

**Anchorage AEYC 2019 Conference  
Final Report  
By Conference Coordinators  
Cecilia & Christie/C & C Services**

Coordinators Corner:

1. Many thanks to all the AAEYC Conference committee members, board members and members of their programs/organizations for all the help to make this conference a success.
2. General Session
  - a. Improvement from previous years but still need to work on:
    - i. What we can do to actively engage the attendees;
    - ii. Housekeeping at general session - Are we meeting everyone's learning styles?
    - iii. We want them to walk out of the general sessions going WOW! That was fantastic & FUNtastic!
3. Saturday Schedule
  - a. Confusing to attendees not to have everyone gathered at beginning of day. So maybe have a 30 minute gathering in morning – Example Schedule:

8:00-8:30	General Session
8:45-9:45	Workshop Session
10:00-12:00	Seminar Session
12:00-1:30	Lunch & Celebration
1:45-3:45	Seminar Session
4:00-5:00	Workshop Session
4. Attendees comments ask for late afternoon/evening sessions. This maybe would help those folks who are in programs that cannot close and family providers. What are your thoughts?
5. AV Rental: We continue to have struggles with folks understanding our verbiage that we do not supply computers or LCD projectors. This year it read:

**Audio-Visual Equipment**

**Anchorage AEYC does not cover the cost of any audio-visual equipment.** You will be billed prior to the conference for any requested AV. As in the past we will be submitting for a grant to cover this cost however, it is not guaranteed so please plan to be billed unless notified otherwise.

Audio-visual available for rental will be:

- \* Power cart includes cart, screen & electrical cord (to be used with **YOUR OWN** LCD Projector, Laptop or Overhead Projector);
- \* Wired microphone (wireless, lapel, podium or handheld), etc.

Any suggestions for different verbiage?

6. Volunteer/Host – this year we had 10 host registered with 79 different sessions during the 4-day conference. Again, many thanks to the conference committee and board members who stepped up and even asked their staff to help out. Much appreciated. Any ideas for changes? Improvements?
7. Funding – Budget Crisis. This conference is supported by out of town attendees. If they do not have funds to attend then we will be in a crisis to meet cost of conference.
8. Several comments concerning agency meetings being held during conference sessions. Need to encourage Individual agency meetings be held before or after regular conference sessions.
9. It is the Hilton's policy that no outside food be brought in to conference. Occasionally, presenters bring in snacks for their sessions. Usually, we are not aware of this – and have a "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil" thinking.

We look forward to hearing your comments!  
Cecilia & Christie

## Notes from Folks:

Cecilia and Christie,

Thank you, again, for hosting me at AAEEYC. It was a fun experience but also greatly illuminating to understand the unique hardships of Alaska's child care community. From finding and maintaining qualified staff to getting good coaches on the ground, your geography, weather and unique population needs demand we think even more outside the box about meeting Alaska's children's needs. I'm humbled, but also inspired.

Of the topics that came up, these two I think maybe be of particular interest to your members in the future:

1. Trauma: I did touch on this some in my workshops, but people were hungry for more.
2. Implicit Bias: This is essential work, I think, in a community where many of the helpers are immigrants to Alaska.

I hope I have the opportunity to visit again. Willow sends a huge thanks for her bears (named Kodiak (brown) and Birch (white)). Check out our one big adventure to Talkeetna where Willow had the once in a lifetime opportunity to mush Iditarod champion sled dogs Tide and Reef at Dallas Seavey's kennel! Dream come true! Thank you for this!!!!

Soon,  
Peg

Peg Oliveira, PhD  
Executive Director  
Gesell Institute of Child Development

Dear Christie and Cecilia,

I just wanted to thank you once again for inviting me to Anchorage. What an honor, privilege...and a treat! Everyone was so warm and hospitable. There are so many tiny details in putting on a conference of this size and you have this down like a well-oiled machine!

I love my Eskimo yo-yo....now to figure out how to use it!! Talk about STEM in action...there's lots of physics in that little toy! (Hmmm....an investigation of tops and yo-yo's would be a fun study!)

Friday the speaker talked a bit about the earthquake and I also had a conversation with Anna about it. After Hurricane Katrina, I wrote 2 books to help teachers support the emotional needs of children. While they were written in response to hurricanes, the content applies to any kind of trauma. After we experienced some devastating flooding in 2016, I got permission from Teaching Strategies to share these resources on Knock Knock's website. Here's page that has downloadable links to Helping Children Rebound. There is one for preschool teachers and one for infant/toddler providers. Feel free to share if you like.

<http://knockknockmuseum.org/helping-children-rebound/>

Again, many, many thanks and I hope our paths cross again!  
Cate

**Estimated Economic Impact for Anchorage**  
\$431,679.12

## Future Conference Dates:

- a. February 6-8, 2020
- b. January 28-30, 2021

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<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Conference Participants totaled	569	461	406	652	556	586	629	656	642	617
Registered Attendees (paid to attend excluding volunteers/students)	360	348	289	513	425	460	476	460	440	457
King Tech (KCC) Students (rate of \$35)	7	16	14	12	10	11	15	14	16	11
Volunteers (rate of \$107.50)	10	10	19	21	14	10	14	9	15	13
On Site or Late Registrations	82	2	0	0	18	3	10	33*	1	
Strengthening Families (rate of \$50)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0
Exhibitors	24	13	10	13	13	19	38	24/25	21/28	15
Presenters (complimentary registration paid \$0)	86	72	74	93	76	83	76	91	91	121
States Represented	10	7	8	5	7	8	10	8	10	3
British Columbia	0	0	0	0	2		1			1
Alaskan Communities Represented	62	70	46	60	50	48	53	45	44	54

- 2019: On Site or Later registrations = after 18<sup>th</sup> of January (3.5 weeks before the conference)  
Registered Attendees: Registered (360); King Tech (7); Volunteers (10); On site/Late (82) = 459
- 2012:
  - On Site or Late Registrations = after January 20<sup>th</sup> deadline
  - 12 different exhibitors all 3 days; 25 Meet, Greet & Buy Yourself a Treat Exhibitors
- 2011: Exhibitors total reflect 21 exhibitors all 3 days; 28 Meet, Greet & Buy Yourself A Treat Exhibitors
- 2010: Of 617: 89 were Head Start; 52 were Military.
- 2009: Of 437 pre-registered: 112 were Head Start; 30 were Military.
- 24 Exhibit booths in 2009 – number above reflects number of folks manning the booths
- Presenters total 2003-2007 included conference committee and board members who attended conference at no charge

**Questions from Registration:**

How many days will you be attending?

