

# *Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children*

## ***One, Two, Buckle My Shoe... Three, Four, Let's EXPLORE!***



**39th Annual  
Early Childhood Conference  
February 6-8, 2020  
Hilton Anchorage Hotel**



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**Conference Registration  
& Information**

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## 2020 Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, February 5, 2020

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Registration         |
| 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Volunteer/Host Class |

### Thursday, February 6, 2020

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.   | Registration                                                                                                             |
| 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.   | Visit the Exhibitors                                                                                                     |
| 8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.   | General Session & Keynote: Dr. Hilary Seitz<br>The Journey to Become a Culturally<br>Responsive Early Childhood Educator |
| 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 &<br>Registration - \$79 Additional Class Fee                                          |

### Friday, February 7, 2020

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.   | Registration                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.   | Visit the Exhibitors                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.   | General Session & Keynote:<br>Dr. Rebecca Isbell<br>The Challenge of the 21st Century:<br>Nurturing Young Children to be Creative<br>Communicators, Collaborators, & Critical<br>Thinkers |
| 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 AAEEYC<br>Additional Charge TBA                                                                                                                                            |
| 6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.   | Continuing Education Class Wrap Up                                                                                                                                                        |
| 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.   | A Night at the Anchorage Museum<br>No Additional Charge                                                                                                                                   |

### Saturday, February 8, 2020

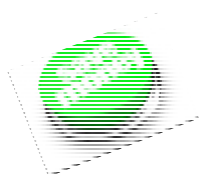
**New Schedule!**

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| 7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.   | Registration                                                                                     |
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| 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.   | Visit the Exhibitors                                                                             |
| 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  | Seminar Session                                                                                  |
| 10:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. | Workshop Session                                                                                 |
| 12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m.  | Lunch on site                                                                                    |
| 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.   | Seminar Session                                                                                  |
| 3:45 p.m.—5:15 p.m.   | Closing Keynote: Dr. Rebecca Isbell<br>The Story Behind the Humor: Smile, Laugh<br>and Be Happy! |

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OF THESE  
SAVINGS BY  
JOINING  
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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 DAYS		2 DAYS		1 DAY	
	AAEYC Member*	Non-member	AAEYC Member*	Non-member	AAEYC Member*	Non-member
Early Bird-deadline 12/31/19	\$ 265.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.00
Pre-Registration—deadline 1/24/20	\$ 300.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 221.00
Regular—After 1/24/20 & 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 AEYC 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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## Conference Highlights

# Featured Speakers

### Thursday



**Dr. Hilary Seitz** Dr. Hilary Seitz is a passionate early childhood educator, an advocate for young children and their families - and an Alaskan. She has been a professor of Early Childhood, at the University of Alaska Anchorage since January

of 2003. She came with 17 years of early childhood teaching experience from infant/toddler/preschool classrooms, public Pre-K and primary grades. Her research foci have been in early literacy development, collaborative practices between families and schools including culturally responsive pedagogies, emergent curriculum development, documentation and authentic assessment, and social constructivist learning theories inspired by Reggio Emilia practices. She is currently working on projects related to the superpower of creativity and how to integrate arts and cultural values into the classroom. In her free time, she loves to read (novels), hike around Alaska, crochet, play cribbage, walk her dogs and spend time with her family at her cabin in Willow, Alaska.

Dr. Seitz will be presenting:

Thursday, February 6th

- 8:30-9:30 Keynote: The Journey to Become a Culturally Responsive Early Childhood Educator
- 9:45-11:45 Explore How the Reggio Emilia Philosophy Connects with Culturally Responsive Teaching
- 1:30-3:00 Culturally Responsive Relationship Building!  
(This presentation is presented by Dr. Seitz and students: Kelsey Hernandez, Marissa Ridgley & Tess Agimuk.)

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### Friday & Saturday

**Dr. Rebecca Isbell** is an inspiring speaker, prolific writer, and experienced consultant in Early Childhood Education. She served as the Director of the Center of Excellence in Early Childhood Learning and Development and Professor of Early Childhood Education at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN where she was honored as an



"Outstanding Teacher." She is the author of Creativity and the Arts with Young Children (3rd edition), a textbook used in early childhood classes nationwide. Other bestselling books include: The Complete Book of Learning Centers (Revised) and Real Classroom Makeovers. Her most recent book, released in the fall, is Nurturing Creativity: An Essential Mindset for Young Children's Learning, published by NAEYC.

Dr. Isbell has many years of varied experiences in the field of EC including: teacher of young children (2-8 years old), director of a laboratory school, music teacher (k-5 grade), coordinator of gifted/talented, early childhood program chair, supervisor of EC student teachers, professor, and developer of BA, MA, MS, and PhD academic programs at the state university. These experiences has provided her with many incredible stories that she uses in her presentations to demonstrate the amazing capabilities of young children and the wonderful work of the dedicated people who interact with them each day. She is an editorial consultant for NAEYC and on the governing board for ACEI. In addition, she has worked extensively with supervisors, directors, and teachers helping them make changes in their classrooms and programs to insure that both children and teachers have the best environments in which to nurture development. Visit her website at [www.drissbell.com](http://www.drissbell.com)

Dr. Isbell will be presenting:

Friday, February 7th

- 8:00-9:30 Keynote: The Challenge of the 21st Century: Nurturing YC to be Creative Communicators, Collaborators, & Critical Thinkers
- 9:45-11:45 The Critical Period of Language Development: Exploring the Window of Opportunity

Saturday, February 8th

- 1:30-3:30 The Power of Play: The Essential Element of Young Children's Learning
- 3:45-5:15 Closing Keynote: The Story Behind the Humor: Smile, Laugh & Be Happy!

