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40th Annual Early Childhood Conference

September 29 - October 1, 2022

Hilton Anchorage Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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2022 Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 29, 2022 *New Schedule!*

9 a.m.—7:00 p.m.	Registration
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Seminar Session
3:45 p.m. -4:45 p.m.	* Credit Class Welcome & Overview of Syllabus Cook Inlet Room

* NOTE: The Credit Class and Continuing Education Credit Class both have an additional cost in addition to Conference registration fee. Registration is paid directly to UAA via your UAOnline account. Scholarships Available

3:45 p.m. -4:45 p.m.	* Continuing Education Credit Class Prince William Room
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	Opening Ceremony, Keynote & Social Event What We Give Them Today, They Will Keep Forever Keynote by Music with Mar
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Friday, September 30, 2022

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: The Real Truth About Sticks & Stones: Boosting Our Self-Leadership Skills & Re- charging Our Batteries to Grow & Adapt to Change Michael Brandwein
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.-6:30 p.m.	Continuing Education Class Wrap Up Prince William Sound Room

Saturday, October 1, 2022

7:30 a.m.—2:00 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: What's Right with You? Holly Elissa Bruno
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.—6:00 p.m.	Credit Class Wrap Up Session Cook Inlet Room

WELCOME to the conference

Through the Years..... Celebrating Where We've Been, Where We Are, and Where We're Going!

Celebrating 40 years of bringing dynamic professional development, keynotes & featured speakers to Alaska.

Welcome Back!

It has been a long year without you all and The Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children Board (Anchorage AEYC) and Anchorage AEYC Conference Committee would like to welcome you to the 2022 Anchorage AEYC Conference, ***Through the Years...Celebrating Where We've Been, Where We Are and Where We're Going!*** This year's conference gives attendees the opportunity to network with colleagues, make new connections and come away with ideas, new approaches and reflections that will positively influence the work we do with young children.

Our Keynotes include the talented Maryann "Mar." Harman, Michael Brandwein and Holly Elissa Bruno. Each of these amazing individuals have come up for our conferences in the past, and now have blessed us with another opportunity to learn from them! Many thanks to Kaplan in helping us bring Dr. Laura Wilhelm to speak as well. As you attend their keynotes, workshops and the workshops of other amazing professionals, you are affirming your commitment to not only your professional growth and development but also to the communities that you serve.

The Silent Auction will be available during all three days of the conference with new items added daily. All proceeds go to Anchorage AEYC's Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is offered semi-annually 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 member who wish to attend an early childhood conference in Alaska or out of the state.

If you are an NAEYC member stop by the Membership Room during any day of the conference. We will have snacks and activities exclusively for members only. This is also a great time to get to know your Anchorage Board members, ask any questions you may have and learn how you can join the AAEYC board and committees and make a difference in our communities.

Our Thursday opening ceremony is one you will not want to miss! This session is free to everyone, and has dedicated time for some much-missed networking, refreshments and is just prior to our Anchorage AEYC Membership Meeting. At this meeting, you can meet the Board of Directors and learn how you can get involved and even win some door prizes. Directly following we will dive right into our first Keynote speaker by Music with Mar. (I hear there will be kazoo's!)

We are continually looking for ways to improve or hear what you liked most about the conference. We value this feedback and hope you will fill out the Conference Evaluation Questionnaire that will be sent to your email after we wrap up this year's event. We hope to make each conference one you reflect on with a smile and look forward to with excitement so please be sure to send your feedback!

Lastly, we want to thank all of the keynotes and workshop presenters for making this conference a memorable, motivating and educational event! A special thank you to the many behind the scenes individuals who have helped to make this event possible!

Happy 2022 Conference everyone!

Kayla Hayes

**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.

LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Ways attendees can help keep everyone safe:



Mask

Anchorage AEYC will provide all conference attendees with a mask. Disposable masks will also be available throughout the conference at the Registration Desk. While masks are no longer required, we encourage all participants to wear a mask if you wish.

Wash your hands!

Washing your hands thoroughly and often can help stop the spread of germs! Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the conference area.



Keep your distance!



It'll be exciting to see friends from all over the state. Say hi with air hugs, dance-offs, and silly waving hands all from a distance! There will be plenty of space in the ballroom/workshop rooms for you to keep your distance and keep your fellow conference attendees safe.

Not feeling well? Stay Home!



If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home. We will miss you! If you need to stay home because you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, we will be happy to substitute someone from your program/agency in your place.

Anchorage AEYC is committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for all of our attendees, exhibitors, and staff. Meeting rooms capacity has been cut to half to help spread attendees out, masks will be provided and we encourage distance and washing of hands. However, while vaccines, negative COVID tests, observance of safety protocols, and exercise of personal discipline may reduce risk, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 does remain in any public place where people are present.

