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Elijah Lee, a 12-year-old activist from rural, small-town Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, is an advocate working to raise awareness for child abuse prevention.

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## ***An ongoing interconnected virtual professional development experience!***

**Thursday, September 24, 2020**

**9:00 AM — 4:00 PM**

**In-Depth Day-Long:** The importance of play and well-being in children's development and learning

**6:30 PM — 8:30 PM**

**Special Edition Wellness Way:** Fostering Resilience through Individual and Collective Well-being

**Friday, September 25, 2020**

**10:00 AM — 11:30 AM**

**Keynote with Elijah Lee:** [incredibleelijah.com](https://incredibleelijah.com)

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Credits  
awarded to  
Conference  
Registrants**

**1:00 PM — 2:30 PM**

**Equity in Early Childhood Education Advocacy Dialogue** featuring Elijah Lee & special guests

**Saturday, September 26, 2020**

**10:00 AM — 12:00 PM**

**Love to Play! Concert:** Celebrating and Connecting Kids, Families and Early Childhood Professionals

Through **October, November and December** the learning and connections continue to grow through ongoing communities of gathering, featured speakers and **30 HOURS** of live and recorded content focused on supporting healthy growth and development of children birth through 8 and their families. Plus opportunities to engage as advocates for early childhood education professionals and our field.

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# KEYNOTE WITH **ELIJAH LEE**

Join NCAEYC as we welcome  
**Incredible Elijah** as our 67th Annual  
(1st Ever Virtual!) Keynote Speaker.

Through our network of members across our state, NCAEYC is honored to have met and befriended Elijah and his wonderful mom who have worked so hard in response to real life needs in their community. Over the past three years, they have been very busy. And we can't wait to see what the future holds. Help NCAEYC cheer on Elijah as an inspiring advocate for children!

## **"HEAR OUR VOICES"**

Elijah Lee will share his story of resilience and activism to motivate others to become more involved in their community. He will offer words of wisdom and guidance in a call to protect children and advocate on their behalf. Elijah will also offer tips on connecting with young people and ways to strengthen relationships with young people so that their voices can be heard. He hopes to inspire others through his experience and call to action.



[\*\*incredibleelijah.com\*\*](https://incredibleelijah.com)





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For ongoing inspiration

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to help cheer on Elijah as an inspiring advocate for children!

**Elijah Lee**, a 12-year-old activist from rural north-eastern North Carolina is a native of small town Roanoke Rapids. Elijah is an advocate for children and an ordained minister. He works to put an end to child abuse by leading marches and raising awareness for abuse prevention. At the age of nine, after learning one of his classmates experienced child abuse, he was moved to action and has now led three annual community marches bringing together diverse individuals who share a commitment to preventing abuse and ensuring children who have experienced trauma are well supported in a journey towards healing. Elijah has extended his community involvement by raising money to develop a pediatric safe room at the local hospital, which will convert an uninventing, cold hospital room into a safe, welcoming space for children who have

experienced trauma and abuse. In addition, Elijah serves as a public speaker for [Guardian ad Litem](#) statewide conferences, foster care events, and faith communities across North Carolina and Virginia.

**His powerful and stirring messages encourage and enable us individually and collectively to stand up and speak up for every child.**

Elijah, an ordained minister, began studying the word of God at a young age and gave his first sermon at the age of five, and he continues to preach every fifth Sunday at Holy City Church. As a 6th grader at KIPP Gaston College Preparatory, Elijah consistently earns Principal's List and enjoys playing chess, riding horses, and studying historical leaders and world changers.

Elijah inspired a character for Marvel's Hero Project!

Featured on the [Marvel Hero Project](#) streaming on [Disney+](#), "Incredible Elijah" has the superpower of empathy to help people stand up and speak out in their communities to prevent child abuse.

Elijah has made not one, but two appearances on [The Kelly Clarkson Show](#)!