<b>Year</b>	<b>1 day</b>	<b>2 days</b>	<b>3 days</b>	<b>4 days</b>
2019	101	109	98	143
2018	119	77	178	NA
2017	121	57	39	105
2016	122	130	83	172
2015	95	105	54	212

Which days will you be attending?

<b>Year</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
2019	267	357	337	228
2018	NA	257	327	223
2017	134	200	257	181
2016	256	347	445	273

Check the best age group/population with whom you work or position. Check only one please.

Age Group/Position	2019	2018	2017
Center/director/school admin	38	37	32
College Educator/trainer	2	1	1
College student	0	0	1
Consultant	6	0	1
ECE Teacher	22	30	60
EI/ILP	97	5	6
Families	5	3	12
Family Child Care Provider	14	8	12
Home Visitor	7	0	0
Infant/Toddler Teacher	49	40	49
K-3 Teacher	9	2	2
Kindergarten Teacher	2	3	1
Licenser	3	2	3
Other Adults	8	15	12
Preschool/Pre K Teacher	162	201	104
Primary/School-age	19	9	11
Retired	1	0	0
Student	0	2	1

What is your level of education?

	2019	2018	2017
High School	95	111	95
CDA	45	43	49
Associate	63	58	39
Bachelor's Degree	117	77	72
Master's Degree	112	63	52
Professional Degree	5	0	0
Doctorate's Degree	7	6	1

Did you receive your CDA or BA Degree in 2018: 29

Year	
2018	29
2017	23
2016	10
2015	32
2014	21

## Host/Volunteers

10 folks participated

Year	#	Year	#	Year	#	Year	#	Year	#	Year	#
2019	10	2016	21	2013	10	2010	13	2007	16	2004	11
2018	10	2015	14	2012	9	2009	7	2006	12	2003	24
2017	19	2014	5	2011	15	2008	13	2005	21		

### 2019 Volunteer/Host Program

- Committee must re-evaluate this program for 2020. Once again board/committee stepped up to help with this as we did not have enough volunteers for all sessions.

### 2018 Volunteer/Host Program

- Anchorage AEYC must take a serious look at this program. We had 10 volunteers – thanks to conference/board/friends helped out with passing out stickers.

### 2010-2017 Volunteer/Host Program

- All volunteers/host paid flat fee of \$107.50 for hosting/volunteering a minimum of sixteen hours.
- Volunteers were asked to keep a sheet that stated which workshop they attended and how many folks were in the workshop.
- Volunteers are required to be members of Anchorage AEYC to receive reduced rate.

### 2009 Volunteer/Host program worked as followed:

- All volunteers/host paid flat fee of \$97.50 for hosting/volunteering a minimum of sixteen hours.
- Volunteers are required to be members of Anchorage AEYC to receive reduced rate.
- Thanks to conference committee members Verla Phillippe, Bonny Monson, Neva Lancaster, Sandy Hartman and member Jane Parkhurst who helped during workshop sessions. Their help was greatly needed due to the low numbers of volunteers/host and appreciated!

### 2008 host/volunteer program worked as followed:

- All volunteers/host received 50% off member registration for hosting/volunteering a minimum of sixteen (16) hours.
- All volunteers/host must be members of Anchorage AEYC.

### In 2007 and previous years the host/volunteer program worked as:

- If you volunteer/host one day of conference—reduce conference fee by 1/3
- If you volunteer/host two days of conference –reduce conf. fee by 2/3
- If you volunteer/host three days of conference—the conference is free

## Audio Visual Equipment

Year	Amount	Comments
2019	\$6,980.25	\$2,500 covered by grant from AK Mental Health Trust Authority -Four (4) day conference
2018	\$ 4,956.90	Covered by grant from AK Mental Health Trust Authority -Three (3) day conference
2017	\$ 6,086.33	Grant covered \$ 5,000 – Grant by AK Mental Health Trust Authority
2016	\$ 7,047.90	Grant covered \$ 2,5000 – Grant by AK Mental Health Trust Authority
2015	\$ 9,015.90	Grant covered \$ 5,000 Grant by AK Mental Health Trust Authority
2014	\$ 11,402.10	1 <sup>st</sup> four day conference
2013	\$ 6,838.80	Presenters paid for special AV Equipment – cart/screen/projector
2012	\$ 5,885.55	Presenters paid for special AV Equipment – cart/screen/projectors

### 2009 AV

- 2009 AV Bill totaled \$8,264.37 (an increase of \$1,690.37 from 2008) Price continues to increase. This year the hotel added a 23% gratuity for each rental piece which increased the price. This did not include the cost for flip charts/easels – which cost an additional \$668.80. We recommend that in 2010 Anchorage AEYC offer no flip charts/easels. We billed presenters after the conference for AV.

### 2008 AV

- Our AV bill totaled \$6,574. Encore gave us a \$250 discount which brought the total AV for 2008 down to \$6,324. Presenters who had sessions 2.5 hours or less were billed for their AV.
- Anchorage AEYC covered the cost of our guest speakers AV as well as any AV needed when the conference group was gathered (general session, lunch).

### 2007 AV

- In 2007 we stated that no AV would be provided unless it was a 3 hour or more session. Sessions which were 3 hours or more in length as well as any AV requested by our guest speakers were covered by AAIEYC. If presenters of shorter sessions wished to have AV we billed them.
- Our AV bill for 2007 totaled \$6,950.00. General Sessions cost us \$1755 which is a must. We've trimmed the AV cost about as much as we can.

## 2019 Credit Class

8 participants. Will complete once we have information.

Year	# Registered	# Completed
2019		
2018	12	12
2017	10	9
2016	23	23
2015	16	14
2014	13	13
2013	11	11
2012	6	6
2011	7	7

This year 8 people participated in the ECD 591-101 course through the Anchorage AEYC conference. All 8 submitted their assignments and hours. 7 students were officially registered and passed the course (1 was unable to register due to a hold that cannot be moved from their account).

The majority of participants are from rural areas of Alaska; They use the conference for professional development, and rely on it to provide required credit hours to keep professional teaching, early intervention, or other specialist licenses.

Participants were very enthusiastic about the opportunity to discuss their takeaways and new tools from the speakers, workshops and trainings. We used all of our available time in the face-to-face sessions to discuss their thoughts and next steps. 2 participants had follow up phone calls with me instead of 1 face-to-face session (due to illness or exceptional reasons).