Anchorage AEYC will continue to monitor and update safety precautions for our conference regularly and coordinate with trusted national resources, state and local public health agencies, and the venues hosting our event. Anchorage AEYC reserves the right to modify these policies and procedures at any time given the rapidly changing nature of the current global pandemic. Anchorage AEYC will provide updates as they are received.

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Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Education Scholarships



Ms. Lare'

The Anchorage AEYC Scholarships are offered twice a year to assist early childhood educators and providers who are pursuing a degree or certificate in Early Childhood in the state of Alaska as well as to providers who wish to attend any early childhood conference either in Alaska or out of state. Applications for the Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Education Scholarship are available now on the Anchorage AEYC website: www.anchorageaeyc.org

Funds from the Silent Auction support this scholarship. There will be items in the Silent Auction for you to bid on each day of the conference as well as items that are bid on until Saturday.

The Early Childhood Education Scholarship began in honor of the late Ms. Lare', a long time public policy advocate on behalf of young children, their families and the individuals who worked with them on a daily basis. She was a past Anchorage AEYC board president & member of the board of directors, member on many NAEYC committees, chair of the Anchorage AEYC conference committee, a mover and shaker for KidPack, sat on the Child Care Alliance committee and a strong supporter of Head Start.

Congratulations 2020- 2021 Scholarship Recipients

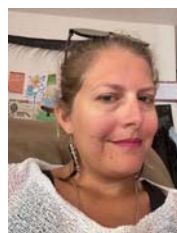


Jason Carrillo

As a recipient of the 2020 AAEYC Early Childhood Scholarship award I am fortunate to have completed my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education in Family

Studies and Curriculum from the University of Fairbanks. The scholarship award enabled me to move forward through the pandemic and focus on my career and college education. As a preschool teacher since 1997, I have been on a long journey to pursue a career in early education. In 2005, I completed my first credential in the field, CDA. My next level of education was from the University of Anchorage Alaska obtaining an A.A. in Early Childhood in 2011. My goal to complete a B.A. in ECE was accomplished in 2021 at the University of Fairbanks Alaska.

After more than twenty wonderful years as a preschool teacher, I am currently the Education Supervisor at Cook Inlet Native Head Start where I have been a dedicated preschool teacher with this agency since 2005. I will continue to remain committed to supporting children and families as well as continuing to guide other dedicated individuals in the field who share the same passion as I do. I would like to thank the AAEYC committee and the scholarship committee for allowing me to reach my academic goals and continue to evolve in the ECE field.



Kaili Brewington

Hi my name is Kaili Brewington. I was awarded a scholarship from Anchorage AEYC in 2021. I am very thankful for receiving this scholarship as it is helping me finish my goal of earning a bachelor's degree in early childhood. I have been

working towards this goal since August of 2015, attending part time until this year when I finally was able to go fulltime! Last spring I graduated with my Associates in Early Child Development and received my Occupational Endorsement Certificates (OEC) in infant and toddler development from University of Alaska, Anchorage. In December of 2023 I will have my bachelor's in Early Childhood Education. I want to thank Anchorage AEYC for awarding me this scholarship as well as my teachers from UAA who wrote me letters of recommendation and believe in me. Most of all I would like to thank my husband Devin and my daughter Lita who keep encouraging me to get my degree. It is not easy having classes since it takes away from my time with my family but it will all be worth it when it's completed.

The Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Scholarship applications are due: May 30th & November 30th

Selection criteria includes: Successful completion of the application, transcripts, resume, two letters of recommendation, interview, and current membership in Anchorage AEYC.

The Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Scholarship can be downloaded from the Anchorage AEYC website:

www.anchorageaeyc.org



Please remember to wear your AAEYC Conference name badge!

It's Your Ticket for Lunch on Saturday and lets the Hilton Security know that you're part of our conference.

Conference Highlights

Featured Keynotes & Speakers

Thursday-Friday -Saturday



Maryann "Mar." Harman

Maryann "Mar." Harman is a music educator with a Bachelor's Degree in Music and a Master's in Education, with an emphasis in Early Childhood and is certified Level 1 Orff. These degrees

contribute to her ability to write songs that are musically and educationally sound for children as well as fun and easy to use for teachers and parents. She is the founder of the internationally-enjoyed Music with Mar. Brain Research Based program, Music with Mar. International (Beijing, China) and hosted BAM! Radio Music and Learning Channel. Mar. has written songs for Dr. Becky Bailey's "I Love You Rituals", Kaplans LED Program and has won a John Lennon Songwriters Award. She completed a 12 hour certification in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Mar. has also done a TEDx Talk titled "Building Brains with Music". She is a sought after speaker for her knowledge, passion and entertaining delivery.

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Friday & Saturday



Holly Elissa Bruno

Holly Elissa Bruno, MA, JD, bestselling, award-winning author, and international keynoter, served as Maine's Assistant Attorney General and University of

Maine-Augusta's Academic Dean where she was selected as Outstanding Professor.

