

**Monday, March 25:** *No Small Matter* screening (Invite-only event. TXAEEYC members should watch for more information coming soon.)

**Tuesday, March 26:** ECE Legislative Briefing and Visits with Your Representatives

**Wednesday, March 27:** Model Early Childhood Education classroom at the Capitol

**Thursday, March 28:** Virtual "Visits" with Your Representatives and ECE Twitterstorm

[RSVP to Join](#)



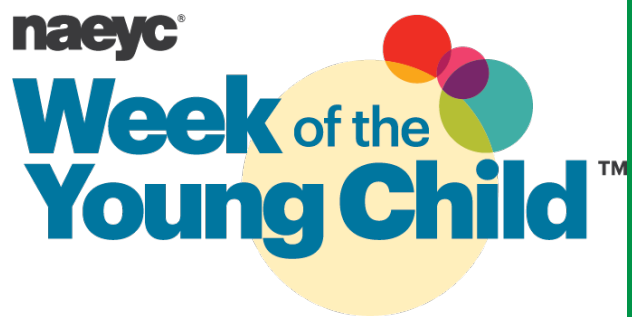
Learn more about how you can help us advocate for children, families, and the early childhood profession. The "Bills to Watch" page on our website offers a list of legislation that aligns with TXAEEYC's Legislative Priorities.

Let your representatives know that you support these measures to:

- Improve Measures Related to Early Childhood Safety and Welfare;
- Secure and Increase Early Education Funding;
- Improve Workforce Retention and Support Initiatives; and
- Strengthen Early Childhood Infrastructure.

[Learn More](#)

## How Will You Celebrate WOYC this April?



Mark your calendars for 2019 Week of the Young Child from April 8-12!

This year's theme days include:

- Music Monday
- Tasty Tuesday
- Work Together Wednesday
- Artsy Thursday
- Family Friday

Visit our website for activity suggestions to help you celebrate each day this week.

[Learn More About Week of the Young Child Here](#)



**Voting for TXAEYC Governing Board ends this Friday, March 8, 2019**

## One Week Left to Vote for TXAEYC Governing Board

TXAEYC members received emails with instructions and a link for voting in our 2019 Governing Board Elections. Positions up for election during this cycle are: President, Vice President of Membership, and Secretary.

Thank you to everyone who has already cast their ballot in this year's election. We appreciate you taking the time to participate in this process.

[Learn more about TXAEYC Elections and Meet the Candidates](#)

## Coming Soon: Don't Miss Your Chance to Submit a Proposal for TXAEYC's Annual Conference

We are looking forward to returning to the DFW area for our 2019 Annual Conference this September.

Request for Proposals will be sent during March and those interested in being presenters will have 30 days to submit. Notifications of acceptance status will be delivered via email by May 31.



[Save the Dates: September 26- 28 and visit our website for the most up to date conference information](#)

## TXAEYC at SECA Annual Conference

TXAEYC Executive Director Kim Kofron, Board President Travis Davis, Member Karen Walker, and SECA Representative Mary Jansek celebrated 70 years of SECA at the Cupcake Reception at SECA's Annual Conference in Orlando last week. Happy 70th Birthday SECA!

[TXAEYC members are invited to learn](#)



## Support Power to the Profession

NAEYC has released the next draft of **Power to the Profession Cycles 3, 4, and 5 + 6**. This draft includes an audacious vision for the future of the profession and presents a way to get there with recommendations focused on differentiating pathways, preparation, and compensation.

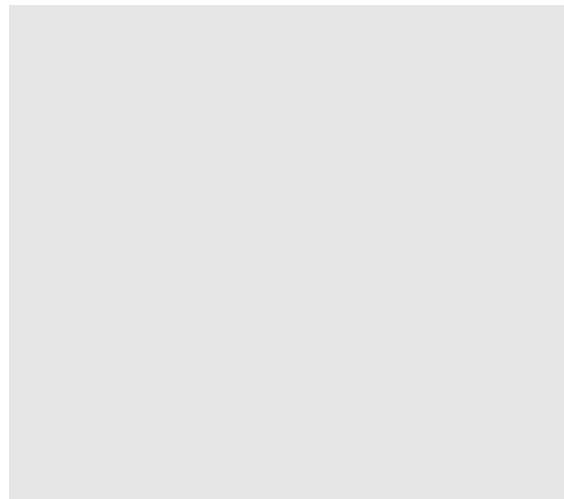
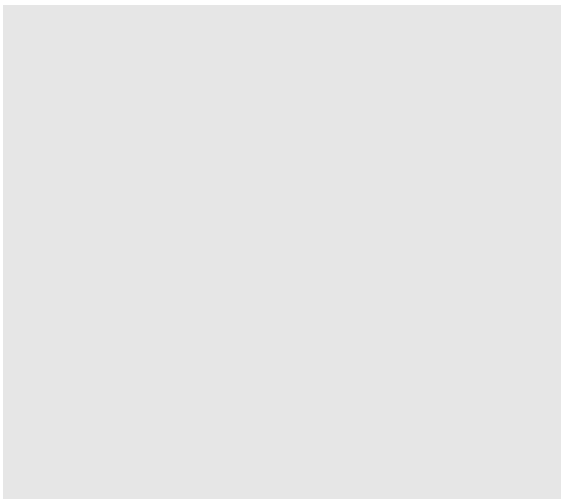
Your voice matters. The Power to the Profession Task Force is looking for as many perspectives as possible to help inform their recommendations. By leveraging our collective thinking and shared commitment, we can create a cohesive profession and advance early childhood educators in an effective, diverse, and well-compensated profession across all states and settings.

