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67TH ANNUAL 1ST EVER VIRTUAL 2020 CONFERENCE WRAPUP

Sharing a Focus on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, & Belonging to Promote Resilience in **Early Childhood Education**



Conference Registrant,

We come to you with gratitude for your patience while waiting for the remainder of conference content from 2020. We know that you look to NCAEYC for strong professional development opportunities throughout the year and in 2020 we did not deliver as expected. As an organization, we truly apologize that we were unable to make good on our promise.

Our first virtual conference experience was intended as an opportunity for participants to engage with live and recorded content. This document holds links to the 30 hours of NCAEYC recorded video content that makes up your 2020 conference experience and builds your professional library to inform and guide your practice.

We honor the incredible sacrifices, challenges, and commitment you have faced during the most challenging of times. Serving children and families from your heart even through your own exhaustion is a testament to the fortitude and resilience of our field.

NCAEYC asks for your forgiveness and we commit to reestablishing our capacity to offer the high-quality professional development that you expect from us. We wish you well as you explore the library of diverse recordings linked in the following pages.

Be Well,

Your NCAEYC Board

Recordings from Thursday, September 24, 2020

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY AND WELL-BEING IN CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING



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

presented by the team of **Good Things for Young Children**: Dr. Eva Phillips, Dr. Amy Scrinzi, Lee Messer & 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™ 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.



Any Time is 3Ts Time: 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.



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 A look into Nessa's Young'uns Natural Play Center in Flat Rock, NC 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!



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

presented by Rosie Molinary

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.

Friday September 25th, 2020



Watch Incredible Elijah, our 67th Annual (1st Ever Virtual!) Keynote Speaker

KEYNOTE WITH ELIJAH LEE

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!



Equity in Early Childhood Education Advocacy Dialogue

In this engaging Q&A with Elijah Lee, 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.



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Conference 2020 – NCAEYC 2020 LOVE to PLAY! Concert to Celebrate Kids, Families and ECE Professionals.

Headliner Coy Bowles is a songwriter and guitarist of Zac Brown Band and a children's author and musician.





NCAEYC Equity in ECE Summer 2020

July 27 - 31, 2020

Title: Shifting Paradigms, Historical and Racial Trauma, Healing Sessions **Description**: Creating connection through shared understanding and common language. This session will lay the foundation for meaningful equity work within communities, and will provide in-depth discussion about shared experiences that result in cumulative emotional and psychological wounds carried across

generations. The healing sessions will be both segregated and collective to embrace how all people can move toward meaningful healing and change. Listen in with respect, an open heart, and a desire to understand yourself and others more deeply as you grow and navigate your role in ensuring Equity in Early Childhood Education.





Connecting for Social and Economic Justice in Early Childhood Education

Description: This very special recording from September 2021 is of the one year anniversary celebration of NCAEYC's Equity in Early Childhood Education Circle featuring Dr. Iheoma U. Iruka. Our country and state are still reeling from the twin pandemics – coronavirus and racial reckoning. The third pandemic is the devastation of early childhood schools and a workforce shortage. To Build Back Better does not mean returning to normal but to create a more equitable, fair, and just society. We

must move beyond gap gazing by addressing root causes. Attendees will be asked to join the journey or continue on the journey that threads the issues of history, equity, and liberation in order to ensure that children and families and those who care and teach them are fully supported, valued, and rewarded. Attendees will be pushed to self-reflect and provided with tools and resources to incorporate a racial equity lens in their work with children, families, communities to dismantle racism and other systemic barriers and ensure equitable opportunities.



Conference 2019 Keynote - Dr. James Comer

Title: A Conversation that Connects Generations, Sectors, Roles, and Experiences **Description**: Sharing a Commitment to Getting Things Right for Children Birth through Eight, their Families, and Our Field. Be a part of this unique conversation with Dr. James Comer, founder and chairman of the School Development Program at the Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center.



<u>Conference 2019 – Power to the Profession, Panel Discussion</u> <u>Karen Ponder, Lorie Barnes, Consuellis Hawkins-Crudup, Katherine Kemp</u>

Title: Power to the Profession Panel Discussion and Audience Engagement **Description**: Power to the Profession is a national collaboration to define the early childhood profession by establishing a unifying framework for career pathways, knowledge, and competencies, qualifications, standards, and compensation. Come learn how you can get engaged and lend your voice to this important work.



Conference 2019 – Michael Bonner

Title: Motivation Leads to Innovation-The Audacity to Get Up **Description**: Let us be honest. The turnover rate within education is a serious dilemma that we have yet to find the antidote for. A study conducted at UCLA showed only 4% of college freshmen were interested in following the path to become an educator. The profession of teaching is not an easy one and now the entire world is exposed to this truth. In schools all Emerging, Established, Experienced the world, creating new and innovative strategies within the classroom is an exciting task but can seem daunting

to the teacher who is worn down by the profession. Due to many reasons (negative student behavior, poor scores, etc.), the school climate can become toxic and suffocate the life out of teachers which ultimately affects student performance. In order to shift the school culture, it begins with individual teachers making the decision to change their classroom into an engaging learning environment. Michael Bonner will share how he utilized the power of self-reflection to evaluate his qualities as a teacher, navigating the tumultuous waves of working within a Title 1 school (100% FRL free and reduced lunch), to understanding the value of applying creativity!