With expertise in emotionally intelligent leadership, managing legal risks, and leadership in traumatic times, her 6th book, *Happiness is running through the streets to find you: Translating trauma's harsh legacy into healing* (Exchange Press, 2020) sold out immediately.

Join Holly Elissa's Mondays (3 pm EST, 8 pm London) live streaming on trauma and recovery, via Active Childhood UK Facebook page.

To "recovering attorney" Holly Elissa, life is too short to anything but enjoy it daily.

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Friday & Saturday



Dr. Laura Wilhelm

As the Vice President for Professional Learning at Kaplan, Laura draws on decades of experience teaching young children and early childhood professionals. Starting with toddlers in the 1980s, then pre-k-third grade in urban and suburban schools, and then as a university lab school director. Earning her doctorate in ECE Curriculum and Instruction in 1999, she has taught preservice teachers and graduate students as a program director and professor of early childhood education and child development. She served as a national validator for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and a site visitor for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Programs (CAEP). She enjoys planning professional development, speaking at conferences, leading study tours and visiting early education programs around

the world, and being home with her family: husband Mike, two teens now driving, four rescued cats, and one massive dog. She the author of three books with Gryphon House.

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Conference Highlights

Featured Keynote & Speaker

Friday & Saturday



Michael Brandwein

Michael Brandwein has a truly international reputation as an expert in education, management, parent training, and youth development. He has presented in every one of the 50 states in the U.S. and on 6 of the 7 continents. He is a nationally award-winning speaker and a frequent national and state keynoter, known best for his entertaining, energetic, and creative style, and his focus on original, practical, use-it-immediately tools and techniques. Michael has written six consecutive best-selling books on leading and training adults to work with young people, including his latest, *Growing Great Qualities in Kids: The L.A.S.E.R.B.E.A.M. Technique for Bringing Out the Best in Young People*. He wrote and presented three Emmy® award-winning television programs called *Parenting Puzzle* on developing great children that have been broadcast on PBS stations throughout the U.S. Michael wrote and hosted a live presentation with Jim Henson's Muppets for HBO to encourage young people to read. He has trained directors and staff of many different organizations and businesses from AEYC to Head Start, and his national work includes Smart Start, Child Welfare League of America, the National Staff Development Council, and the National PTA. Michael's Juris Doctor Degree is from the University of Chicago and his B.A. from the University of Illinois is in Communication, where he graduated as a Bronze Tablet Scholar, the highest academic distinction awarded by the University. Adding to the creativity of his presentations, Michael is a graduate of the famed Second City Improvisation Theater School in Chicago and has been a professional magician for over 40 years. Michael lives in the Chicago area with his wife Donna, a nationally certified sign language interpreter, and they have two sons, Dave and Benjamin, who are both educators—one in music, the other in special education and diverse learning.

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Visit the Dillingham Room to learn how you can become involved in Anchorage AEYC.

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Learn more about membership and how to become a member. Visit: www.naeyc.org



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Anchorage AEYC is looking for our next wave of leaders to serve on the Anchorage AEYC Board of Directors. Are you or do you know an Early Childhood Educator, student, young professional, or parent who would like to join our board? We are currently searching for dedicated and passionate individuals to advocate for young children and their families in Alaska.

Anchorage AEYC's election process allows members to nominate another member or self-nominate for any officer position that is open for election.

The positions open for election for the 2023-24 election are:

* Treasurer

* Professional Development

* Program Quality: Outreach, Support & Accreditation

If you are interested or know someone who might be please visit the Dillingham Room or stop by the Anchorage AEYC Exhibit Table and let a current board member know! We look forward to talking with you!

Questions ?

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General Conference Information

General Sessions

All General Sessions will be in the Aleutian/Alaska Ballrooms.

Official Conference Badge/Nametag

Please wear your conference badge at all times, not only as a courtesy to other attendees but also as an indicator that you are registered. Badges must be worn to grant access to sessions and for lunches.

Meals

A breakfast snack with coffee is available Friday & Saturday 7:30-8:00 am. Lunch on Saturday is included in your conference registration. Your nametag is your ticket for Saturday's lunch.

The Anchorage AEYC Early Childhood Conference strives to:

- ★ Provide educational opportunities and resources to those who work with and on behalf of young children and families.
- ★ Promote inclusive attitudes and practices and to support awareness of diversity issues.
- ★ Support partnerships, networking and collaboration between educators, families, providers, schools, agencies and the community.
- ★ Provide an engaging high quality learning experience with sessions designed for professionals who are emerging; established and experienced.

Program Changes

Workshop changes and cancellations will be posted at the Registration Table. Please check for updates throughout the conference. While we make every effort to minimize these changes, they are unavoidable, and we ask for your understanding.



