

Anchorage Association for the Education  
of Young Children

**The Power of Play:  
Building for the Future**



38th Annual  
Early Childhood Conference  
February 6-9, 2019  
Hilton Anchorage Hotel



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**Conference Registration  
& Information**

Save the Dates  
February 6-9, 2019

## The Power of Play: Building for the Future at Anchorage AEYC's Annual Conference

Celebrating 38 years of bringing dynamic professional development, keynotes & featured speakers to Alaska.

The Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children Board (Anchorage AEYC) and Anchorage AEYC Conference Committee would like to invite you to the 2019 Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Conference, "The Power of Play: Building for the Future" February 6-9, 2019 at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel. We are thrilled to have you joining us whether it's for one day or the full 4 days of the Conference. The time you dedicate to attending the key notes and workshops; demonstrates the commitment that you have to your ongoing professional development and to the children and families in your community. We'd like to give you an idea of what you can expect and what we hope you gain from this 4-day conference.

The 2019 guest speakers are Cate Heroman, Ron Mohl, Father Michael Oleska, Dr. Peg Oliveira, Keith Pentz and Melanie Potock. Hundreds of Early Childhood Professionals will come together bringing

unique backgrounds and different experiences. This collaboration gives us opportunities to make new connections and come away with rich ideas, strategies, and reflection that will positively impact the work we do with young children and their families within our communities.

There will be a silent auction on Thursday, Friday & Saturday of the conference. Please check out the auction each day as new materials will be auctioned off. All of the proceeds go to the Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Education Scholarships Fund. Scholarships are offered semiannually to assist Anchorage AEYC members who are pursuing a degree or certificate in Early Childhood in the state of Alaska as well as to any members who wish to attend an early childhood conference either in Alaska or out of state.

There will be a member's only room during the conference. We will have

drawings throughout the day in the member's room along with snacks. There will also be information about the Anchorage AEYC Board members/positions and the Conference Committee roles. We are currently recruiting for board and committee members, so please stop by if you are interested in signing up or learning more about the board and committee roles.

We want to thank all of the state-wide Early Childhood Programs in attendance for joining us. Best wishes to everyone for a memorable, inspiring, and enriching conference!

Conference co-chairs,  
Anna Castillo and Brandy Graham

## Silent Auction



Anchorage AEYC annual  
**Silent Auction**  
supports funds for the  
Anchorage AEYC  
Early Childhood Education Scholarships.

9:00 am-3:30 pm  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
New items each day!

Have something you'd like to donate? Wonderful!!

Email: Brandy Graham at: [brandy.graham@providence.org](mailto:brandy.graham@providence.org)  
Or [anchorageaeyc@mtaonline.net](mailto:anchorageaeyc@mtaonline.net)

## Plan to Car Pool NOW!

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NOT FRAZZLED

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- There is a fee to park.
- Parking is limited downtown.

We recommend you  
car pool with other colleagues.

## Check us Out



## Sponsoring Partners

Anchorage AEYC Board of Directors and Conference Committee members thank the partnering conference sponsors in recognition of their generous financial support of this event. Please let them know how much their support means to Alaska's children, families, communities and you as an educator.



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[www.dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/infantlearning](http://www.dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/infantlearning)



State of Alaska Education & Early Development  
[www.education.alaska.gov](http://www.education.alaska.gov)



Grand Canyon University  
[www.gcu.edu/vdc/roger.porter](http://www.gcu.edu/vdc/roger.porter)



Kaplan Early Learning Company  
[www.kaplanco.com](http://www.kaplanco.com)



Lakeshore  
[www.lakeshorelearning.com](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com)



The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
[www.mhtrust.org](http://www.mhtrust.org)



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[www.threadalaska.org](http://www.threadalaska.org)

PLAY GIVES CHILDREN A CHANCE TO PRACTICE WHAT THEY ARE LEARNING.  
-MR. ROGERS



## Anchorage AEYC Mission

Anchorage AEYC promotes high-quality early learning for all children, birth through age 8, by connecting practice, policy and research. We advance a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children.