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### Guest Speakers



**Cathy Cole** began her career as a preschool teacher and had the opportunity to work with infants, toddlers, and school-age children in private programs and in Head Start, Migrant Head Start, and California State Preschool programs. Cathy became a Head Start Delegate Director, a Head Start Grantee Interim Director, a National Head Start Consultant, and a Head Start Federal Reviewer. She is a certified facilitator for Dr. Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and 4 Roles of Leadership.

Cathy will be presenting all three days of the conference.



**Chonda Walden MS, CHES,** External Specialists Engagement Manager, Council for Professional Recognition, will be presenting two sessions each day of the conference.

#### Session 1:

In celebration of the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CDA Credential, this session will feature the Council's innovative approach and use of technology to create a more inclusive community supporting CDA Candidates and career pathways.

#### Session 2:

This session will provide an in-depth overview of the eligibility requirements, roles and responsibilities, application process in becoming a CDA PD Specialist™.



**Jessica Peters** Some people are born to be educators—and there is no doubt that Jessica Peters is one of those people. With over 20 years of experience in early childhood, Jessica's passion is to improve practices that impact teachers, administrators, and most of all, children and their families. This passion has fueled Jessica's involvement on research projects focused on self-regulation development and the effectiveness of the on-sit coaching she has provided to numerous teachers.

Jessica leads participants through professional opportunities that model fundamental best practices—such as promoting hands-on practice, initiating high levels of child engagement and making outcome-driven evidence-based choices in the classroom. Throughout, she highlights those skills that translate professional development concepts into concrete practices.

Dedicated to ensuring that children have a strong foundation for lifelong success learning and development, Jessica has both a B.A. and an M.A. in Education and is certified in CLASS (PK/Toddler/Infant). Jessica draws on experience in Special Education, teaching, coaching and leadership when reminding teachers of the impact they have on children.

Jessica will be presenting:

Friday, February 7, 2020

9:45-11:45am Toxic Stress and it's Impact on Brain Development  
1:30 – 3:00pm Developing Self-Regulation Skills Through Play

Saturday, February 8, 2020

10:45-12:15 Developing Self-Regulation Skills Through Play  
1:30-3:30 Toxic Stress and it's Impact on Brain Development

## 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.

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# Registration & General Conference Information

## Register Early & Save



Register online at [www.anchorageaeyc.org](http://www.anchorageaeyc.org) by December 31, 2019 and save. If you miss the early bird deadline, you may pay the pre-registration fee until January 24th. Otherwise, you may register at the regular rate of the conference.

## Conference Date & Location

The conference will take place **February 6-8, 2020** 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, 2020. 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 17th 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.
- Valet Parking during the conference hours will be \$14 per day or \$22 per day if staying overnight at Hilton.

### 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 \$22.00 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 2019-20

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, upscale 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 16, 2020.

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

Register online at:  
[https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ANCAHHE-AEYC-20200201/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ANCAHHE-AEYC-20200201/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

### Breakfast

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

### Lunch

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

### Special Needs

Please contact Anchorage AEYC should you require any special assistance. Request must be made by January 10, 2020. Call 907-696-5884 or Email: [anchorageaeyc@mtaonline.net](mailto:anchorageaeyc@mtaonline.net) or with your request.

**Parking:** Overnight Valet for Hotel Guests is available for \$22.00 per day. Valet parking during conference hours is available for \$14 per day.

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## Continuing Education Class ECD A 591 101: AAEYC Conference 2020 1 credit

University of Alaska announces a Continuing Education Credit Class: AAEYC Conference 2020

Where: Prince William Board Room  
When: February 6-8, 2020  
Cost: \$79.00 in addition to Conference registration fee

### Course Requirements:

1. Attend face to face meeting on Thursday, February 6th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm
  - A. Administrative – Register and pay for course (\$79)
  - B. Introductions
  - C. Explanation of course requirements
2. Attend face to face meeting on Friday, February 7th from 5:00 – 6:30 pm
  - A. Reflection – Share, show and tell
3. 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)

4. Write a brief summary of each session attended, to include key notes
5. Write an in-depth summary of one session that is at least one page in length and includes:
  - A. The key message(s) you took from the session
  - B. Relate how the Alaska Early Learning Guidelines fits with the content of the session.
  - C. At least one idea that stood out to you from the session and how you can apply it to your program
  - D. 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 6th.

On-site Registration will be at the Thursday Evening Class Session or you may register online. For additional information, e-mail Tamora at [tharding@threadalaska.org](mailto:tharding@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).

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## 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, Wednesday, 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 31st in order to receive the discounted rate.

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

## Special Events in 2020

### Come Join the Fun! Friday Night "Night at the Museum with Early Childhood Professionals"

It's fun! It's Free!

Join Anchorage AEYC  
Friday, February 8th 6:00-9:00 pm  
Cost: FREE

Enjoy a free night at the Anchorage Museum.  
Visit the children's museum, open galleries, after-hours programming, live music and more.

Visit the Anchorage AEYC Booth, the Molly of Denali exhibit, Alaska Public Media and more in the Atrium area.

Bring your family! Invite your friends too!  
You do not have to be  
registered for the conference to attend!



### NAEYC Members Only 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)

### Closing Session

Saturday 3:45-5:15

Join Anchorage AEYC for an afternoon of celebration and fun!  
Keynote: The Story Behind the Humor: Smile, Laugh & Be Happy! Dr. Rebecca Isbell





## 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 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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