Emergency/Safety

Should an emergency arise during the course of the conference, we will utilize the approved plan in place at the Hilton Anchorage for security, evacuation and medical purposes.

Conference Tracks

Conference tracks have been identified to assist you in identifying sessions most pertinent to your professional needs or work. Sessions are categorized by their most dominant theme and tracks are organized around the ten standards for quality programs as identified by NAEYC.

They include:

- Relationships
- Curriculum
- Teaching
- Assessment
- Nutrition and Health
- Teaching Staff
- Family Relationships
- Community Relationships & Collaborations
- Physical Environment
- Management

Workshop Titles & Descriptions

Workshop titles & descriptions are written by the workshop presenters. Therefore, they should reflect the content of the session.

While Anchorage AEYC entertains and accepts differences of opinion, we do not necessarily endorse the products or views expressed by speakers. Anchorage AEYC urges conferees to contact individual exhibitors and/or presenters about any concerns and objections they may have about products, services, or practices. The Association also encourages that conferees extend their compliments to presenters/and or exhibitors whom they feel have provided a product or presentation of exceptional quality.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap, unlawfully be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any activities performed pursuant to the conference or as an Anchorage AEYC member.

Parking

Parking is limited downtown.



Hotel Parking

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

Overflow Parking

Lot 12 located at the corner of E St. and 3rd 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.

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

Workshop Capacity

Facility Capacity

Due to Covid-19 we have set up all meeting rooms at half their capacity. We offer a large selection of workshops with plenty of seating during each time slot. Seating for all sessions is on a first come, first serve basis. Seating may be limited due to the desire of the presenter, content of the session and size of the room. Because of this, we suggest selecting two or three workshops per session in the event your first choice is full.

Workshop Volunteers/Host will monitor seating capacity and deny entrance once a room reaches maximum capacity.

Please honor the Closed Session signs. In compliance with fire code regulations set forth by the Municipality of Anchorage, overflow seating on the floor or in the aisles of meeting rooms or hallways is not permitted. Remember this is for your safety as well as everyone else. We apologize for any lost opportunity.

General Conference Information

Conference Etiquette

With an average of 500 attendees, a successful Anchorage AEYC Annual Conference requires that we extend professionalism and courtesy to one another. The following tips may make for a more pleasant learning environment for all:

- Use this Program to plan your schedule.
- Select an alternate in the event of session being at capacity or a cancellation. Conference Volunteers must close a workshop when all chairs are occupied (full capacity) to conform to fire code regulations.
- Arrive early, but do not block other participants exiting a meeting room.
- Participants are encouraged to share materials (especially folks from the same program) and to refrain from taking more than one copy of handouts (even of the best ideas!).
- Turn off or silence all cell phones.
- If it is necessary to leave a session early, or arrive late, make the interruption as non disruptive as possible.
- It's wonderful to catch up with our colleagues but please not while speakers are addressing the group. Others are trying to hear what is being said.
- We know that infants may need to stay close to their mothers. If your baby becomes inconsolable, we ask you to respect the needs of others and to go to a quiet area to relax until your infant is settled.
- Bring business cards for networking and requesting materials from presenters.
- Extend to others the courtesy you would like to experience.

Dress Code

Temperatures will vary greatly from room to room. No matter what, meeting rooms are always too cold for some and too warm for others. You are strongly encouraged to dress comfortably and in layers to accommodate the sometimes fluctuating facility temperature and your personal thermostats.

Electronic Devices

In order to provide a positive learning environment for participants and as a courtesy to speakers, all cellular and paging devices will need to be set on the silent mode or turned off during the conference.



University of Alaska announces two classes this year! A Continuing Education Credit Class and a credit class!

Please note: There is an additional fee for both of these classes. All registration is online and you will register via your UAOnline account. Register NOW for these classes!

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Where: Prince William Board Room

When: September 29-October 1, 2022

Questions: For additional information, e-mail Jessica at jsimonsen@threadalaska.org

Course Requirements:

1. Attend face to face meeting on Thursday, September 29th from 3:45-4:45 pm
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Explanation of course requirements
2. Attend face to face meeting on Friday, September 30th 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.

Alaska Early Learning Guidelines can be found at: www.eed.state.ak.us/publications/EarlyLearningGuidelines.pdf

Credit Class

Where: Cook Inlet Board Room

When: September 29-October 1, 2022

Questions: Contact Dr. Hilary Seitz at hjseitz@uaa.alaska.edu for additional class requirements.

Credit Course Disclaimer


Conference registration does NOT include credit courses. The credit course registration fee must be paid online at your UAOnline account or call for student enrollment assistance (Sally or Katie) at 786-1934 or toll-free 1-888-828-8974.

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Certificates of Participation

Each conference attendee has a Certificate of Participation in their conference folder. Credit for attending is granted through the issuance of session stickers (labels). At the conclusion of each session you attend, the presenter (or volunteer) will give you a label. You will need to place this label in the corresponding box on your Certificate of Participation. This certificate becomes your proof of attendance as no other documentation will be provided.