*Elijah Lee has led three annual Child Abuse Prevention marches to raise awareness and help make change in his community.*



Get to know and enjoy Elijah's work:  
[incredibleelijah.com/media](https://incredibleelijah.com/media)



## EQUITY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ADVOCACY DIALOGUE

Reconnect after your lunch break for an engaging Q&A with a panel of impactful leaders committed to helping early childhood education professionals advocate for and achieve equity for themselves and for others. Hear updates on the important work of "Power to the Profession" as a unifying framework for our field and learn about NAEYC's "Equity in Early Childhood Education" Position Statement and how it can guide and support you in your role of working with or on behalf of young children birth through age eight.

**Friday, September 25, 2020**  
**1:00 PM — 2:30 PM**

**Featuring  
Elijah Lee  
& special  
guests!**

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# The importance of *play and well-being* in children's development and learning

## Your Thursday DAY Experience

**Thursday, September 24, 2020**

**9:00 AM — 4:00 PM**

**9:00 AM — 9:30 AM | Framing our day around learning and play**

The importance of play and well-being in children's development and learning.

**9:30 AM — 12:30 PM**

**Relationships, Routines, and Rituals – the 3R's for 2020**

*presented by Dr. Eva Phillips, Dr. Amy Scrinzi,  
Lee Messer and Marylee Sease*

Relationships, routines and rituals are the cornerstones of the classroom experiences of young children, especially now. Join the [\*Good Things for Young Children\*](#)<sup>TM</sup> Team as we model and unpack the 5 components of Circle Time. We will think together about ways to build and support relationships in today's wide-ranging and ever-changing learning environments. Get ready to be actively engaged in experiences to elevate Morning Meeting with your classroom family.



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presenters.  
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Marylee

Amy

Lee

Eva

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*You are the best group of leaders I have ever had at a training. I have the excited, bubbly, inspired feeling that I haven't truly felt since college again.*

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**12:30 PM — 1:00 PM | LUNCH BREAK**

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**1:00 PM — 2:00 PM**

**Any Time is 3Ts Time: A simple tool for making the most of everyday interactions with children ages 0-3**

*presented by Rachel Dumanian, Curriculum Developer and Beth Suskind, Chief Creative Officer both from the TMW Center for Early Learning + Public Health at the University of Chicago*

In this one-hour presentation, we will talk about the important role that parents play in their children's development and introduce easy-to-use ways you can support that development using the 3Ts! The 3Ts - Tune In, Talk More, and Take Turns – are a simple, yet powerful tool to help parents make the most of everyday interactions with their children.

Early childhood professionals are also welcome to attend. We'll include tips for making the 3Ts a shared language between parents and providers for supporting children's development across different early learning settings. We'll also share access to free Any Time is 3Ts Time campaign resources for families and community organizations, such as the 3Ts Digital Tool for Parents available at: <https://the3ts.org/get-started>



ANY TIME IS  
3Ts TIME

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**2:00 PM — 2:15 PM | BREAK**

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**2:15 PM — 2:30 PM**

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with our partners at:**



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**2:30 PM — 3:30 PM**

## **Love, Laughter, and Learning at Nessa's Young'uns Natural Play Center**

*presented by Vanessa Gilliam, owner/operator of Nessa's Young'uns Natural Play Center*



**Check out these sites  
to learn more!**

<https://nynpcinc.wixsite.com/nessas>

<https://www.earlyyears.tv/episode/vanessa-gilliam-on-experiencing-natural-environments/>

A look into **Nessa's Young'uns Natural Play Center** where you'll see children from birth to four enjoying a day of engagement with friends and teachers in an indoor and outdoor environment. Are babies content outside more so than inside? Ask our teachers. Oh my, who's gonna clean up those toddlers from all that mud? Understanding the importance and benefits of outdoor play for all children is worth the work it takes to provide such experiences. Watch out! That child might get hurt jumping off that log! Supervision while encouraging independence and risk taking is what that's called. Does the outdoor environment really assist children with positive social interactions? You better believe it... and we will see it!