Sessions that participants wrote their summaries on, and found most useful, practical, or inspirational were:

- *Tinker! Make! Innovate in Early Childhood*; presented by Cate Heroman
- *Playing with Sounds and Words: Utilizing Culturally Responsive Practices*; presented by Esther Pepin and Marilee Nufer
- *The Stacking Model: How Feeding Disorders Develop*; presented by Melanie Potock
- *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*
- *How to Wow Your Kiddos at Read Aloud*
- *Powering Up for Play: Teacher Stress and Wellness, Impact on Teacher-Child Relationships and Decisions to Expel or Suspend a Child*
- *What to do when you don't know what to do*; presented by Keith L. Pentz
- *A Partner in Play with STEAM*; presented by Ron Mohl

All participants gave feedback that they thought the AAEYC conference this year was particularly good and had so many sessions they wanted to go to that they could not attend them all.

<b>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RATES</b>			
<b>NAEYC Members*</b>	<b>One (1) Day</b>	<b>Two (2) Days</b>	<b>Full Conference 3-4 days</b>
<b>Early Bird - Deadline December 22, 2017</b>	\$ 100.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 265.00
<b>Pre-Registration - Deadline January 19, 2018</b>	\$ 145.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 300.00
<b>Regular - After January 19th &amp; on-site</b>	\$ 195.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 350.00
<b>Volunteers* - Deadline January 19, 2018</b>	Not available	\$ 107.50*	\$ 107.50*
<b>Non-Members</b>	<b>One (1) Day</b>	<b>Two (2) Days</b>	<b>Full Conference 3-4 days</b>
<b>Early Bird - Deadline December 22, 2017</b>	\$ 175.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 375.00
<b>Pre-Registration - Deadline January 19, 2018</b>	\$ 221.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 420.00
<b>Regular - After January 19th &amp; on-site</b>	\$ 271.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 470.00
<b>* Volunteers must be NAEYC members, attend mandatory meeting Jan. 24th and volunteer minimum 16 hours</b>			
<b>* Discount applies to NAEYC members. Visit <a href="http://www.naeyc.org/membership">www.naeyc.org/membership</a> to learn more &amp; join.</b>			

### History of Conf. Fee Increases:

2015-18: No rate increases.

2014:

- Four (4) day conference instead of three (3) Therefore, new rates for 3-4 days;
- Early Bird One day Member rate decreased from \$135 to \$100
- Non-member rate decreased from \$211 to \$175;
- Non-members rates decreased \$1 in Group 5+;
- Non-members rates increased \$1 in 2 day rate/2-3 registration rates;
- Keynote only rate of \$25

2013: Non-member rates only were raised \$6 Member rates have been same since 2010

2012 & 2011 Conference fees: same as in 2010

2010 Conference we increased: \$10 in all categories -Offered special group rate for full conference fee only

2009 Conference we increased:

- \$30 All full conference (2-3 days) members and nonmember;
- \$10 1 day conference fees for members

- \$ 0 Nonmembers 1 day conference fee was not increased.
- New in 2009: Special rate for registering 5+ or more attendees.

**SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS:**

<b>Workshops/ Seminars presented throughout conference</b>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	79	78	85	107	126	93	78	84	88	96	86	97

**EXHIBITORS 2018**

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
16	14	10	13	16	15	18	12/25	21/28	15	24	20	21	21

2017=Exhibitors moved out into hallway and used Dillingham as our Membership Room.  
 2012=12 Exhibitors for all three days; 25 exhibitors for Meet, Greet, Buy Yourself a Treat  
 2011=21 Exhibitors for all three days; 28 exhibitors for Meet, Greet, Buy Yourself a Treat

**Printing:**

2019 Printing Cost: \$ 4,279.23  
 2019 Printing: Program booklets cost \$6.447 per attendee. (\$6.447 x 575 programs = \$3,707.03)  
 Name tags (593) cost: \$260.25 (0.43887 per name tag)  
 Printing for keynote/guest speakers: \$ 69.30  
 Certificates of Participation: \$ 242.65 (\$.422 cents per attendee)

**Information from 2018 Overall Conference Evaluation**

2019: 120 attendees responded to emailed survey (459 emailed out)  
 2018=56 attendees responded to email survey (381 emailed out)  
 2017=77 attendees responded to emailed survey (323 emailed out)  
 2016=111 attendees responded to emailed survey (513 emailed out)  
 2015= 90 attendees responded to emailed survey (469 emailed out)  
 2014=81 responses -482 emailed out  
 2013 = 112 responses – 499 emailed out 2012: Emailed out 612 surveys: 109 Completed online 216 (72 onsite & 144 online) =  
 2001=213 2000=88 1998=184 1997=245)



<b>What is your overall rating of the conference?</b>			<b>Weds-Thursday Featured Speaker Melanie Potock</b>	
• Excellent	<b>96</b>		• Poor	<b>0</b>
• Average	<b>21</b>		• Average	<b>17</b>
• Fair	<b>3</b>		• Excellent	<b>70</b>
<b>Did the conference meet your professional development needs?</b>			<b>Thurs./Friday/Sat Featured Speaker Keith Pentz</b>	
• Yes	<b>116</b>		• Poor	<b>0</b>
• No	<b>4</b>		• Average	<b>14</b>
			• Excellent	<b>64</b>
<b>During the Conference registration was check-in procedure simple, fast &amp; efficient?</b>				
• Yes	<b>119</b>		<b>Thursday Keynote/Guest Speaker Ron Mohl</b>	
• No	<b>0</b>		• Poor	<b>0</b>
• So-So	<b>1</b>		• Average	<b>10</b>
			• Excellent	<b>67</b>
<b>Were staff and volunteers helpful?</b>				
• Yes	<b>116</b>		<b>Thursday Featured speaker- Father Michael Oleska</b>	
• No	<b>1</b>		• Poor	<b>1</b>
			• Average	<b>12</b>
			• Excellent	<b>53</b>
<b>Overall were the speakers informative, prepared, and understandable?</b>				
• Yes	<b>119</b>			
• No	<b>1</b>		<b>Friday Keynote – Cate Heroman</b>	
<b>Weds-Saturday Featured Speaker Dr Peg Oliveira</b>			• Poor	<b>6</b>
			• Average	<b>33</b>
• Poor	<b>0</b>		• Excellent	<b>43</b>
• Average	<b>23</b>			
• Excellent	<b>48</b>		<b>Did you stay at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel?</b>	
			• Yes	<b>50</b>
			• No	<b>64</b>

## 2019 Comments

### Did the conference meet your professional development needs?

- A mainstream shift to embrace the essence of early childhood and ample space and time to allow them to move and think freely, be surrounded by beauty and adults worthy of imitation.
- Have the state meetings prior to conference so we can attend workshops.
- higher quality presenters
- I marked Yes, but with UAA School of Education losing its accreditation I wasn't willing to pay extra and do more for the CEU credit class. Would have been nice to switch it UAF or UAS sponsored.
- I was disappointed that Father Oleksa overlapped with Melanie Potock. I have heard him before and wanted to attend his workshop but was felt tied into to Melanie's presentation given ILP training parameters for clinic hours.

