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REFLECTING QUALITY: Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity in Early Childhood Education



There is no exact end point in diversity, inclusion and equity. Each new idea invites us to be mindful of the process of exploring, honoring, and understanding. **NCAEYC's 64th Annual Conference is designed to reflect a renewed commitment to be what NAEYC calls a High Performing Inclusive Organization.** We are delighted to welcome you on this journey as we strive to be a High Performing Inclusive Organization. Let's gather together to be meaningfully connected to, actively engaged with, and uniquely inspired by other professionals.

Keynote and Featured Speakers

Enrique Feldman of Global Learning Foundation is our Keynote this year. He will showcase his captivating Brain Games and *Sam the Ant* book series! **Catch him at: Pre-Conference Session, Thursday, September 14; Conference Sessions presented in English and Spanish, Friday – Saturday, September 15–16; Keynote, Friday, September 15.** Return to work loaded with fresh knowledge, resources, ideas, and energy you can integrate immediately. Learn more about Enrique at ncaeyc.org/conference/overview.



We are excited to have **Michael Bonner** as a Featured Speaker. Mr. Bonner is a 2nd grade teacher at South Greenville Elementary School in NC, working hard to make an impact by teaching his students to become productive global citizens. He was honored earlier this year by Ellen DeGeneres in recognition of his positive and innovative approaches to education for children struggling with the challenges of poverty. Learn more: ncaeyc.org/conference/featured-presenters-speakers.

Pre-Conference Sessions (more: ncaeyc.org/conference/pre-conference-options)

Choose from **3 exciting options on Thursday, September 14 from 8:45 am – 4 pm** (with a lunch break on your own). *Each session offers 5 DCDEE Contact Hour Credits.*

1 PRE-CONFERENCE OPTION 1—**Diversity as Strength: Innovative Approaches to Thinking and Connecting**, presented by Enrique Feldman. Active, joy-filled strategies designed to increase self-awareness and equip you to be more effective in the lives of children, families and colleagues from diverse backgrounds. Concrete, innovative approaches to teaching and learning, lower stress, increased inspiration.

2 PRE-CONFERENCE OPTION 2—**You've Got the Power: The Importance of Early Childhood Mental Health and Well-being**, presented by Kelli Rushing and Tanya Dennis. Mental health and well-being of adults in the lives of children has significant impact on their growth and development. Develop and implement a plan establishing a conscious culture and positive climate that acknowledges and supports these areas.

3 PRE-CONFERENCE OPTION 3—**Playful Inclusion—Impactful play for kids of all abilities, all together**, presented by Marbles Kids Museum and National Inclusion Project. Marbles Kids Museum is all about play! In this 5-hour Pre-Conference Session, Marbles staff will share how the power of play inspires imagination, deepens connections, and leads to new discoveries for kids of all abilities—and how children with special needs are no exception. Learn how prioritizing access in play experiences can have an amazing impact on families in our communities.

Featured Sessions

Because of the generous support from a talented team of Conscious Discipline® certified trainers, NCAEYC is again able to offer a full array of sessions based on the work of Dr. Becky Bailey so that attendees have the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in Conscious Discipline content for all or part of their NCAEYC Conference experience.