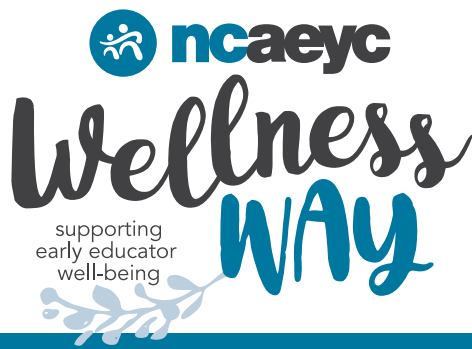
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**3:30 PM — 4:00 PM | Wrapping up our day with reflection and connection**

**Keeping play and well-being at the center of our learning**

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# Special Edition of Wellness Way featuring **Rosie Molinary**

## Your Thursday EVENING Experience

**Thursday, September 24, 2020**  
**6:30 PM — 8:30 PM**

### **FOSTERING WELL-BEING THROUGH INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE CARE**

Are you interested in deepening your self-care tools and practices?

Are you curious about how to foster a greater sense of personal and collective well-being?

Would you like to build a practice of prioritizing care for yourself and others?

Fostering Well-being through Individual and Collective Care will guide participants in deepening their self-care tools and practices so they can better show up with intention and skill for themselves and others as they practice more deliberate collective care. Participants will gain insight on stress, burnout, and dimensions of wellness and receive guidance and support on self-care so they can boost their own well-being and the well-being of those around them. Please have pen and paper available for this interactive session.



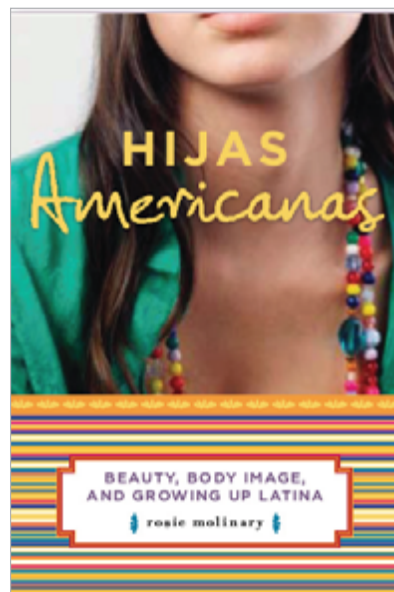
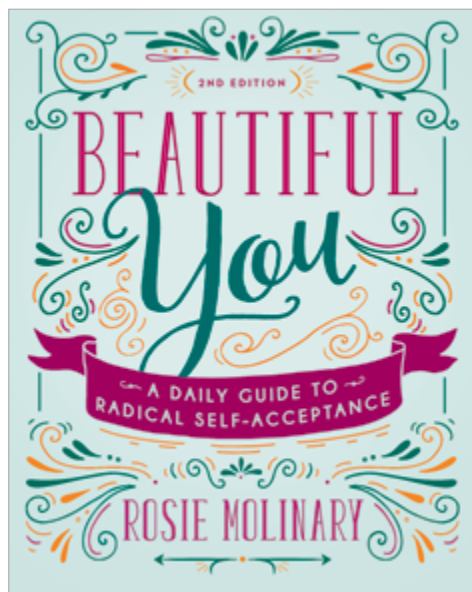
# Get to know Rosie Molinary

As a radical self-acceptance champion, Rosie Molinary, MFA, uses profound questions and wholehearted connection to empower people to treat themselves well so they can connect with their talents and passions to authentically and intentionally live their purpose and help heal the world.

The author of [\*Beautiful You: A Daily Guide to Radical Self Acceptance\*](#) (Seal Press) and [\*Hijas Americanas: Beauty, Body Image, and Growing Up Latina\*](#) (Seal Press), Rosie teaches at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, serves as a national Dove Self-Esteem Project educator, offers workshops and retreats, and speaks on self-acceptance, body image, self-care, media literacy, the Latina experience, and intentional living around the country. Rosie also serves as a creative catalyst to companies and brands that wish to provide a synergistic, empowered and soulful experience to their clients and employees as they serve the world through workshop and retreat facilitation and consultation.

A committed activist, Rosie helped found [HAMMERS](#), a non-profit initiative to provide emergency home repair for low income families in her community, and [Circle de Luz](#), a non-profit that radically empowers young Latinas by supporting their transformation through extensive mentoring, holistic programming and scholarship funds for further education.