  **TR, PDR & SEED Information**
Please visit www.seedalaska.org for TR, PDR, and SEED Registry applications and follow instructions carefully.

 Denotes presentations that have been pre-approved by the Alaska System for Early Education Development (Alaska SEED).



Conference Evaluation Questionnaire

Help us plan for the next conference!

Check your email's next week for the 2022 AAEYC Conference Evaluation.

Your Opinion Matters!

Thursday, September 29, 2022

AGENDA IN DETAIL

9:00-5:00	REGISTRATION/CHECK IN/INFORMATION DESK OPEN	Promenade
1:30-3:30	WORKSHOP SESSIONS	
3:45-4:45	CREDIT CLASS WELCOME & OVERVIEW OF SYLLABUS	Cook Inlet
	* NOTE: The Credit Class has an additional cost in addition to Conference registration fee. Registration is paid directly to UAA via your UAOnline account. Scholarships Available	
3:45-4:45	CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT CLASS	Prince William
	* NOTE: The Continuing Education Credit Class has an additional cost in addition to Conference registration fee. Registration is paid directly to UAA via your UAOnline account.	
5:00-8:00	OPENING CEREMONY, KEYNOTE & SOCIAL EVENT	Aleutian

Everyone WELCOME! Free to conference attendees and cost of 2 non-perishable canned goods if not attending conference.

5:00-6:15 Social Hour—Meet & Greet, Food, Door Prizes

6:15-6:30 Anchorage AEYC Membership Meeting

6:45-8:00 KEYNOTE: Music with Mar. "What We Give Them Today, They Will Keep Forever"

There is an awesome responsibility we assume when we become early childhood professionals. What we provide in childhood are tools children will use in adulthood. Learn how to teach skills such as a healthy attitude, strong value system, communication abilities, acceptance of self and others, ability to laugh and other basic skills needed in life. Who we are going to be, our value system, our morality, is all place by the age of 6 or 7. Children will remember what we teach them, intentionally and unintentionally. Be mindful of what you do with children. If we give them the belief in their abilities, they will be able. If we remember to give children our hearts, they will use their hearts. If we give them love, they will love. Our tomorrow's will be brighter if we treat our children well today. Make the time you spend with them be valuable, enhancing them cognitively, physically and emotionally because they will keep it forever.

Thursday: Sessions at a Glance

NAEYC STANDARD	LEVEL	AGE GROUP	WORKSHOP TITLE & DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER(S)	CAPACITY	ROOM
Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:00-3:30						
			Meeting: The Alaska Alliance for Healthy Kids ECE Work Group	Diane Peck, ECE Coordinator/Registered Dietitian, AK DHSS Physical Activity & Nutrition, Anchorage, Alaska Diane.peck@alaska.gov	20	Fireweed
Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:30-3:30						
Health,	Beginning/ Emerging	3-5, 5-8	Let's Get Moving Learn 20 different yoga, dance and movement activities for your classroom or childcare. Discover simple ways to encourage self expression, problem solving, teamwork and creative thinking while working on balance, coordination, listening skills, concentration and spatial awareness. Explore creative ways to teach basic science, math, early literacy skills and social emotional learning through dance, movement and yoga.	Jamaica Stevens, Founder & CEO, JAMaROO Kids, San Anselmo, California jamarookids@gmail.com	100	Denali
Curriculum	Beginning/ Emerging	3-5	Love of Literacy—Bringing Books to Life <u>ZOOM Session</u> This training will inspire a love of literacy in children by equipping early childhood educators and parents with the tools to bring classic children's books to life through an event called Book Days: an event combining a theatrical experience with themed activities. The characters and plots are lifted off the pages and create physical elements that the children experience through multiple senses.	Kassi Kincaid, Program Director, Book Days, Round Rock, Texas kassi@bookdays.org	42	King Salmon/ Katmai

