



**The Arkansas Early Childhood Association is pleased to announce its
58th Annual Conference
to be held October 24-26, 2019
at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock.**

We are planning an exciting conference this year for all of our early childhood friends. While the conference will offer sessions for all early childhood audiences, AECA is focusing this year on the topic of Building Resilience. As early childhood professionals, we have all worked with children who have been exposed to toxic environments and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). We hope the sessions at this year's conference will help our state professionals gain more knowledge and confidence in working to have a positive impact on these children. We invite you and all early childhood colleagues to join us in North Little Rock for this exciting event.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE DETAILS

REGISTRATION: The registration form is attached. Complete then mail form and payment to the address on the form. You also have the option of paying by credit/debit card and e-mailing the form to our office. Regular registration for members is \$95 if your registration is postmarked or received by September 29. After September 29, registration is \$110 for members. Members may attend one day of the conference for \$50. Non-member and student prices are listed on the registration form.

Confirmation of registration will be sent via e-mail. Registrations are not refundable but may be transferred by sending a notice to aecaconf@gmail.com. On-site registrants are not guaranteed to receive all handouts and materials from presentations. By registering and attending, you give AECA consent to use your image taken in photographs and videos for promotional purposes.

T-SHIRTS: T-shirts will be available for sale at the conference for \$20 each.

MEMBERSHIP: If you are not already a member, we invite you to become a part of your state's association. It's so easy! Just complete the membership information on the conference registration form. For just \$39, you will receive a year's membership in AECA, as well as the Southern Early Childhood Association. You can also use the registration form to renew your membership.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The Wyndham Riverfront Hotel has provided a block of rooms for AECA conference participants for \$99 (plus taxes) per night for up to two guests. Attendees may directly reserve a hotel room by visiting this web link: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/hr/ar-early-childhood-assn>

The hotel address is 2 Riverfront Place, North Little Rock, AR 72114. The hotel can be reached at (501) 371-9000.

PRECONFERENCE SESSIONS

For those who can join us, we are offering the opportunity to attend exclusive preconference sessions on Wednesday, October 23. These sessions, led by state early childhood experts, will offer participants the latest in early childhood trends, knowledge and skills. Each session is \$40.

9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Using our Powerful Interactions Stance to Support, Sustain, and Strengthen Challenging Coaching Relationships **Jill Gunderman & Nichole Parks**

Coaching comes with challenges. This session explores how our Powerful Interactions stance shapes our coaching relationships and supports us through coaching challenges. In this interactive session, participants are invited to reflect on how their coaching approach and perspective influences their interactions with the professionals they coach. Participants will examine potential coaching obstacles and identify strategies to utilize.

The Magic Lens of Early Childhood

Janice Carter & Sue Remfrey

Sharing the world and work of early childhood can be challenging. Have you ever found yourself at a loss for words when a parent, school administrator, policy-maker or friend asks you why your children just play or questions whether what you do gets children ready for school? As early childhood practitioners, we know that the magic in an early childhood program happens when adults successfully blend their knowledge of educational theory and child development to create an environment where children learn through exploring, moving, talking, and experimenting. We know when we are in one of these magical places, but how do we describe and explain the magic to others? During this pre-conference session, we will share our stories and explore ways to frame these important conversations. It is our professional and ethical responsibility as early learning practitioners to not only make the magic happen we must be able to share our stories with others. Please join us to have these important conversations.

Storytelling: It's Not Just for Circle Time, Bed Time and Children

Diana Courson & Geania Dickey

Storytelling engages the brain in ways no other form of communication does and is at the core of families and cultures throughout the world. Scientific research supports the theory that there is a universal story structure. As professionals in ECE we can extend the learning of children AND broaden the understanding of our work and the importance of the first five years by telling stories. Join us as we hone our skills to "illustrate and illuminate" and become more effective storytellers. We will discuss the construction of a good story, how to support children's learning through storytelling, and how to use our stories as professionals to share the message of early development and learning.

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Using Responsive Teaching and Caregiving to Support Language Development in Infants, Toddlers, and Twos **Donna Fowler**

Daily routines and experiences such as diapering or playing with toys offer opportunities to build positive relationships with young children that foster trust and security while promoting rich language development. In this session, participants will explore strategies that they can use every day to create a language-rich environment, which helps children build language and literacy skills such as developing vocabulary, hearing the different sounds and rhythms of language, enjoying stories and books, and exploring writing.

Coaching Strategies for Teachers, Administrators,...Everyone!

Diana Courson & Jill Gunderman

"I'm not a coach," you say, but if you work with children or adults in any role, you can use coaching principles and strategies to enhance your communication and strengthen your relationships. This session is for teaching staff and administrative staff, support staff and central office staff. Explore brain-based strategies often used by coaches that will shape your perspective and help all of us become more effective in supporting each other.

58th Annual Conference Registration



Check if applicable:

- ☐ I am a lead Presenter
Code: _____
- ☐ This is my first AECA Conference
- ☐ I have a special need (list): _____

DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS ONLY:

Our friends at Lakeshore and A-State Childhood Services have graciously asked to sponsor Director's Luncheons on Thursday and Friday. Both luncheons are included with registration, but you must make reservations so we can plan. Seating is limited to the first 35 directors who make reservations. Please indicate below if you will attend either luncheon:

- ☐ I will attend the Lakeshore Luncheon on Thursday 10/24.
- ☐ I will attend the A-State Luncheon on Friday 10/25.

Mail form and payment to:
Ark. Early Childhood Association
10201 W. Markham St., #318
Little Rock, AR 72205

If paying by credit card, you may e-mail form and CC info to
aecaconf@gmail.com.

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name: _____ ☐ Address has changed
Street Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____
Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____
Place of Employment: _____
Job Title: _____ PDR#: _____
Education: ☐ HS Diploma ☐ CDA ☐ AA/AAS ☐ BA/BS ☐ Master's/Doctorate
Years in Early Childhood Profession: ☐ 1-5 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 11-15 ☐ 16-20 ☐ 21+

WANT TO JOIN AECA OR NEED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

New Member

- ☐ Regular Membership - \$39*
☐ Student Membership - \$25**^

Renewing Current Membership

- ☐ Regular Membership - \$39
☐ Student Membership - \$25^

Dues include membership in AECA and the Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA).

*Attach completed application

^Attach copy of valid Student ID/current enrollment

Membership Total: \$ _____

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See previous page for description of these sessions.

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Donna Fowler
- ☐ **What Every Director Should Know About T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships** Free
Jeff Dyer

Pre-Conference Sessions Total: \$ _____

GENERAL CONFERENCE (Student must attach copy of ID/proof of current enrollment.)

	AECA Members	Non-Members	Students (includes membership)
Early (Up thru 9/29)	<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only - \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference - \$95	<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only - \$85 <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference - \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only - \$45 <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference - \$50
On-Site (After 9/29)	<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only - \$65 <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only - \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference - \$140	<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only - \$60 <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference - \$65

Conference Total: \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ☐ Check or Money Order (payable to AECA) # _____
- ☐ Purchase Order (include copy of PO) # _____
- ☐ Credit Card VISA / MC / DISC / AMEX
- # _____ Exp Date _____ CVC _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Membership	\$ _____
Pre-Conference	\$ _____
General Conference	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____