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North Carolina Association for  
the Education of Young Children

# 2019 Annual Conference

September 12 – 14 | RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER

## NCAEYC'S ONE-OF-A-KIND Keynote Experience

KEYNOTE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 10:00 AM



**Dr. James Comer**



**Michael Bonner**

Be a part of this unique conversation between [Dr. James Comer](#), founder and chairman of the School Development Program at the Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center, and [Michael Bonner](#), author and teacher at Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, GA.

**A Conversation that Connects Generations, Sectors, Roles, and Experiences**  
**Sharing a Commitment to Getting Things Right for Children**  
**Birth through Eight, their Families, and Our Field**

This keynote serves as a connecting, foundational theme this year. Get immersed in our *Featured Sessions Focus: Resilience, Well-being, and Trauma-informed Care* throughout all three days of Conference.

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### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

# Dr. James Comer of Yale University



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NO  
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SIGNIFICANT  
RELATIONSHIP.

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—DR. JAMES P. COMER,  
COMER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
YALE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**James Comer, MD, MPH** is the **Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale University Child Study Center**. Dr. Comer has concentrated his career on promoting a focus on child and adolescent development as a way of improving schools. In 1968 he founded the Comer School Development Program that promotes the collaboration of parents, educators, and community to improve social, emotional, and academic outcomes for children that, in turn, help them achieve greater school success. He has improved the educational environment in more than

1,000 schools throughout the U.S. He has authored numerous publications and received many awards for his work, including 49 honorary degrees. In 2014 President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Comer to his Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans, and in 2016 became a member of the Aspen Institute's National Commission on Social, Emotional, and Academic Development. Dr. Comer received an M.D. from Howard University. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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“YOU CANNOT  
DEMAND  
A WITHDRAWAL  
FROM SOMEONE  
YOU HAVE NEVER  
INVESTED IN.”

—MICHAEL BONNER



“I wish I could go back to second grade, so **Mr. Bonner** could be my teacher,” were the words Ellen Degeneres released on her social media accounts in early January 2017. This is when she learned of how Mr. Bonner’s unique, rap-filled teaching methods encouraged students to go above and beyond on a reading test. His efforts to change the proficiency learning culture have also captured attention from other national news outlets. *NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt*, *Flocabulary*, the *Ashton Kutcher Foundation*, and *Remind* all released stories on how Mr. Bonner is utilizing music as a tool to help counter the neg-

ative statistical data concerning children living in poverty. With only five years in K-12 education, Mr. Bonner is consistently seen as a visionary leader who strives to create a positive mindset among all of his students. He understands that his students come to class each day with diverse backgrounds, strengths, needs, and challenges, and seeks to identify strategies to ensure the growth of their social, emotional, academic, and psychological needs. Because of his approach to education, students leave feeling a little more hopeful, challenged, inspired, and forever a part of Bonnaville!

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