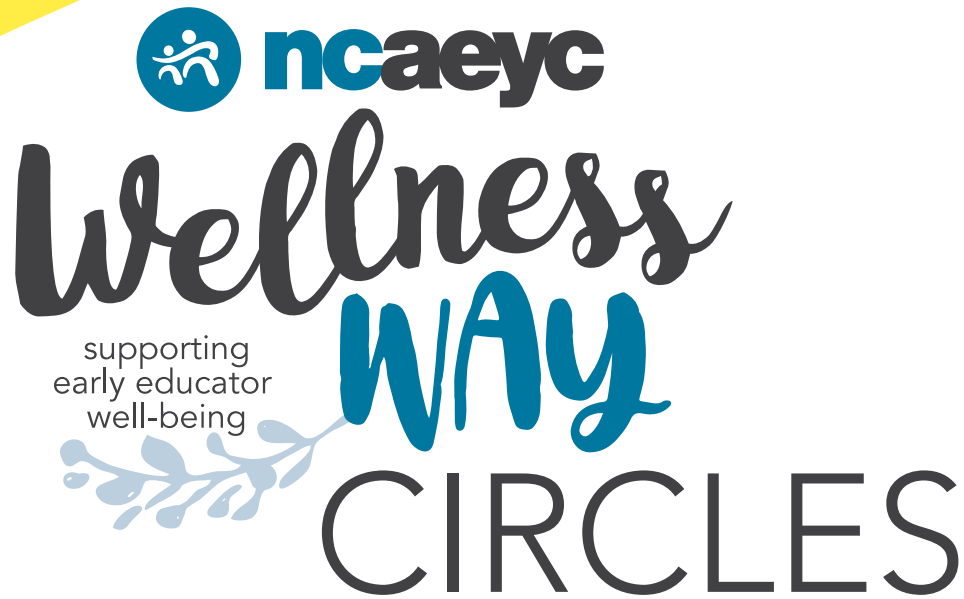
Rosie lives in North Carolina with her family.



[rosiemolinary.com/](http://rosiemolinary.com/)

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## A Monthly Well-being Virtual Check-in to Connect, Support and Inspire Through 2020

***Stay connected to Rosie and to a caring community of early childhood education professionals through an ongoing **Wellness Way Circle** with Rosie Molinary***

The events of 2020 have left many of us struggling. From our anger and frustration with systemic racism to the increasing professional demands and uncertainty created by COVID-19, these are unprecedented times and the physical and psychological impact can be significant. With **Wellness Way: A Well-being Check-in**, you have a monthly opportunity to slow down and check-in with what you are experiencing, be guided in self-calming practices, find support in a community who understands what you are experiencing, and discern what self-care you most need at the moment. Each month's webinar features unique components to support your well-being. Participants can attend monthly or as needed/able and should have a pen and journal/paper available.