Thursday: Sessions at a Glance

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Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:30-3:30						
Teaching	Beginning/ Emerging	School-Age (K/Grade 3)	Connecting Phonemic Awareness, Explicit Phonics, and Encoding for Literacy Success Paul Black, a School Psychologist, will walk you through The Science of Reading and Structured Literacy. This presentation is designed for K-12 teachers in general education and intervention settings who are mitigating students' learning loss due to COVID-19 disruptions, particularly in literacy. During the first hour, attendees will again a greater understanding of Structured Literacy, and MTSS. The second hour will focus on classroom instructional strategies and best practices to significantly improve reading proficiency across grade levels.	Paul Black, Education Specialist, Reading Horizons, Kaysville, Utah paul.black@readinghorizons.com	24	Iliamna
Community Relations	All	Across Levels	Kenkiyaraq in Pregnancy and Birth A teachers perspective on breaking down bias to best support students needs in conjunction with a Yup'ik Elder's knowledge on Alaska Native culture. Attendees will be challenged to think about how they were raised and what that means for their attitudes and perspectives they bring to their classrooms. The Yup'ik Elder portion will introduce a possibly different perspective than what attendees are used to and illustrate where some of our Alaska Native students and families might be coming from. The talk will explore a new perspective to compare to others upbringings. This would be an open format that encourages attendees to share their backgrounds and attitudes to compare to what is being shared through the Kenkiyaraq in Pregnancy and Birth portion of the presentation. This session is repeated on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3:15-4:45, in the Iliamna Room.	Whitney Street, Developmental Therapist, PIC, Anchorage, Alaska wstreet@picak.org Julia Street, Elder Knowledge, Anchorage, Alaska juliastreet2@gmail.com	42	Aspen/ Spruce
Curriculum	Intermediate/ Established	Across Levels	STEAM Design Challenge—FUN, INTERACTIVE, CURRICULUM Are you a maker? Are you a tinkerer? Do you enjoy solving problems with others? Join us for a STEAM Design Challenge. We will integrate science, technology, engineering, art, & math in a fun way!	Hilary Seitz, Professor, UAA, Anchorage, Alaska hjseitz@alaska.edu Kaili Brewington, Student, UAA Chugiak, Alaska Kbrewington1@hotmail.com	42	Birch/ Willow
Families	Beginning Emerging	Across Levels	Boredom Busters This workshop focuses on household/everyday items families can use to make games, toys, art, and STEAM projects together. You will be able to make different items to take with you with instructions on many other projects.	Linda Duke, Family Educator, CCS Early Learning Program, Palmer, Alaska lduke@ccsalaska.org	20	Lupine

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Thursday, 5:00-8:00 pm

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7:00-8:00

Social Event, Food, Door Prizes

Anchorage AEYC Meeting

Introduction of Guest Speaker—Maryann "Mar." Harman

Keynote: What We Give Them Today, They Will Keep Forever!





April 1-7, 2023

The Week of the Young Child
is an annual celebration hosted by the

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).
The purpose of WOYC is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.



Music Monday! April 3, 2023

Sing, dance, celebrate, and learn

When children sing, dance, and listen to music, they develop their language and early literacy skills while being active and encouraging movement. Make up and record your own unique version of a song, or write your own and share it on NAEYC's Facebook page or post to Twitter using the hashtag #woyc20.

Try this: Find the beat to connect music, movement and math. Practice clapping, drumming, or stomping to the beat of the music while counting.



Tasty Tuesday April 4, 2023

Healthy eating and fitness at home and school

This fun, food-themed day is more than just cheese and crackers. Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more. With the rise in childhood obesity, you can encourage healthy nutrition and fitness habits at home and in the classroom. Create your own healthy snacks and share the recipes and photos of your creations on NAEYC's Facebook page or post to Twitter using the hashtag #woyc20.

Try this: Measure your ingredients while making your snacks! Ask children if they'd like the same or different amount of each ingredient.



Work Together Wednesday April 5, 2023

Work together, build together, learn together

When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. Children can use any building materials — from a fort of branches on the playground to a block city in the classroom, or a hideaway made from couch pillows at home. Build and share pictures of children's creations on NAEYC's Facebook page or post to Twitter using the hashtag #woyc20.

Try this: Practice organizing blocks by size! Try building a block tower with large blocks on the bottom and little blocks on top!



Artsy Thursday April 6, 2023

Think, problem solve, create

Children develop creativity, social skills and fine muscles with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations and create with their hands. On Artsy Thursday celebrate the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making. Use any materials—from crayons to paint, clay to crafts! Create and share photos of your children's creations on NAEYC's Facebook page or post to Twitter using the hashtag #woyc20.

Try this: Bring art outdoors! Offer dark and light paper, chalk and pastels, and suggest children create their own versions of the day and night sky.



Family Friday April 7, 2023

Sharing family stories

Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. NAEYC applauds family members' role as young children's first and most important teachers. Share pictures and stories about your family on NAEYC's Facebook page or post to Twitter using the hashtag #woyc20 as we celebrate the unique role families play in their children's learning and development.

Try this: Invite parents for a Family Friday breakfast, where children can prepare and share breakfast treats with their families!

Conference Events **JOIN THE FUN**

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Dillingham Room—Friday & Saturday

NAEYC members—their very own member lounge! Members are able to learn what's new in NAEYC membership, grab snacks, have access to special giveaways, sit in a quiet environment, work on a jigsaw puzzle and/or chat with Anchorage AEYC Board & Committee Members.

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In Remembrance Cindy Martindale



Cindy Martindale, former Anchorage AEYC President (1989-90), and a life member of NAEYC passed away July 20, 2022. She also served as Treasurer of the organization.

