

# ARKANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION



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# Invitation To Join AECA!



- Come join an organization of professionals concerned about the wellbeing of young children and families.
- The AECA has a 40-year history of working for quality early care and education for children in Arkansas.



# ≈AECA≈

## An Organization for Early Childhood Professionals

- ✓ The mission of AECA is to enhance the lives of children, families, and early childhood professionals.
- ✓ AECA is affiliated with the Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA), an organization expanded into 14 states providing professional growth opportunities, publications, and public policy support for its members.

# Who Should Join?



- ❖ Infant/toddler or pre-school caregiver
- ❖ Kindergarten or primary teacher
- ❖ Head Start director or teacher
- ❖ Child care administrator
- ❖ Elementary school administrator
- ❖ Family child care provider
- ❖ Advocate for children
- ❖ School-age provider
- ❖ Social worker
- ❖ Teacher educator
- ❖ Legislator
- ❖ College student in Early Childhood/ Child Development
- ❖ Persons concerned about young children & families
- ❖ Parents

# AECA Member Benefits



- ❖ Information about infants and toddlers
- ❖ Access to verified training
- ❖ CEU's for AECA Training
- ❖ Reduced conference rates to SECA Conferences
- ❖ Networking opportunities
- ❖ Full membership in the Southern Early Childhood Association
- ❖ *Dimensions of Early Childhood* – the SECA journal
- ❖ *AECA Update* – quarterly publication

# How Do I Get Involved?



- ✓ *Submit entry to AECA Update Newsletter*
- ✓ *Volunteer at conferences*
- ✓ *Join an AECA committee*
- ✓ *Submit proposal to present at conferences*
- ✓ *Network with other early childhood professionals*

# Meet the AECA Board



- *Elizabeth Scudder- President*
- *Dawn Jeffrey- President Elect*
- *Janice Carter- Immediate Past President*
- *Jennifer Bowman- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Communications*
- *Jenny Williams- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Membership*

# Maintaining Balance in Early Childhood