## 2019 Schedule of Events

### Tuesday, February 5, 2019

- 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Registration
- 6:30 a.m.—7:30 a.m. Volunteer/Host Class

**Tentative Schedule Subject to change**

### Wednesday, February 6, 2019

- 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Registration
- 9:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Seminar Session
- 11:45 a.m.—1:15 p.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Workshop Session
- 3:15 p.m.—4:45 p.m. Workshop Session

### Thursday, February 7, 2019

- 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. General Session & Keynote: Ron Mohl
- 9:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Seminar Session
- 11:45 a.m.—1:15 p.m. Lunch on site
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Workshop Session
- 3:15 p.m.—4:45 p.m. Workshop Session
- 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Continuing Education Credit Class & Registration - \$79 Additional Class Fee

### Friday, February 8, 2019

- 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. General Session & Keynote: Cate Heroman
- 9:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Seminar Session
- 11:45 a.m.—1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Workshop Session
- 3:15 p.m.—4:45 p.m. Workshop Session
- 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Fundraiser for AAAYC Additional Charge TBA
- 5:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Continuing Education Class Wrap Up

### Saturday, February 9, 2019

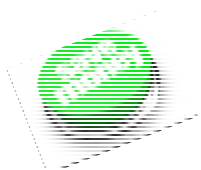
**New Schedule!**

- 7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Seminar Session
- 10:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Seminar Session
- 12:15 p.m.—2:30 p.m. Lunch on site & Awards Ceremony
- 2:45 p.m.—4:45 p.m. Seminar Session

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Conference Rate

**\$ 69**

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+

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Early Bird Conference Rate

**\$ 334**

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\$375 - \$334 = \$41  
you save!

**TAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF THESE  
SAVINGS BY  
JOINING  
NAEYC/AAEYC  
TODAY!**

## AAEYC CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

* The discounted rate applies to all NAEYC member levels and any NAEYC affiliate membership. Visit <a href="http://www.naeyc.org/membership">www.naeyc.org/membership</a> to learn more & join. Cancellation information—see page 8	FULL CONFERENCE 3 or 4 days		2 DAY		1 DAY	
	AAEYC Member*	Non-member	AAEYC Member*	Non-member	AAEYC Member*	Non-member
Early Bird—deadline 12/28/18	\$ 265.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.00
Pre-Registration—deadline 1/18/19	\$ 300.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 221.00
Regular—After 1/18/19 & on-site	\$ 350.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 271.00
Volunteers**	\$ 107.50		\$ 107.50		Not available	

\*\* Must be AAEYC member, volunteer minimum 16 hours and attend mandatory meeting February 5th.

### REGISTRATION & PAYMENT METHODS

Register & Pay Online at

[www.anchorageaeyc.org](http://www.anchorageaeyc.org)

Click conference then the Register Now icon.

To register for the Anchorage AEEYC Annual Early Childhood Conference.

- Individuals, Group, and Volunteers registrations may register online at [www.anchorageaeyc.org](http://www.anchorageaeyc.org).
- Presenters do not need to preregister.
- Credit cards, checks and purchase orders are accepted with online registration.
- An e-mail address is required for each registrant to receive registration confirmation and a receipt.



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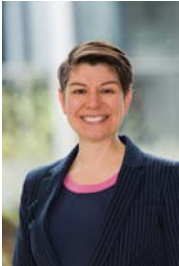
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## Conference Highlights

## Featured Speakers

### Wednesday, February 6, 2019



**Dr. Peg Oliveira** is the Executive Director of the Gesell Institute of Child Development. She is a developmental psychologist with a career in advocacy and social activism, specifically on issues of affordable child care, fair pay and paid family leave. As a psychology undergraduate Dr. Oliveira worked in a Bridgeport Head Start site, an experience that set her on the path of researching and advocating for essential improvements in the early care and education system. Currently, as the Executive Director of the Gesell Institute of Child Development, Peg designs professional development content and training that have a direct and immediate impact on how educators see and teach children.