Cindy moved to Alaska in 1984 after receiving a Masters in Early Childhood Education from the State University of New York at Cortland. She taught at several early childhood facilities before beginning her 25 years of teaching for the Anchorage School District in 1986. She was a caring, wise and dedicated teacher. After retirement she volunteered in the district for several more years. Cindy inspired hundreds of early childhood teachers and thousands of children with her knowledge.

Post retirement, Cindy faced several health challenges, the primary of which was early onset dementia. In 2016, her family moved her to a memory facility in Tucson, AZ, where her oldest son and youngest

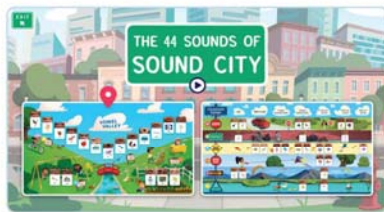
grandchildren lived.

Her last family visit included a daughter reading many children's books, and Cindy looking pleased at some of the selections. We're sure one of the books that brought a smile to Cindy's face was by Bill Martin, Jr. as he was one of her favorite authors. To see her read his book *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* was a real treat. Her home was a tribute to students she taught, with class pictures, curricula, book collections, school supplies and gifts from past students held in great esteem. She loved her students as her own and cared deeply about their educational needs. Cindy was an avid Yankees fan, enjoyed anything to do with baseball and drinking Coca-Cola.

She is survived by three siblings, five children, eleven grandchildren and hundreds of students.

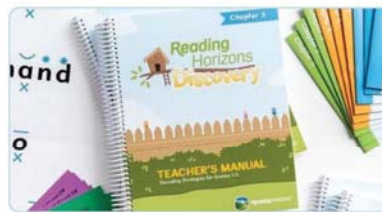
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Friday, September 30, 2022




AGENDA IN DETAIL

7:30-5:00	REGISTRATION/CHECK IN/INFORMATION DESK OPEN Promenade
7:30-2:55	SILENT AUCTION..... Lobby down from Registration Participate in the silent auction. Not only will you come away with terrific items, you will be giving someone else the opportunity to attend the conference in the future. Proceeds support Anchorage AEYC scholarships fund.
7:30-4:45	VISIT THE EXHIBITORS
7:00-8:00	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST Alaska
8:00-9:30	GENERAL SESSION Aleutian/Alaska KEYNOTE: Michael Brandwein "The Real Truth About Sticks & Stones: Boosting Our Self-Leadership Skills & Recharging Our Batteries to Grow & Adapt to Change" Superb leadership always begin with more expert leadership of ourselves. In this nationally acclaimed session given highest evaluations by educators, youth professionals, and others, Michael uses a highly engaging approach to present a practical, no-nonsense, no "touchy feely" set of tools to help us take a refreshing and often surprising look at the conclusions we've made about ourselves, why we believe them, and how they unconsciously hold us back by limiting our choices. It includes his "Reverse Engineering" two-step method to identify and expand successful tools to work effectively with others. Be more open to learning new things and keep growing professionally. Meet challenges with more flexibility and skill. Handle change in positive ways. You will be recharged and revitalize.
9:30-5:00	NAEYC/LOCAL ALASKA AFFILIATES MEMBER LOUNGE Dillingham For NAEYC members—their very own member lounge! Become a member now and join us! Members are able to grab a snack, relax & network, have access to special giveaways and speak with Anchorage AEYC board & conference members. Convince a friend to become a member and receive an extra door prize ticket!
9:45-11:45	SEMINAR SESSIONS
11:45-1:15	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1:30-3:00	WORKSHOP SESSIONS
3:15-4:45	WORKSHOP SESSIONS
5:00-6:30	CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT CLASS REFLECTION & WRAP UP..... Prince William Board Room