### If no, what changes need to be implemented to meet your needs?

- It satisfied the amount of hours
- More sessions for Administrators.
- Sad to say, but maybe you need to tell people they need to respect the key-note speaker and limit the chit chat as she's presenting. I felt ashamed for her as these were adults acting worse than the children we teach.  
I was disgusted to be sitting in that room with so many disrespecting people! Other than that, i had a really good time and enjoyed my first Anchorage conference.
- Technical problems plagued several workshops I was in. Especially the Mr. Rogers film.
- the room was hot, small, and loud from the vendors

### Were there any workshop presentations that were outstanding? If so, which one's?

- Keith Pentz – 4 stated his name only
- All of the presentations by Dr. Oliveria. She knows how to make her research findings clear and usable.
- All the presentations from Keith Pentz we excellent!
- All the workshops that I attended were excellent and gave me a whole bunch of different ideas.
- As always Father Oleska. Keith Pentz was also fab.
- Assistive technology and hearing impairment workshops were great. I loved having a chance to hear from parents as well as professionals.
- Cate Heroman was wonderful!
- Dr Peg Oliveira /Meghan & Jen's workshop from Thread
- Dr. Oleska, Dr. Oliveira, ROn Mohl, Keith Lenz
- Dr. Peg Oliveira-brain development
- Eddie Wood
- Ester Pipin
- Father Oleksa and Peg Oliveira
- Father Oleksa, Peg, and Keith all outstanding!
- I attended three amazing presentations on Friday! I enjoyed and gained inspiration from each one!
- I enjoyed all of Keith Pentz's workshops.
- I enjoyed Cate Heromans workshop the best
- I enjoyed the presentation by Coach Mel.
- I found Rev. Oleksa's presentations very informative and eye opening.
- I love Ron Mohl, Keith L. Pentz and my favorite workshop Cate Heroman, enjoyed and lots of fun, new for me.
- I loved all the ones that Keith Pentz did he was awesome!! Very informative and engaging!!!
- I loved all the workshops because the keynote speakers were full of energy and have us to physically partake that add on to the fun of teaching.
- I really enjoyed the workshops on implementing STEAM.
- I really enjoyed, "Playing With Sounds and Words". It was a great refresher of phonemic awareness. Ester Papin, Marilee Nufer
- I was especially impressed with the sessions on phonological awareness. I was unaware of how much I still need to learn about it.
- Keith L Pentz was very informative and engaging. I got a lot out of each of his seminars.
- Keith L. Pentz all of them and Peg Oliveria all
- Keith Pentz & Peg Oliveira
- Keith Pentz and Ron Mohls both were amazing
- Keith Pentz Beyond Challenging Behavior
- Keith Pentz had very good information for all areas of understanding children and growth
- Keith Pentz, What to do when you don't know what to do was very helpful.
- The make it Take it seminar with A. Castillo and K. Hayes on Wednesday was also great. We were given time to collaborate and build relationships with other participants. I came away with lots of new ideas and new friends.  
Thank you
- Keith Pentz's presentation on Saturday regarding consciousness and cuddling was absolutely amazing. He provided personal information that was relatable and also content that was so beneficial with activities to further support his topic.  
**OUTSTANDING!**
- Keith Pentz's workshop was wonderful, i have been teaching for 17 years and got alot of information as did the new teachers with me. Meghan Johnson's workshop powering up for play about stress and wellness.

- Keith Pentz with "What children with Autism Want you to Know" and "History and & Hope" with Ward and Armstrong. Both of those seminars presented positives, solutions, and helps - not just doom and gloom.
- Language, Cognitive, & Movement, Oh My! Learning through Music with Hailee Jensen, Naomi Kerce. Also, A Partner in Play with S.T.E.A.M. with Ron Mohl.
- Leveraging play in informal learning environment to support early childhood development
- Loved the one Ron Mohl did on Enhancing the Learning Environment: Classroom Management Strategies
- Make it take it: Literacy & Math
- Every day we play is a way to say
- Melanie Potock – (8 comments her name only)
- Melanie Potock was outstanding. The 2-day workshop was outstanding and I came back with so much info. Thank you!!
- Melanie Potock, 2nd Day-very helpful
- Melanie Potock was amazing.
- Melanie Potock was terrific! Would love to have her back to go into more detail around feeding disorders/treatment.
- Melanie Potock's feeding workshop both days were amazing and very informative.
- Michael James Oleksa and Ron Mohl
- Ms. Potock's 2 day ILP presentations
- na
- No
- Parenting in the Kitchen was very informative and gave lots of information that will be applicable to my practice!
- Peg Oliveira was PHENOMENAL!!!!
- Peg Oliveira's presentation on play was phenomenal, and she is a great speaker.
- Peg Oliveira's (2)
- Potock was amazing, the room was not. Signing in/out did not go well either.
- Rev. Oleska was amazing!
- Reverence Dr. Michael James Oleksa was an amazing presenter and provided outstanding information about culture and communications!
- Reverend Dr. Michael James Oleksa
- Ron Mohl
- Ron Mohl Steam and Eddie someone, music/percussion guy
- Ron Mohl was absolutely hilarious!
- Ron Mohl, Dr. Peg Oliveira, Cate Heroman
- Smooshable and mooshables, learning through movement, Everyday we play is away to say Hey, play is power.
- STEM; Communicating Across Cultures; What to do when you don't know what to do; Statewide Licensing Update; History and Hope: ACEs
- Sue Armstrong who co-presented the Hope and History course was great - very energetic.
- Supporting young learners with meaningful interactions and intentionality
- That Bites! And That's Mine! Both workshops done by Sydney & Sarah from thread.
- The 2nd feeding one on physiology
- The one I chose was the free stem workshop I myself is looking into signing up for that wonderful program!
- The second day of Melanie Potok's presentation addressed needs I have had in working with several families struggling with feeding difficulties.
- The workshop by Melanie Potock on Wednesday was very good and I regret not attending the second day, after hearing from co-workers.
- We mainly came for the Melanie Potock presentations. I did not have anyone else go to any of the other sessions.
- What to Do When You Don't Know What To Do
- Workshops led by Keith Pentz and Ron Mohl were amazing!!