Dr. Oliveira received her doctorate from Brandeis University and began her career as a policy fellow with CT Voices for Children. For 17 years Peg has worked with state agencies, nonprofit advocacy coalitions and local initiatives to ensure that all children get a high quality early learning experience.

In addition Dr. Oliveira participates in numerous community initiatives including serving on the Board of Directors of Calvin Hill Day Care Center. Dr. Oliveira is also a beloved yoga teacher in her hometown of New Haven, and founded a non-profit yoga service organization called 108 Monkeys.

Dr. Oliveira will be presenting:

Wednesday, February 6th

- 1:30-3:00 Building Brains Playfully
- 3:15-4:45 When to Play and When to Get Out of the Way

Thursday, February 7th

- 1:30-3:00 Building Brains Playfully

Friday, February 8th

- 9:45-11:45 When to Play and When to Get Out of the Way

Saturday, February 9th

- 8:00-10:00 When to Play and When to Get Out of the Way
- 10:15-12:15 Building Brains Playfully

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**Melanie Potock, MA, CCC-SLP** is an international speaker on the topic of feeding babies, toddlers and school-age kids. She is the co-author of the award-winning Raising a Healthy Happy Eater: A Stage-by-Stage Guide to Setting Your Child on the Path to Adventurous Eating (2015) and Baby Self-Feeding: Solutions for Introducing Purees and Solids to Create Long Healthy Eating Habits (2016). The tips in her latest book, Adventures in Veggieland: Help Your Kids Learn to Love Vegetables with 100 Easy Activities and Recipes (2018) are based on the latest research and Melanie's 20 years of success as a pediatric feeding therapist. Melanie's advice has been shared in a variety of television and print media, including *The New York Times*, CNN.com, *Huffington Post* and *Parents Magazine*.

Visit her at [www.MelaniePotock.com](http://www.MelaniePotock.com) for more articles, professional tips, and helpful videos to raise your adventurous eater!

Melanie will be presenting:

Wednesday, February 6th

8:00-4:45

Parenting in the Kitchen:  
Home Strategies for Families in  
Feeding Therapy  
(NOTE: EI/ILP folks only—Lunch  
included)

Thursday, February 7th

9:45-4:45

The Stacking Model:  
How Feeding Disorders Develop  
(Open to everyone)

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**PLAY**  
is the work of childhood  
Mr. Rogers

## Conference Highlights

# Keynote & Featured Speakers

### Thursday, February 7, 2019



**Ron Mohl**

Keynote: **Being a Partner in Play**  
8:00 am-9:30 am General Session & Keynote

**Ron Mohl**, holds a B.A. from Florida Atlantic University and brings over 19 years of experience in the education industry to his position of Lead Educational Presenter for Lakeshore Learning Materials. Ron is a CLASS certified classroom observer for both Toddler and Pre-K classrooms. He has also studied at the Environmental Rating Scale Institute for ECERS-3 and ITERS. In this role, Ron has collaborated with school districts to enrich their scope of instruction and summer programs as well as public and private institutions to provide professional development related to curriculum including Creative Curriculum and High Scope. Ron's experience with Head Start programs spans across the country with keynotes in State, Regional and National Conferences. Ron has contributed educational strategies to military child development centers around the world including London, Italy, South Korea, and Japan.

By focusing on the importance of play in the learning process, Ron's interactive trainings help educators enrich curricula that relates to being a partner in play through authentic experiences with children.

Ron will be presenting:

Thursday, February 7th

- 1:30-3:00 A Partner in Play with STEAM
- 3:15-4:45 A Partner in Play with STEAM  
(repeat of earlier session)

Friday, February 8th

- 9:45-11:45 Enhancing the Learning Environment Classroom
- 1:30-3:00 A Partner in Play with STEAM
- 3:15-4:45 A Partner in Play with STEAM  
(repeat of earlier session)

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**Keith L. Pentz**, National Early Childhood Specialist for Kaplan Early Learning Company, has been in the field of education for almost 39 years. Keith began his career by working in childcare with infants and toddlers. Later, he taught elementary students

as well as Kindergarten. Keith spent the remainder of his classroom time teaching PreKindergarten and working specifically with low socio-economic and diverse families as well as inclusion students. Following his experiences in the classroom, Keith moved on to teach at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida, and he also was an Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts.

