

ARKANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION
56th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 12-14, 2017, Little Rock Marriott

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The AECA Conference is an opportunity to interact and network with early care and education professionals around the state. Interest Sessions are for child care providers and educators in the early childhood field. Interest Sessions are one hour in length and should focus on practices, trends and issues in early care and education, birth to age eight. There are 8 competency areas your proposed Interest Session may fall under.

COMPETENCY AREAS

- 1. Child Growth and Development**
- 2. Learning Environment and Curriculum**
- 3. Positive Interactions and Guidance**
- 4. Family and Community**
- 5. Child Observation and Assessment**
- 6. Health, Safety, and Nutrition**
- 7. Professional Development and Leadership**
- 8. Program Planning and Management**

TARGET AUDIENCE (specialty area of participants)

- 1. Infants and Toddlers (6 weeks-3 years)**
- 2. Preschool (3-5 years)**
- 3. Grades K-3**
- 4. Kindergarten**
- 5. School Age (5-13)**
- 6. Mixed Ages**
- 7. Administration**
- 8. Trainers**
- 9. Other-please specify**

LEVEL OF TRAINING

1. Foundation — Limited to extended experience with limited professional development, initial 10-20 hours of training
2. Intermediate — Work experience or professional preparation sufficient to plan and implement curriculum an learning environments and support assistant teachers within the classroom
3. Advanced — Work experience or professional preparation sufficient to develop, implement, monitor, an evaluate policies and procedures based on current research and best practice/evidence based practices; develop, implement and evaluation curriculum and learning environments; and model for and supervise other staff

EXPENSES

No AECA Funds are available for presenter expenses. All presenters must pre-register for the conference. **AECA will not furnish additional audio-visual equipment. Presenters must agree to the Presenter agreement and submit a vita.**

PROCEDURE

1. Proposals for presenting an interest session should include:
 - A. Title of presentation
 - B. Lead presenter: Name, Address, Summer address (if applicable), Telephone numbers, Email address, Employer name. Brief professional bio. TAPP Registry Number (if needed, specialized trainers will be approved by the AECA Board)
 - C. Co-Presenter(s): Name, Address, Telephone numbers, Email address, Employer name. Brief professional bio(s)
 - D. Target audience (Choose from the left).
 - E. Competency area addressed (Choose from the left).
 - F. Level of Training (Choose from the left)
 - G. Whether you would repeat this session.
 - H. List of learning objectives and/or outline of session topic and format (200 words or less).
 - I. 20 – 30 word session description that will go in the conference program.
 - J. Other requests (if applicable)
2. Submit your proposal electronically at:
<http://www.arkansasearlychildhood.org/conference/presenters.html>
3. Proposals must be received by April 1, 2017.
4. Letters of acceptance will be emailed by June 15, 2017.

**For more information about the
2017 AECA conference visit:
www.arkansasearlychildhood.org**