### Were there any workshop presentations that you would not recommend? If so, which ones?

- Although I wrote that Cate Heroman was average, I believe the content she delivered was on point, but in my opinion, it was a strong keynote presentation. It would have made a great workshop.
- Can't think of any, just as a learner to do my homework at trying to match what is relevant to my work.
- Developing Fine Motor through Sensory Play There were not many "play" ideas that were new or creative.
- everything is amazing.
- I learned something from all of the presentations I attended.
- I unfortunately would not recommend Jacinda Danner's classes. She just was not adequately prepared, couldn't manage

- time, and invited speakers yet constantly talked over them. I walked out with very little information from the session.
- I went to the one about playing outdoors and after being it it realized that is wasn't geared toward the age of children I work with, however, I did find it very informative and interesting.
  - Jennifer Russell did not seem prepared for presentation on Building Cultural Connections
  - Key Note speaker Cate Heroman. She was rude.
  - language, cognitive, and movement, oh my! Hailee Jensen and Naomi Kerce
  - Learning Through Movement, Linda LaDuke
  - Making and Tinkering too long
  - No - was very pleased with all that I attended; it was difficult to choose among them - there were so many good ones
  - not that I attended
  - Only some presenters seemed shy, but all the material was great!
  - Resilience Initiative was poorly done.
  - Smooshables and Mooshables (I enjoyed making each thing, but I wish the class had some substance and taught more about sensory experiences, rather than just 2 hours of making playdough and goo)
  - The Assistive Technology- Two thirds of it was just pictures of the items with "this is its name"
  - The first one by Keith Pentz
  - The one I didn't much like was the autism one with Aimee not sure of her last name .. she wasn't able to answer questions pertaining to issues we were having with the kids in our car ... the presentation went to fast and she didn't covered it way to quickly
  - The Saturday Closing celebration could have been during lunch, enabling us to go home an hour earlier... Offering an hour each day for lunch seems sufficient.
  - When to play and get out of the way and building brains playfully. I would say do one or the other. They are both repetitive. Took half the second class talking about the same thing as the first class.

### Did you stay at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel? If yes, how were your accommodations?

- Average
- Excellent (6)
- Fine
- Fine, Convenient
- Good (7)
- Great (4)
- Hilton was great.
- I enjoyed being about to stay at site, bit my room had limited channels, the internet had to be purchased and was poor the night I paid for it, I really did not like having to use valet on night I had to wait 20 minutes to get my car parked.
- I had a very nice room, and a very nice roommate.
- I was disappointed at the extra charges for slow internet, parking lack of airport shuttle and the high cost of food. I was also very bummed at the cleanliness of the rooms. I didn't feel safe walking in the area. The size of the conference rooms were sufficient and did not see anyone turned away from a seminar due to space. I was put off by the strong cigarette smell that came in through the ventilation system many times through the week. It was very distracting. The Hilton staff was kind and helpful.
- It was satisfactory.
- My room was located in a very noisy location so by the end of three days I was looking for a solid night's sleep.
- Nice quiet room and great gym/pool
- Ok, wish there was a refrigerator in the rooms without having to ask for one.
- Room had a plugged sink the whole time of stay. I had to ask for a room that was better than the one I got last year. The room for 2018 conference had plugged sink, smelled like cigarette smoke, appeared old/repainted over areas & repair patches.
- Not well.
- The accommodations were wonderful.
- The elevator situation made me late for a session because it got stuck and it was the only one running. I was on the 20th floor.... A mini fridge and a microwave would have made it a lot better. I don't like eating out that much.
- The hotel was great. The continental breakfast left a lot to be desired. Two days of pastries and one day of muffins that were as sweet as cupcakes.
- They were good
- They were good! Elevators got slow during busy times!
- They were great on-site hosts

- They were nice.
- They were ok ... room was nice would have been better if there was a fridge and microwave in there since we were there for so long
- Top notch!
- Very comfortable (2)
- Very good (2)
- Very nice (3)
- Very wonderful, thank you
- Were fine
- Wonderful, clean accommodations.
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#### Keynotes you'd like to see:

- Keith Pentz
- Keith Pentz and Dr. Peg were fantastic speakers; very knowledgeable and easily relatable.
- Mark Lackey
- Melanie Potack was wonderful. Would love to hear her again and maybe be the keynote speaker.
- Melanie Potock
- Rebecca Isbell
- Rev. Dr Michael Oleksa
- Ron Clark of the <http://www.ronclarkacademy.com/>  
He can speak to any group on any topic for however long you need. His presentation is worth his weight in gold!
- Ron Mohl (3)
- Ron Mohl again. He had really great information and he was enjoyable to listen to.
- Ron Mohl always makes it engaging. Hailee Jensen and Naomi Kerce did an outstanding job as well keeping everyone engaged.
- Ron Mohl. He was great.
- Teacher Tom

#### Additional Comments & Suggestions:

- Very good and informative - ILP speaker. Well worth the money.
- Not that it was controlled by AAEYC but the temperatures in the rooms were quite ridiculous, freezing cold on one side and uncomfortably hot on the other; it began to impact my experience within the sessions as the time went on.
- Melanie Potock was amazing! thank you for bringing her to Anchorage.
- This was the best ILP/AAEYC conference I have attended since moving to AK 5 years ago.
- Having the vendors in the hallway outside the conference rooms was very noisy and made hearing presentation very difficult sessions should be no longer than 1 1/2 hours, way too long on last day
- Have more workshops aimed at the developmental preschool level and Title 1 teachers
- Only issue, the room provided for the 2nd day of the ILP session was abysmally small for the number of people. As I understand, a bigger room was requested & expected.
- The Danishes on Thursday were dry and stale and high calorie, please don't serve frozen old pastries. Potock day two room layout was awful!!!! Please don't cram us into small spaces and expect us to take notes and be comfortable sitting so long. The only thing that could have been better would be an ILP introduction time to acknowledge ILP's by region. Sure was a missed opportunity to let DS's know who was from where and to connect. We are too busy to meet throughout the year.
- The "continental breakfast" was lousy at best.
- A majority of the classes were geared towards individuals with lesser education. Those who have degrees were left sitting in some sessions by which was just the basic information. More classes geared towards intermediate to advanced individuals would be great.
- Brrr.... the conference rooms were cold. The fans blew constantly making it very chilly during sessions.
- Thank you for a great conference!
- The staff were great assisting with registration and scheduling
- Could we have it someplace other than the Hilton? I stayed elsewhere and paid parking in the lots as the overall price is cheaper.
- There was lots of dissemination and diffusing of information that ECE's already have a working knowledge of. Lots of buzz words and I believe what ECE's need are concrete.