With a real passion for quality early childhood education, Keith works for educational reform, creating positive teaching and learning models, and applying best practices, always with the child as the central focus.

Keith has degrees from Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania (BA in Music), the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida (MA in Elementary Education), and post-graduate/doctoral studies in early childhood education curriculum and instruction from the University of Central Florida.

Keith will be presenting:

Thursday, February 7th

- 9:45-11:45 Things Every Child with Autism Wishes You Knew
- 1:30-3:00 The Role of Language in Establishing a Foundation for Infant & Toddler Cognitive Purposeful Engagements: Supporting Young Learners with Meaningful Interactions & Intentionality
- 3:15-4:45 Purposeful Engagements: Supporting Young Learners with Meaningful Interactions & Intentionality

Friday, February 8th

- 9:45-11:45 What To Do When You Don't Know What to Do
- 1:30-3:00 Going Beyond Behavior Management: Prevention vs Intervention
- 3:15-4:45 Making the Body-Brain-Mind Connection In Teaching and Learning

Saturday, February 9th

- 9:45-11:45 Constructively Meeting 10 Challenges of Working with Infant, Toddlers & Two's
- 1:30-3:00 Cuddling, Consciousness & Cognition: The Significance of Emotional Engagement of Development & Learning
- 3:15-4:45 Playful Explorations: Building a Foundation For Development and Learning

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## Conference Highlights

# Keynote & Featured Speakers

### Thursday, February 7, 2019



**Father Michael Oleska**

**The Reverend Dr. Michael James Oleska** has spent the last 35 years in Alaska, serving as village priest, university professor, consultant on intercultural relations and communications, and authoring several books on Alaska Native cultures and history. A 1969 graduate of Georgetown University and of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Father Oleska earned his doctoral degree in Presov, Slovakia, in 1988. His four-part PBS television series, *Communicating Across Cultures*, has been widely acclaimed. The recipient of numerous awards from local, state and federal agencies, as well as the Alaska Federation of Natives, Father Michael has taught on all three main campuses of the University of Alaska system and at Alaska Pacific University as well. He currently resides in Anchorage with his Yup'ik wife, Xenia, his daughter Anastasia and one of his three grandsons.

Father Michael will be presenting:

Thursday, February 7th

9:45-11:45 Cross-Cultural Communication

1:30-3:00 TBA

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### Friday, February 8, 2019



**Cate Heroman**

Keynote: ***Making, Tinkering & Engineering in Early Childhood: It's Serious Play!***

8:00 am-9:30 am General Session & Keynote

**Cate Heroman** is passionate about helping young children become successful learners and socially competent. She is an early childhood consultant with over 40 years in the field as a teacher, Louisiana state early childhood administrator, trainer, keynote speaker, corporate vice president and author. She has authored numerous early childhood publications including *The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool*, *Teaching Strategies GOLD®*, *Coaching to Fidelity*, *Building Your Baby's Brain*, *Helping Children Rebound* and more. She is especially interested in the maker education movement and is author of NAEYC's best-selling publication, *Making and Tinkering with STEM: Solving Design Challenges with Young Children*. Cate previously served as Board Chair of Knock Knock Children's Museum in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

To learn more visit:

Cate will be presenting:

Friday, February 8th

1:30-4:45 ***Making, Tinkering & Engineering in Early Childhood: It's Serious Play!***

Saturday, February 9th

8:00-12:15 ***Tinker! Make! Innovate! STEM-Rich Learning in Early Childhood***

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### Saturday, February 9, 2019



**There is NO keynote on Saturday. Saturday's schedule is as follows:**

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**

7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

12:15 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

2:45 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

**New Schedule!**

Registration

Seminar Session

Seminar Session

Lunch on site & Awards Ceremony

Seminar Session

# Registration & General Conference Information

## Register Early & Save



Register online at [www.anchorageaeyc.org](http://www.anchorageaeyc.org) by December 28, 2018 and save. If you miss the early bird deadline, you may pay the pre-registration fee until January 19th. Otherwise, you may register at the regular rate of the conference.