Conference 2019 – No Small Matter

Description: *No Small Matter* is the first feature documentary to explore the most overlooked, underestimated, and powerful force for good in America today: early childhood education. Through poignant stories and surprising humor, the film lays out the overwhelming evidence for the importance of the first five years, and reveals how our failure to act on that evidence has resulted in an everyday crisis for American families, and a slow-motion catastrophe for the country.



March 13, 2018 – Enrique Hank Feldman at Marbles Kids Museum

NCAEYC grieved the loss of our dear friend Enrique Feldman in September of 2021. We celebrate the gifts he gave and the opportunities we had for him to visit us on several occasions to help promote our work around Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging. This was an open invitation event for children and families at Marbles Kids Museum in Raleigh, NC on March 13, 2018. Honoring you Enrique!



Conference 2018 – Keynote Becky Bailey

Title: Three Super Powers Every Teacher Needs: Cape Not Included **Description**: We have within each of us—super powers! These are powers and strategies we can draw upon at any time. They are free and powerful ways of managing ourselves and managing the children we serve. Join Dr. Bailey to learn three strategies that will transform even our most difficult relationship and in turn foster permanent behavior change.



Conference 2018 – Featured Lilian Hubler

Title: Sign Language Fundamentals: A Strong Foundation for Early Childhood Functional Communication

Description: In this session participants will learn: to teach basic signs and phrases to promote and enhance early childhood functional communication, which, in turn, creates the foundation of all learning – both academic and behavioral; to use sign words to compliment and reinforce new concepts for quicker learning and better recall fun and engaging songs, games, activities, and stories for immediate use in

the classroom with your children how sign language benefits young children's learning and development; to add sign language to familiar nursery rhymes and early childhood favorites to reinforce concept learning and recall, providing a significant boost to young children learning to read over 175 basic words as follows: alphabet signs, new and classic children's nursery rhymes, stories, and songs.

Conference 2018 – Bari Koral



Title: Yogapalooza with Bari Koral: Incorporate yoga and mindfulness into your classroom with music, tips, tools and creative relaxation **Description**: A trip to the moon? Yoga with a Dancing Bear?! Discover a wonderful world of beloved songs and activities that make it easy to teach yoga to children. Turn from seeds into apple trees, pop like popcorn and more! Kids Yoga expert and popular recording artist Bari Koral is at the forefront of introducing and re-enforcing the incredible benefits of yoga and mindfulness to thousands of early childhood

educators and children. Her songs are widely used in classrooms around the world and she is considered one of the top experts in the field of yoga and mindfulness with children. Bari's info-packed training includes important background on the many physical and mental benefits of yoga. We will cover over a dozen key mindfulness tools that help children (and adults!) relax, focus and self-regulate. Guaranteed to get you moving, this interactive presentation also includes a self-care portion for your own well-being.



Conference 2018 – Wellness Way

Title: What Do I Need Right Now More Than Anything Else: A Self-Care Check-In During Uncertain Times

Description: In our roles as early childhood education professionals the challenges of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) have had a significant impact on you individually and our field as a whole. These are unprecedented times and the physical and psychological impact are significant. With "What Do I Need Right Now More Than Anything Else," we are offering you the opportunity to slow down and check-in with what you are

experiencing, be guided in some self-calming practices, find solace in a community who understands what you are experiencing, and discern what it is that you need right now while making a simple plan to offer yourself care. Led by Rosie Molinary and sponsored by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation. Please have a pen and journal/paper available.



The Art of Inspiration: Diversity in Perspective

Description: Experience inspiration and also learn how to inspire others. Enrique will guide you in an adven-ture that will touch your heart, make you laugh, and ignite your curiosity. From brain games for children and adults, to perspective-building experiences, to personal stories of challenge and triumph; you will leave this keynote with concrete strategies and life-changing concepts. Our dear friend Enrique Hank Feldman, passed away in September 2021. We will ALWAYS remember Enrique with love and gratitude for the gifts he shared and the impact he made on each and every

attendee. Special welcome by our dear friend, Mr. Michael Bonner as well.

LEARN. REFLECT. BE INTENTIONAL.



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Click to learn more at our website.

Reflections questions to strengthen your advocacy voice

- 1. What works well in early childhood education?
- 2. What challenges do you face in early childhood education?

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES... Please join us!



The North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children (NCAEYC) is excited to announce upcoming monthly virtual Equity in Early Childhood Education Circle meetings! Please join in as we embark on our second year of learning, growing and putting into action principles and practices that inform and impact our work to ensure equity in early childhood education.

Click to register today!

F Thank you for North Carolina's children, their for all you do for North Carolina's children, their families, and the field of early childhood education.

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