**October 22, 2020**

**2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

**November 12, 2020**

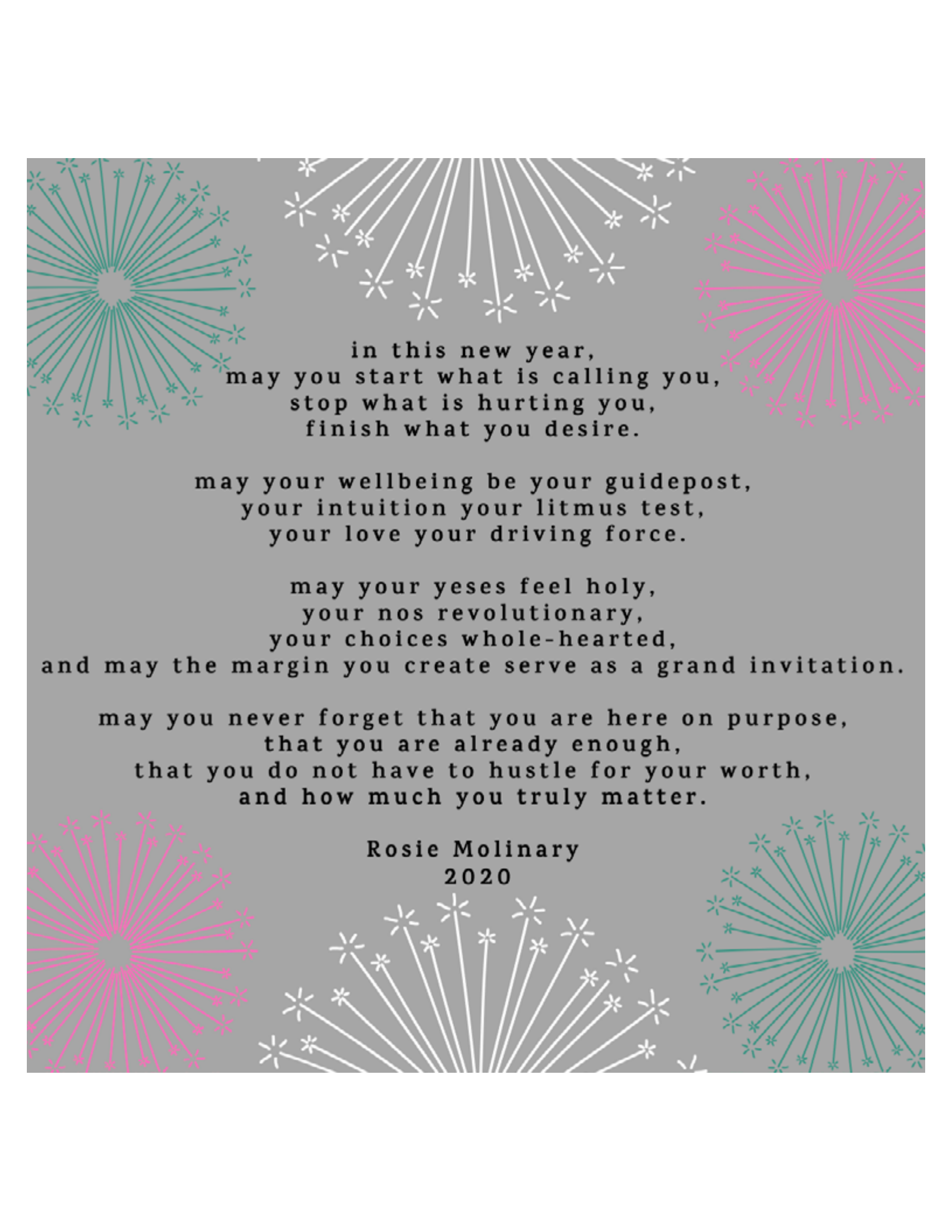
**2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

**December 3, 2020**

**2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

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in this new year,  
may you start what is calling you,  
stop what is hurting you,  
finish what you desire.

may your wellbeing be your guidepost,  
your intuition your litmus test,  
your love your driving force.

may your yeses feel holy,  
your nos revolutionary,  
your choices whole-hearted,  
and may the margin you create serve as a grand invitation.

may you never forget that you are here on purpose,  
that you are already enough,  
that you do not have to hustle for your worth,  
and how much you truly matter.

Rosie Molinary  
2020

**Saturday, September 26, 2020**

**10:00 AM — 12:00 PM**



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# "Love to Play!" Concert

Celebrating and Connecting Kids, Families  
and Early Childhood Education Professionals

**Live on Facebook for EVERYONE to enjoy!**

NCAEYC wants the world to know that we believe children, families and our fabulous early childhood education professionals are rock stars! NCAEYC is excited to host this groovy concert to celebrate and inspire you! **Work hard and play hard** is what we say. Now more than ever, putting an emphasis on **PLAY** to ensure children and grown-ups are well, healthy, joyful and have capacity to learn.



Headlining is

## COY BOWLES,

songwriter and guitarist of Zac Brown Band and children's author and musician. His other big job is as a great champion for teachers and an awesome dad. [Follow Coy on Facebook!](#)



Check out Coy's  
[Behind the Little Red Door Social-Emotional Activity Kit.](#)

NCAEYC's got talent and our growing line-up of performers and special guests is going to rock your socks! Featuring NCAEYC's most beloved and talented North Carolinians like [#mrstiffanycircletime](#) and [Vanessa Gilliam](#) and her beautiful family.