## Conference Date & Location

The conference will take place February 6-9, 2019 at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

All conference sessions will be held at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel. The Hilton Anchorage Hotel is located at 500 West 3rd Avenue in downtown Anchorage, Alaska.

## Purchase Order Policy

Purchase Orders (PO's) will be billed whether participant attends or not. Purchase orders must be payable to Anchorage AEYC and include a PO number, and billing address. A purchase order is an obligation for payment and will be obligated to the Cancellation Policy.

## NAEYC Membership

**MEMBERSHIP IS IN THE NAME OF INDIVIDUALS ONLY**

Schools/centers/organizations are not members. Administrators are reminded that NAEYC/Alaska AEYC/Anchorage AEYC membership is for individuals only, not the center by name, nor does a director's membership extend to the rest of the staff. NAEYC Accreditation does not include membership in the Association.

## Substitution Policy

If you are unable to attend, you may substitute a colleague for your registration. Please note there is no sharing of registrations. Anchorage AEYC must be notified in writing by the original registrant or authorized representative of the organization paying for the registration. The substitute registrant must be qualified to receive your registration or the difference between the two fees will be charged.

## Cancellation

Registration refunds will be made only when Anchorage AEYC receives a written request by January 11, 2019. A processing charge of \$75 will be deducted. Telephone cancellations will not be accepted. Written cancellations may be emailed to: [anchorageaeyc@mtaonline.net](mailto:anchorageaeyc@mtaonline.net) or mailed to Anchorage AEYC Conference, c/o C&C Services, PO Box 771884, Eagle River, Alaska 99577. Refunds will be issued within 30 days after the conference.

## Conference Preliminary Program

The Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Conference Preliminary Program provides a listing of workshop titles, presenters and special events to assist you in choosing what to attend at the conference. Please visit the Anchorage AEYC website:

[www.anchorageaeyc.org](http://www.anchorageaeyc.org)

after January 25th for a downloadable PDF of full workshop descriptions. You will receive your final program at the registration desk at the conference.

## Children at Conference

To maintain a professional atmosphere throughout the Conference, as well as to ensure the safety of attendees, presenters, and personnel, Anchorage AEYC does not allow children under the age of 16, including infants, in any of the workshop sessions. We feel that your child will be happiest with someone s/he knows in another environment.

## Parking at Conference

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- There is a fee to park.
- Parking is limited downtown. We recommend you car pool with other colleagues.

### Parking

Lot 12 located at the corner of E St. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Parking is available at Lot 12 (The Saturday Market Lot) for \$1.00 per hour and can be paid for at the parking kiosk located in the parking lot.

### Hilton Hotel Parking

- Overnight Valet for Hotel Guests is available for \$24.00 per day.
- Day only Valet parking for attendees is available for \$14.00 per day.

Parking charges for guests can be posted to your guest room folio and paid at the end of your stay.

All parking for both the Hilton Valet and Lot 12 are based upon first come first serve basis and subject to availability.



## Young Children & Teaching Young Children Publication Schedule for 2018-19

As a NAEYC/Anchorage AEYC member you receive five issues of either Young Children and/or Teaching Young Children. The journals will appear in March, May, July, September & November.





# Hotel, Lodging & Food Options

## Conference Site &

### Hotel Accommodations

All conference sessions will be held at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel. The



Hilton Anchorage Hotel is located at 500 West 3rd Avenue in downtown Anchorage, Alaska.

Anchorage AEYC has negotiated with the Hilton Anchorage to block a sufficient number of guest rooms for attendees. Sleep late, forget the commute in and enjoy the luxury of taking a break in your room by staying at the conference hotel. We want you to feel safe and secure and to enjoy the hospitality of quality, up-scale lodging. You deserve it!