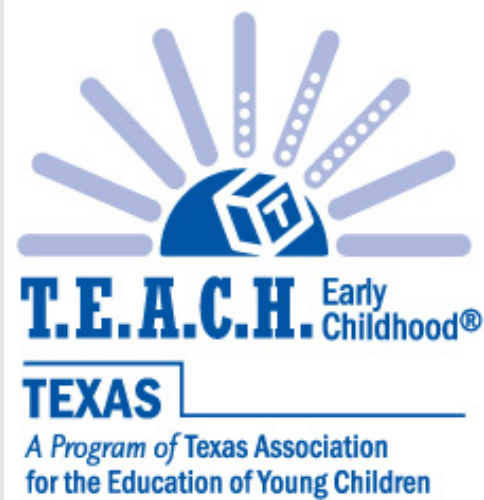


Here's how you can help:

1. [Read the draft.](#)
2. Share the draft and resources with others.
3. Tell us what you think by completing [the survey](#). The survey will be open until March 22, 2019.

[More About Power to the Profession](#)





### Now Accepting Applications

Ready to continue your education?  
Apply Now for Summer 2019 term!

The **T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® Program** provides comprehensive scholarships to enable early childhood teachers to take coursework leading to credentials and degrees at local community colleges and universities within each state.

**T.E.A.C.H. SCHOLARSHIPS** are available statewide for:

- Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)
- Associate Degree
- Bachelor Degree
- Alternative Certification

Since 2011 the T.E.A.C.H. Texas program has been able to award over 1200 scholarships and recipients have earned more than 700 CDA Credentials and 33 college graduates.

[Click HERE for more information or to start your application today.](#)



### Become a Child Care Health Consultant

A **Child Care Health Consultant** is a trained professional who offers consultation, training, and technical assistance to child care centers and home-based programs to support and promote the health and safety of children, families, and child care providers.

What does a Child Care Health Consultant do?

- Reviews and creates health and safety policies and procedures
- Provides training on health, safety, nutrition, mental health and medication administration
- Identifies community resources
- Helps families find a medical home
- Assists with inclusion of children with special needs
- Reviews child and staff files for current immunizations
- Conducts safety assessments of playgrounds and indoor space
- Provides training and support for developmental screeners.

[Learn more or complete the application HERE](#)



### CDA Training Partnership Program

TXAEYC is excited to announce the **CDA Training Partnership Program** with **Frogstreet** and **CCEI**! The Texas CDA Partnership offers a pathway to earn the training required for the Child



**Teaching Strategies®**

### Learn More About the Individualized Instruction Project

TXAEYC is partnering with **Teaching Strategies** to offer a valid and reliable, developmentally appropriate assessment

Development Associate (CDA) certificate.

system, **GOLD.®**

**Texas CDA Partnership Provides:**

- 120 hours of online coursework
- CDA Gold Standard quality content and training
- Continuous instructor and counselor support
- Portfolio completion embedded in coursework
- Mentoring visits to each student region
- Streamlined application and certification process

[Information and Application HERE](#)

Benefits include free access to:

- observation-based system for assessing young children's knowledge, skills, and behaviors;
- bilingual tools for documenting and measuring children's development and learning;
- bilingual learning experiences that help teachers use assessment information to individualize care and instruction for each child;
- professional development for staff;
- ongoing support provided by trained TXAEYC staff and Teaching Strategies;
- and bilingual tools to help communicate with families.

[More Information and Application](#)



Have you  
*heard?*

**Mark your calendar with these upcoming dates from our local chapters and programs**

[View our calendar online for more training, networking, and deadlines](#)

**March 8-** TXAEYC Governing Board Elections Deadline

**March 8- 9-** Greater Houston Chapter at Plant a Rainbow Conference

**March 12-** Austin Chapter Accreditation Network

**March 13-** Austin Chapter Training

**March 21-** Collin County Chapter Educators' Forum and Directors' Meeting

**March 21-** Central Texas Chapter Training

**March 25-** *No Small Matter* Film Screening (ECE Week at the Capitol; Invite only event; Sponsored by Smartcare)

**March 26-** Early Childhood Education Legislative Briefing (ECE Week at the Capitol; Sponsored by KinderCare)

**March 26-** Visit Your Representatives (ECE Week at the Capitol)

**March 27-** Model Early Childhood Classroom at the Capitol (ECE Week at the Capitol; Sponsored by Lakeshore)

**March 27-** Registration Deadline for Austin Chapter Annual Conference

**March 28-** Virtual Visits with Your Representatives (ECE Week at the Capitol)

**March 28-** Early Childhood Twitterstorm (ECE Week at the Capitol)

**March 28-** Central Texas Chapter Training

**March 30-** Dallas Chapter Out of the Box Training

**Contact Us:**

TXAEYC

Office: 512-215-8142

Email: [taeyc@txaeyc.org](mailto:taeyc@txaeyc.org)

Website: [www.texasaeyc.org](http://www.texasaeyc.org)

An Affiliate of **naeyc**

**SECA**  
Southern Early Childhood Association