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**FAMILIES!**  
Come celebrate your awesomeness and get tips and tricks from our experts to help your family's 2020 unprecedented schooling experience rock on!

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# CONNECTING

## Early Childhood Education Professionals and Families

Our Shared October, November and December Experience

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Resilience
- Developmentally Appropriate Practice across Birth-Age Eight Continuum
- Professionalism, Professionalization of our Field and Advocacy
- Wellness and Wellbeing of Grown-ups and Children
- Resilience and Asset-Informed Care and Education to Heal and Prevent Trauma
- Play, Music, Movement and Nature as Foundations for Learning

### ONGOING PROFESSIONAL CIRCLES to Connect for Resilience and Inspiration:

- *Equity Circles* led by Dr. Brenda Williamson; Dr. Valerie McMillan, and Ms. Angela Wilson
- *Wellness Way Professional Circle* for Child Care Center Directors with Rosie Molinary
- Feeling Fridays with Ms. KK!

### Our growing lineup of PRESENTERS includes:

- Dr. Brenda Williamson
- *Conscious Discipline* certified trainers
- *Be Active Kids*
- DJ Svoboda
- LaToya Caesar
- *UNC-TV*
- Karen Cuthrell – The Feeling Friends
- Dr. Jen Nietzel & Dr. Eboynese Mead from *Education Equity Institute*
- UNC-Charlotte
- NC Office of Early Learning
- Ron Mohl
- Carolyn Cullen and Debbie Fuge
- Catherine Taylor and Isabel Taylor
- Enrique Feldman

### DOCUMENTARY SCREENINGS

including ***Resilience***  
and ***No Small Matter***

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NCAEYC aligns our content with [NC Foundations of Early Learning](#)





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# Developmentally Appropriate Practice for Adults - "DAPA"

**NCAEYC's DAPA** is our framework for designing and implementing high quality, impactful, enriching professional development experiences for early childhood professionals. We strive for our programs and services to be connected, intentional, engaging, inspiring and cumulative within a strong and thriving professional network. DAPA is intended to improve practice and increase professionalism through strong networks of committed early education professionals working with or on behalf of young children Birth through age 8 and their families.

In addition to "leveled" professional development experiences, **DAPA** includes **ALL TOGETHER NOW!** resources and opportunities that connect diverse professionals to strengthen networks, be advocates in action, foster peer and mentor relationships and help bring various perspectives together to help connect and move our field forward.

**NCAEYC strengthens connections between people, practice and policy across Birth through 8 spectrum.** We are committed to promoting shared theory, developmentally appropriate practice, research and evidence-informed approaches, code of ethical conduct, professionalism, wellness and well-being.

## **NCAEYC DAPA Professional Development Programs are designed to meet the needs of adult learners at three stages in their professional career.**

Individuals self-select to engage in webinars, communities of practice, trainings and annual conference sessions that are designed with the unique needs of adult learners that are:

**EMERGING** – for those in the early years of their career; may be in school, a recent graduate, or just starting in the field; primary needs and interests of Emerging Professionals focus on ensuring deep capacity to implement developmentally appropriate practice with young children; grow as a professional through learning about and applying the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct; wellness and well-being resources for themselves and young children.

**ESTABLISHED** – for those that have been in the field for a number of years and have built a solid foundation of skills and knowledge; Established Professionals are ready to deeply reflect upon and continually improve their practice and professionalism so they can be even more impactful in their roles; may be seeking opportunities to contribute their expanding knowledge to others and grow as a leader committed to high ethical standards of professionalism and practice.

**EXPERIENCED** – for those who have served in the field for a significant number of years and have gained depth and range of knowledge and who consistently exhibit skillful approaches to a wide variety of roles and opportunities in the field. Experience Professionals are often interested in and inspired by opportunities to support and mentor others and by providing training or professional development in a variety of settings. They are ready to reflect deeply both professionally and pedagogically. They consider and embrace an array of important concepts and principles essential to ensuring our work in the field is meaningful and impactful.