Room rates: single/double \$99 plus 12% room tax. Additional persons \$20. Hotel check in time is 3:00 p.m. The cutoff date for these special rates is January 9, 2019.

To reserve a room: Call 1-800-445-8667 or 272-7411 if in Anchorage for reservations. Participants must identify themselves with the code "AEYC19" to receive this special rate.

Register online at: [https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ANCAHHF-AEYC19-20190202/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ANCAHHF-AEYC19-20190202/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Parking: Overnight Valet for Hotel Guests is available for \$24.00 per day.

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## Breakfast

A breakfast snack will be provided each morning, 7:30-8:00.

## Lunch

Lunch is provided on Thursday and Saturday for no additional cost. Lunch on Wednesday & Friday is on your own.

## Special Needs

Please contact Anchorage AEYC should you require any special assistance. Request must be made by January 18, 2019.

Email: [anchorageaeyc@mtaonline.net](mailto:anchorageaeyc@mtaonline.net) or call 907-696-5884 with your request.

## Continuing Education Class ECD A 591 101: AAEYC Conference 2019 1 credit

University of Alaska announces a Continuing Education Credit Class: AAEYC Conference 2019

Where: Prince William Board Room  
When: February 6-9, 2019  
Cost: \$79.00 in addition to Conference registration fee

### Course Requirements:

- Attend face to face meeting on Thursday, February 7th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm
  - Administrative – Register and pay for course (\$79)
  - Introductions
  - Explanation of course requirements
- Attend face to face meeting on Friday, February 8th from 5:00 – 6:30 pm
  - Reflection – Share, show and tell
- Documentation of at least 15 contact

hours through AAEYC conference – submit copy of conference certificate (= at least two full days of conference and our two face to face meetings)

- Write a brief summary of each session attended, to include key notes
- Write an in-depth summary of one session that is at least one page in length and includes:
  - The key message(s) you took from the session
  - Relate how the Alaska Early Learning Guidelines fits with the content of the session.
  - At least one idea that stood out to you from the session and how you can apply it to your program
  - Any additional resources you may need to learn more or to assist you to apply the new idea.

\$79 Registration fee is paid directly to UAA either online or at the class on Thursday, February 7th.

On-site Registration will be at the Thursday Evening Class Session or you may register online. For additional information, e-mail Sydney Singer at [ssinger@threadalaska.org](mailto:ssinger@threadalaska.org) or visit: [www.anchorageaeyc.org](http://www.anchorageaeyc.org).

### Credit Course Disclaimer

Conference registration does NOT include credit courses. The credit course registration fee is \$79 and must be paid on Friday during the class or call for student enrollment assistance (Sally or Katie) at 786-1934 or toll-free 1-888-828-8974. Payments can be made by credit card or check (payable to UAA).

UAA is an EQ/AA employer and educational institution.

# Volunteering at Conference Equals Reduced Registration Fees!

## Volunteers

I WANT TO COME, BUT I CAN'T AFFORD THE FULL FEE! CAN YOU HELP?

Thanks for your interest in volunteering at the 37th Annual Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Conference. Volunteers are critical to the success of the conference and provide valuable assistance "behind the scenes" to ensure workshops run smoothly. If you volunteer/host two days or more — minimum of 16 hours — your conference fee is \$107.50.

## Guidelines for Volunteering at the Anchorage AEYC EC Conference

Volunteers must be members of NAEYC/Anchorage AEYC/or your local affiliate.

- Volunteers must attend a **mandatory orientation** session, Tuesday, February 5th, 6:00-7:30 pm. at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel.



- \*Volunteers may be asked to record the number of workshop participants, collect workshop evaluations, assist conference presenters, stamp Certificates of Participation, assist at the Registration Desk and/or Anchorage AEYC Exhibit booth.
- Volunteering is on an honor basis. You are expected to honor your time commitment.
- You must register by December 28th in order to receive the discounted rate.