***Are you interested in being on the 2020 Conference planning committee?***

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## Presenter's Survey Results: 78 emailed – 30 responded

2018 = 68 emailed out, 26 responded

2017=32 out of 59 emailed returned

2016= 28 returned

### Was information provided to you before your conference presentation adequate? Comments?

- Yes. (17 Responded Yes only)
- Yes. The information on technology was a bit confusing.
- Very much so. The opportunities to preview the workshop listing are great. Cecilia and Christie have high levels of attention to the details.
- Yes, the information provided before hand was good. There was some confusion over what we needed to provide the day of to have our PowerPoint ready. However, it was cleared up before the day and it went smoothly. Yes, it would have been nice to have it earlier though so I could plan my conference days in advance.
- Yes, with plenty of time to plan and prep.
- Great!
- Yes, the description and room name was obvious and easy to find.
- Yes, it was very explicit, clear and professional.
- I really thought this was one of the best conferences.
- Yes. All communication before the conference was EXCELLENT!
- Yes, it was helpful.
- Yes, I appreciated all the information and thorough communication leading up to the conference.
- Yes, great conference brochure.
- More information about number of participants that had registered for presentation.

### Did you take advantage of the complimentary registration? If so, what presentations were memorable, inspiring or enriching to you?

- No (4 responded No only)
- NA (2 responded NA only)
- I loved Father Oleska! I think he would be a great keynote, the more people he can reach the better.
- Yes, Peg Oliveira
- I only presented.
- Yes, loved the presentation on STEM.
- No, but only due to scheduling conflicts at work. Really wished I could have attended Father Oleksa's session.
- Since I was also an exhibitor, I was unable to participate.
- I went to the feeding conference both days and she was a great speaker.
- Yes, I quite liked the tinker and maker keynote, and My Place, Connecting Children to their place.
- I really took away many great information and resources from Ron Mohl and Peg Oliveira.
- Yes. Advocacy.
- I did not make any presentations.
- Yes, and I was very inspired by the preceding presentation on Developmental Vision.
- I regret that I had a meeting later and couldn't take advantage of the sessions.
- Yes, I enjoyed all the presentations I attended. I was able to get more information about THREAD services, I attended presentations that were focused on the age group I work with (0-3), which provided me with resources and information that I will be able to use in my work.
- No – my co-host had the complimentary registration.
- Yes, I did. The most inspirational presentation was Communication Across Cultures: Understanding Your Story (Father Oleksa)
- I really enjoyed Keith Pentz, Father Oleska, and Ron Ruhel (Mohl), all were excellent presenters that knew how to keep audience engaged.
- No, I did not attend other sessions.
- I did not – my speaker partner did instead.
- Yes, I did use the complimentary registration.
- Yes! Keynote talks, primarily.
- Yes

### How was your overall experience working with Anchorage AEYC as a presenter? What worked well and what challenges need to be implemented to meet your needs?

- Adequate



- They kept us informed and answered questions when needed.
- Excellent. I suggest extending the break time between workshops and the break after the morning keynotes to 20 or 25 or 30 minutes. I speak as both a presenter who is at times dealing with a previous presenter in the same space who doesn't respect session times; the banquet staff at times falling behind getting the space ready for the next presenter; As an exhibitor, after years of observation, participants need more time to comment with colleagues on what they have just experienced; go to restrooms; check their phones/social media; figure out what to do next. By this time participants have little leeway to process a few if the entire exhibitor space or get a sense of what is available.
- It went well. I was only a part of a panel discussion with several other people. The only issue was timing and no one helping keep presenters to the allotted time.
- My overall experience was very good, I enjoyed being a presenter. Figuring out who gave out stickers was a little confusing, and I would have like the conference packet earlier but otherwise great.
- The AV worked very well and the rooms all had water which was helpful.
- All went well.
- The lack of tech support and the fee to rent should have been addressed better.
- Thumbs up! Good experience.
- Very good. I appreciated the organized manner to come in and get my presenter packet and directions where I needed to go. I also appreciated AAEYC mentioning the free STEM kit program we offer to others during the conference.
- Having a visitor/person available at our sessions was very helpful, also the closed sign was an easy way to let people know we were full.
- I had a great overall experience. I was able to receive help when needed and get answers to any questions I had, which helped me feel prepared and capable of pulling off a smooth presentation.
- Everything went well.
- Satisfactory.
- As a presenter, I had a great experience. Everything was perfect, and all I had to do was show up and present. The AAEYC Staff were really prepared.
- From the initial contact to saying goodbye at the end, the conference was well-executed and the attention to small details was superb. Thank you for making the conference a success!
- My experience with AAEYC was pleasant; registration was very user friendly.
- It was good, and it all worked out.
- The email communication was great – I had all of the information needed, time, location, equipment, etc.
- Excellent – I appreciate the communications and responses to emails. I appreciate being contacted when I didn't submit a proposal to see if I still want to – thank you!
- Everything was very smooth.
- The room was COLD.
- ALL GREAT
- Everything was great!
- Pleasant. All went well.
- Everything worked well. Room size and set up met my needs.
- Great. All of my needs were met.
- Excellent Support

## On the day of your presentation was the room set up/AV requested/size of room as you expected? Comments?

- Yes (9 responded Yes only)
- As expected
- My workshop repeated. First time room set up was late and disorganized due to previous presenter disregarding session times. Plus a key banquet supervisor was absent for the set up. The second time it was set up way ahead of schedule and ready to go. Hotel staff apologized for the first mishap. Please note that the banquet staff is superb in checking in with me for room set up, storage of exhibit materials and so on. Please consider adding a question about the important role of room monitors/assistants. I had two wonderful workshop monitors. Both were very helpful and attentive to all that went on.
- Yes, the room was a good size and small enough to not need a microphone.
- The room was smaller than expected, and my session was full. We had extra people sitting and standing in the room. I had handouts and give-aways for 50, but the room was only 40.
- Yes, thank you.
- Yes, room set up.
- Sometimes I had to hunt down a projector, but once located they all worked well.
- Yes, the tech help was wonderful.
- I was not fully sure what to expect since I had never attended before, but for the most part, it was what I expected. Help was provided for the little things that I needed to adjust.
- Yes, the room was set up as requested.
- Yes, everything went good and smooth.
- Everything was perfect.
- Exactly! I gave a set up from a previous conference and it was set up just right! The hotel staff was especially helpful and kind.