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**PRICING FOR THE 2020 CONFERENCE**

Current member = \$149.00

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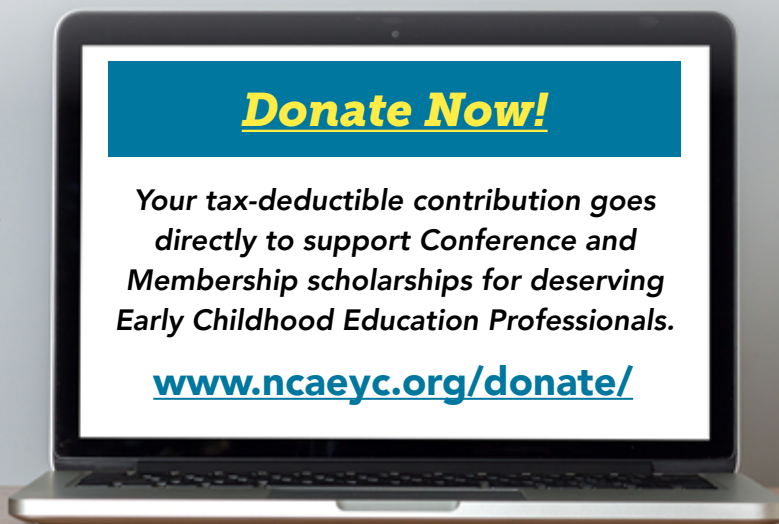
New/Renewing member at the Premium Level = \$299.00

Non-member = \$349.00

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# FAQ's

## **How will I access this year's virtual offerings?**

Registrants will receive a digital Conference Program via email in early September so they can plan for an access links to live and recorded content.

## **Will you need volunteers this year and if so, how can I apply?**

2020 presents very different needs for support than our traditional processes at the Raleigh Convention Center. At this time, we are not utilizing volunteers but we ALWAYS welcome engagement and support! Contact [cbutler@ncaeyc.org](mailto:cbutler@ncaeyc.org) if you have time and effort to offer to assist.

## **Can I make a donation?**

Yes! As a 501c3, NCAEYC relies on and is grateful for tax deductible contributions to support our work and impact. 2020 has presented exceptional challenges and we have never been in greater need of financial support. Donations go directly to providing Conference Scholarships to well-deserving, hard-working early childhood education professionals who have been serving children and families throughout the Pandemic. Donor support helps us support those that care and educate children birth through 8 and their families.

## **Can I join NAEYC or renew my NAEYC membership now to take advantage of the current member reduced Registration rates?**

**Yes.** You can join or renew during this Registration process in order to receive the discounted rate for Standard or Premium level members.

If your membership expires prior to September 1, 2020, you must renew your membership at the Standard or Premium level to take advantage of the reduced registration rate available to Standard and Premium level NCAEYC members. During the registration process, Standard and Premium level members will be able to "Join or Renew" in order to take advantage of reduced Conference registration rates. Membership payment will be included in the registration process. An "Entry" level member can contact NCAEYC to upgrade their membership to qualify for the reduced registration rate. Call 919-810-5931.

## **What types of attendance credits will I receive?**

NCAEYC provides DCDEE contact credit hours upon completion of sessions by registered attendees. While we do not award CEU's, many local education agencies will calculate and count toward continuing education units.

**NOTE:** We have found that many LEAs (Local Education Agency is your local school system) will recognize our Conference as a professional development experience that they can apply CEU credit towards CEU's. Digital certificates will be provided.

## **Are group discounts offered?**

**Yes.** Contact Chris Butler at [cbutler@ncaeyc.org](mailto:cbutler@ncaeyc.org).

## **I am a student. Are there special rates for me?**

**Yes.** NCAEYC is eager for students to attend and we offer a special reduced rate for full-time students. If you are a full-time student or a faculty member bringing a group of students, please contact our office at 919-810-5931 for details and the special student registration form which requires a copy of your Student ID as well as a signature from your faculty advisor stating that you are a full-time student. Students do not register using the on-line Registration system.

## **How can we help?**

Contact NCAEYC Conference Coordinator, Chris Butler at [cbutler@ncaeyc.org](mailto:cbutler@ncaeyc.org) or 919-510-5034.

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