\*Limited to first twenty-four individuals to register as volunteer/host.

## Special Events in 2019

### Come Join the Fun! Special Fundraiser for Anchorage AEYC—Alcohol Ink Party

It's fun! It's easy! No artistic skills required!

**Join Anchorage AEYC**  
**Friday, February 8th 5:00-7:00 pm**  
**Cost TBA**

Enjoy step by step instructions in a relaxed atmosphere. You will find yourself getting lost in the moment as you create your own unique masterpiece. We provide everything you need. You provide inspiration and individuality. Walk away with an artwork to be proud of and an experience to remember.

Funds raised by this event support the Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund.

Invite your friends too!  
You do not have to be registered for the conference to attend!  
Visit the Registration desk to register or for more info contact  
Anna at [handsoff73@hotmail.com](mailto:handsoff73@hotmail.com).

### NAEYC Members Lounge Dillingham Room—Each Day

NAEYC members—member lounge! Members are able to grab snacks, have access to special giveaways, and chat with Anchorage AEYC Board & Committee Members. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Silent Auction

**Thursday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

The Anchorage AEYC annual Silent Auction supports funds for Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Education Scholarships. 100% of funds go toward the scholarships. New items each day. If you would like to donate to the auction, contact Silent Auction Chair, Brandy Graham at [brandy.graham@providence.org](mailto:brandy.graham@providence.org)

### Showcasing Success! Celebration & Awards

**Saturday 1:30-2:30 (directly after lunch)**

Join Anchorage AEYC for an afternoon of celebration and fun! Awards and tons of door prizes. This is an event you do not want to miss!

# Assistance with Travel—Your local R&R can help

## HELP GETTING TO THE CONFERENCE Travel Reimbursement (TR)

Travel Reimbursement (TR) is designed to help early educators in rural Alaska offset travel expenses associated with attending early education training outside of their community.

- Applicant must be operating or be a paid employ of State of Alaska or Municipality of Anchorage licensed or approved child care facility, Head Start or School District program (Military, not eligible).
- Must be a current/active member of the Alaska SEED Registry.
- Pre-approval is required — application must be submitted **21 days prior** to attending the conference.

- A confirmation agreement will be sent upon the approval of the travel grant request.
- Applicants are eligible to receive reimbursement of 100% of their travel related costs up to \$1,000 per fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) for air fare, lodging, ferry fees, \$50 ground transportation, depending on funds available. Exceptions may be made due to geographic diversity, upon approval.
- Full conference participation is required, save your attendance records.

- **SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS**—you must submit them within 60 days after the completion of training and travel.

If pre-approved for travel, SEED can only guarantee there will be funding available for those who submit all receipts and proof of completed training within 60 days of completing the higher education/training and travel. Receipts received after the 60 day period will not be accepted and the pre-approved funding will be awarded to the next person in line for receiving funding.

Please visit [www.seedalaska.org](http://www.seedalaska.org) for TR, PDR, and SEED Registry applications and follow instructions carefully.



## Professional Development Reimbursement (PDR)

### HELP WITH THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE/AND OR FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEU) TUITION

#### Professional Development Reimbursement (PDR)

The SEED Professional Development Reimbursement (PDR) is designed to support early educators with the cost of professional development expenses, up to \$1500 per fiscal year (July 1 through June 30), including 100% tuition and/or 75% of training costs (up to \$500 for training). Attending the AAEYC Conference counts as a training.

- Applicant must be operating, or be a paid employee of State of Alaska or Municipality of Anchorage licensed or approved child care facility, Head Start or School District program. (Military, not eligible).
- Must be a current/active member of the Alaska SEED Registry.
- Full conference participation is required; save your attendance records; (missing a session(s) is cause for denying reimbursements).

**SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS**—you must submit proof of payment of registration and/or tuition fee, certificate of attendance or final grade for CEU credit within 60 days after completion of the training/conference.

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“Play is our brain’s favorite way of learning.”  
-Diane Ackerman