- The room was of the size needed for the presentation, no AV was requested. Having the room in a back corner and on a different level reduced the opportunity for walk by participants.
- Yes, it worked for me.
- Yes. However, I did have to pick up a bit from the session before – some garbage and cups on the tables, etc. Not a lot but straightened chairs, etc.
- The room size was perfect and all tables were filled. It is challenging to have to bring your own AV equipment and speakers.
- The sound for video's did not work.
- For the most part.
- I had my own av and felt supported when there was a moment of need.

**For the past several years we have secured a grant from Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to cover the cost of an AV cart and Screen (\$61 per day/per room) for presentations. Did you find this beneficial? Would it be a hardship for you to cover the cost if we did not secure a grant? Comments?**

- This was beneficial. I could have made arrangements to pay for the technology, but I have never heard of this being a requirement for speakers at other conferences. How the information was presented was confusing.
- Yes. The ability to offer power point presentations was needed and helpful.
- Does not apply. So far I request only a flipchart and markers.
- Yes, I think this was very beneficial. It would have been cumbersome to transport a computer, projector and screen with us to do the presentation.
- It is an asset to have this grant. My employer can cover some of the costs, but we don't always have the right equipment ourselves, and may not be able to cover the cost of all co-workers presenting.
- I brought my own AV so I do not need this.
- Yes, the cart was helpful.
- I did not have any AV support in my room. It would not be a hardship.
- It would be a hardship. Communication access is a priority and state grants need to cover this.
- I appreciated the use of your AV equipment. If unavailable next year I do have a projector I can bring for use in my presentations. As a non-profit we wouldn't be able to afford to pay for a projector usage fee.
- Very hard to travel with a projector.
- We would have had to change our presentation if we did not have the AV cart & screen, so yes, it was very helpful.
- No, my work provided the AV materials I needed.
- Thread presenters used own AV equipment.
- Yes, very beneficial.
- It would be unfortunate to pay myself, however, I do not generally use a projector, etc.
- It would not have been a hardship for me personally, but I would imagine it would impact the local presenters that you might attract.
- No AV equipment is necessary for our presentation.
- I was on a panel. I would have been able to bring a projector, but I don't have access to a screen.
- It would not be a hardship for me to cover my own technology needs. The screen might be tricky to bring though – I thought most rooms had that already.
- Yes, this was very helpful – it would be almost impossible to bring a screen for the presentation. I did have to bring my own portable speakers for some videos, but the small room allowed for the sound to work fine.
- Yes, very helpful to have the AV cart and screen. Used this in two out of three presentations. Helpful to have this covered. Thank you.
- We brought our own.
- Having the AV cart/screen provided is a huge help. It would definitely be a barrier for presenters if it was not included.
- I do not typically need AV.
- The free service was not offered. I planned then not to present with av equipment. Last minute I changed my mind. I brought my own yet. Was offered use of your equipment if needed. This relieved any potential stress.
- No, it would not be a hardship.
- Did not use cart or screen.

**Note: For comments which say they brought their own – they did not bring a cart or screen. This was provided thanks to grant.**

**Would you like to be sent a Call for Presenter's for the 2020 AAECY Conference, February 6-8, 2020?**

24 yes      5 no

**The 2020 Conference theme is: One, Two, Buckle My Shoe.... Three, Four, Let's Explore! Do you have any suggestions for presentations/presenters? Keynote suggestions? Please include contact information (email, phone, etc.) if possible.**

- We need more pertinent information at this time in national and state discourse on immigration issues. Providers/parents may be working with children who do not have clear legal residency requirements. Thus this implies that parents or caregivers may not. We must provide tools and guidelines on how to deal with government agencies entering work spaces to engage suspected illegal aliens, for example. A keynote along with workshops that stimulate possible scenarios would be helpful. We need to know what our rights are and thus the rights of the children in our care.
- Not at this time.
- NA (2 responses stated NA)
- More on quality learning environments.
- I would like to see a greater representation of rural ILP providers at the next EHDI presentation at AEYC.
- AK Civil Air Patrol for our free STEM kit program definitely.
- Developmentally appropriate risk!
- I would like to see more sessions, there was one, devoted to incorporating music into home and preschools to build language and movement skills. Teaching young children drumming would also be great. This presenter or at least his focus areas would be a wonderful addition..... <https://stuartstotts.com/early-childhood/>
- Consider cross-cultural presentations that allow for exploration
- Yes, suggestion for keynote presenter: Dr. Junlei Li <https://www.gse.harvard.edu/faculty/junlei-ji>
- I would like to see Keith Pentz back so I can attend more of his workshops. I really liked the Mister Rogers film that was presented as well. I would love to see something like this continue. So many powerful examples for EC professionals and goal to aspire to be.
- Not at this time.
- No (2 responses of No)
- Keynote Suggestion: Dr. Kristie Pretti-Frontczak, [kristie@kristiepf.com](mailto:kristie@kristiepf.com) <https://preteachandplay.com>
- Dr. Julie Smart wrote a book "Inspiring Young Minds" that is all about using Inquiry-based science strategies with young children. She would be an excellent keynote on topics of helping exploration guide curriculum and learning.
- Father Oleska Music with Mar LaRae Gydiak [lerae@soul designs.ca](mailto:lerae@soul designs.ca), 250-833-6767 Rita Pearson- TED Talks, Every kid needs a champion
- Doug Fischer, Math Trajectories. Presented 2018 ASD MTSS Conference.
- Keynote- I will email contact information Shawn Brown- Music Vincent Nunes-
- Danielle Thompson-Phonological Awareness

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your comments help the committee plan future conferences. Any additional comments?**

- Thank you for your fine work! I am honored to be a part of this event for all these years!
- Not at this time.
- No (2 responses of No)
- Great conference, I look forward to attending more in the future.
- Keep up the good work!
- Good work. Keep it up.
- I am really interested in being a board member for AAIEYC but since I am not local, I am unable to participate. I am wondering if your board would consider an offsite member, maybe just member at large or just conference committee planner? Thank you again for another great conference. -Jennifer Russell, Fairbanks
- Thank you for EVERYTHING! I was so impressed with the entire planning team for the conference. You were so organized and just a delight to work with. Loved my time in Anchorage! – Cate
- Thank you for including us in the conference, it is always a good opportunity to improve child care services.
- It would be fantastic if there were a student registration discount – it might make it more affordable for students to participate.
- Great Conference!
- If more presenters needed, reach out to more teachers. Connect opportunity to their own professional development.
- Thanks for all you do to support the folks responsible for Alaska's youngest learners

## Exhibitor's Survey Results: 16 emailed – 5 responded

The exhibit hours were 7:30-4:45 Thursday through Saturday. Is that time sufficient and convenient for you? Any suggestions, for different hours?

- The issue is more the time slot between workshops; time slot from keynote to first workshop of the day; possibly time slot from workshop to provided lunch. 15 minutes is too tight! Participants will go to restroom; check phone calls, social media and whatever; visit with colleagues; decide which next event to attend; by that time the exhibits are just a walk-by. Please consider a longer break of 20 minutes? 25 minutes? 30 minutes? In addition these times can vary throughout the day as the events predict.
- They were more than sufficient – we actually chose to break down on Friday
- The hours were good. Unfortunately, for my team a family emergency came up and we weren't able to man the table the full time but were there daily.
- No

Was the 2019 Call for Exhibitors clear and understandable?

Yes -5 No-0

Please share any comments on how Anchorage AEYC can showcase Exhibitors?

- At the morning keynotes, besides mentioning the exhibitors and their times before the keynote: At the conclusion of keynote, more so because not all keynote presenters are respectful of the time slot allocated: Have a AAEEYC committee member go to podium at conclusion to reiterate the duration of the break time; the current time; and to please visit the exhibitors!
- Thanks

Please share any suggestions or overall comments about your exhibit area experience.

- Xtremely please to see that we continue to exhibit in the main hallway area! Thank you!
- A Power outlet would have been nice.
- People are more engaged this year.

Do you have any comments/suggestions on other ways your company can partner with AAEEYC? If you would like to partner with AAEEYC in 2020, please email C&C Services, or call 907-696-5884.

- We will encourage our leadership staff to consider attending and or presenting at next year's conference.
- AK Civil Air Patrol is always happy to partner with youth organizations any way we can. Let us know how we can help you.
- Thanks for your work.

This next year the AAEEYC Conference committee will be discussing the cost to exhibit at the 2020 conference. Do you feel the cost in 2019 was beneficial to your company? Comments & suggestions are welcome.

- Yes! As a small self-employed Alaskan exhibitor/presenter, I have been very impacted by the rise of the Internet in terms of sales on the premises. To the point that I have had to reduce my table space by half. Thus my sales and contacts have been impacted by half or more. Please understand that AAEEYC has been very understanding and supportive of my exhibit for years. Please keep in mind to consider the differences between larger corporate a/o national exhibitors; non-profit state and local exhibitors; and finally the place for small independent Alaskan exhibitors like my situation. Thank you!
- The cost seemed appropriate.
- You graciously allowed us an exhibitor booth at no charge for AK Civil Air Patrol putting on two presentations. Next year we are happy to add a free AEM membership for you to give away with a value of \$2,400.
- Absolutely

The dates of the 2020 AAEEYC Early Childhood Conference: February 6-8, 2020. Would you like to be sent information?

Yes- 4 No-0

If you stayed at the Hilton Anchorage how were your accommodations?

- Did not stay
- Did not stay this year. Will definitely consider staying at the Hilton next year during event.
- Fabulous even though I didn't get a Junior suite, the rooms are nice.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey, as it helps the conference committee plan for future conferences. Any additional comments?

- Accolades to Christie and Cecilia and the AAEEYC Committee for another splendid conference!
- Dinners on me next time I come to town.

#### Conference Dates from Year's Past & theme

February 6-8, 2020	One, Two, Buckle My Shoe..... Three, Four, Let's Explore!
February 6-9, 2019	The Power of Play: Building for the Future
January 25-27, 2018 37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	Big or Small, Success for ALL: Supporting the Leaders of Tomorrow
January 25-28, 2017	Best Practices in the Face of Change
January 27-30, 2016	Our Children, Our Families, Our Communities: Building Resiliency
January 28-31, 2015	Reaching Potential Together: Join in the Journey
February 5-8, 2014	Building Healthy Brains & Bodies
January 31-February 2, 2013	Planning for Play: The Optimal Way to Learn
February 2-4, 2012	Strengthening Relationships: children, families, communities, educators
February 3-5, 2011	Treasures of the Heart
February 4-6, 2010	Changing Alaska: One Child at a Time
January 22-24, 2009	Partnering for Success
January 31-February 2, 2008	No theme
January 25-27, 2007	Building the Next Generation: Today
January 26-28, 2006 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	Silver Thread & Golden Needles: 25 Years and Beyond
January 20-22, 2005	Serving as a Voice for Young Children
January 22-24, 2004	No theme
January 30-February 1, 2003	Many Worlds of Childhood
January 24-26, 2002	Many Worlds of Childhood
January 18-20, 2001	Many Worlds of Childhood
January 20-22, 2000	Many Worlds of Childhood
1999- No conference as we went from Oct to Jan Conf	
November 5-7, 1998	Many Worlds of Childhood
October 30-November 1, 1997	Many Worlds of Childhood
October 24-26, 1996	Many Worlds of Childhood
October 26-28, 1995	Many Worlds of Childhood
October 20-22, 1994	Many Worlds of Childhood
October 21-23, 1993	Many Worlds of Childhood
October 22-24, 1992	Play to Learn: Learn to Play
October 24-26, 1991	Many Worlds of Childhood
October 11-13, 1990	Playdough, Pencils & Politics
April 6-8, 1989	Alaska's Children: Our Future
April 7-9, 1988	Alaska's Children: Our Bridge to the Future
April 10-11, 1987	Alaska's Children: Reaching New Heights