Friday: Sessions at a Glance

WORKSHOP TITLE & DESCRIPTION		PRESENTER(S)	CAPACITY	ROOM
Friday, September 30, 2022 9:45-11:45				
Featured Presentation  Michael Brandwein	GROWING GREAT QUALITIES IN KIDS: The L.A.S.E.R.B.E.A.M. Technique to Developing Outstanding Character, Social-Emotional Skills, & Bringing Out the Best in Young People Based on Michael's latest best-selling book, this exciting session demonstrates exactly what to say and do to develop outstanding character, social emotional skills, and life skills in young people. Saying "Be nice!" and "Show some respect!" doesn't work. Michael's warm, positive, highly acclaimed L.A.S.E.R.B.E.A.M. technique has been taught to hundreds of thousands of educators, youth professionals, parents, and other leaders throughout the world. No "theory." These are practical, hands-on skills you will use immediately and every day. This session teaches how to identify exactly what behaviors we want to develop in young people, and how to use positive communication and modeling to teach them. Develop outstanding behaviors that demonstrate great character traits and qualities such as persistence, teamwork, kindness, confidence, responsibility, respect, and other keys to success throughout life.	Michael Brandwein, Educator/Speaker/Author Lincolnshire, Illinois info@michaelbrandwein.com www.michaelbrandwein.com	200	Aleutian
Featured Presentation  Maryann "Mar." Harman Music with Mar.	Mindful Music (Self-Regulation Through Music) In order to develop into a well functioning adults, children must learn how to self regulate. How are you supposed to learn if you cannot self regulate? When too much focus is put on getting cognitive skills in too early, our little ones cannot learn and much of the knowledge we are putting out is not absorbed properly. It is through the ability to control our bodies that we learn to sit and listen as well as when to move and how to do so appropriately with awareness of those around us. Using a combination of music, movement, yoga and breathing techniques, this workshop shows ways to help children learn to control their bodies whether it be to energize, focus or calm.	Music with Mar., Maryann "Mar." Harman, Speaker/Song writer/TEDx Speaker, Palm Harbor, Florida, mar@musicwithmar.com www.musicwithmar.com	100	Denali

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Friday, September 30, 2022 9:45-11:45						
Featured Presentation Holly Elissa Bruno			Bounce-Back Strategies: Use Your Brain Capacities to Triumph Over Whatever Pushes Your Buttons Let's face it, some people know just how to push our buttons with great success. Do you know how to prevent those folk from even getting close to your buttons? Three essential neuroscience-informed steps along with practice thanks to case studies help us stay chill when pressure heats up.	Holly Elissa Bruno, Keynote/Author/Radio Host, Fitchburg, Maine www.hollyelissabruno.com	100	King Salmon/ Katmai/ Iliamna
Featured Presentation			The Stories that Shape Us: Equity, Diversity & Identity The stories we tell and the stories that children grow up listening to impact the developing sense of who they are. We undervalue our own experiences when we think our own stories aren't interesting enough to share or feel unsure of how to even define our cultural identity. In this session, we'll practice finding our unique voice while sharing the Hawaiian concept of Talk Stories, like 'visiting' from the Ozarks, with other early childhood professionals. We'll brainstorm ways we can use informal stories to strengthen the sense of community in our classrooms and centers by connecting in small ways each day with co-workers, children, and families. Then, we'll generate a list of favorite First Americans books and authors and other resources to make our classrooms more inclusive of all the families we serve by creating and sharing written stories.	Laura Wilhelm, Speaker/Author Vice President, Professional Learning Services, Kaplan Early Learning Company, Edmond, Oklahoma lwilhelm@kaplanco.com	42	Aspen/ Spruce
Relationships 	Across Levels	All	Cultural Responsive Practices, Part I This two-part, 4 hour workshop is designed to improve culturally responsive practices in early childhood settings in Alaska. This workshop will support educators, reflect, and improve their culturally responsive practices in order to identify areas of strengths and areas for continuous improvement. Some of the topics we will discuss include but are not limited to: explore how your own background and bias impact teaching practices; different types of diversity and representing diversity in the classroom; and how to incorporate diversity into your learning environments. We will utilize the Guidelines for Culturally-Responsive Reflective Practice in Birth through Five Settings, developed through a partnership between Cook Inlet Tribal Council/Care Swan Early Learning Center and the University of Alaska, Anchorage. This tool is also part of the points menu for programs working towards Learn & Grow levels 3,4, and 5. Part II of this session is offered on Saturday, October 1st, 9:45-11:45, in the Birch/Willow Rooms.	Caroll L Rodrigues, Bilingual Professional Development Specialist, thread, Anchorage, Alaska crodriguez@threadalaska.org	20	Fireweed

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Friday, September 30, 2022 1:30-3:00						
Featured Presentation	 <p>Michael Brandwein</p>		TERRIFIC TRAINING TECHNIQUES: Original, Powerful, & Practical Activities & Methods to Maximize Staff Development The best-selling author of training books for people who work with children will demonstrate creative, tested activities that you can plug into your current training right away. This session provides all the materials and methods you'll need to turbo charge your staff development. Keep training fresh, even for experienced folks who think they have "seen it all already." Increase attention and motivation and boost participatory learning. Provide active, immediate practice of the skills we want staff to use every day. Plus: how to make sure early childhood and other workers deeply understand our true mission goals and are motivated to meet them with their best work.	Michael Brandwein, Educator/Speaker/Author Lincolnshire, Illinois info@michaelbrandwein.com www.michaelbrandwein.com	200	Aleutian
			Who Says It Can't Be Fun? (PreK / K) If we want to create lifelong learners, we need to create a desire to learn. Send your children onto the next teacher feeling ready, not unsteady. These child-directed activities will teach your students to be their own teachers for the rest of their lives.	Music with Mar., Maryann "Mar." Harman, Speaker/Song writer/TEDx Speaker, Palm Harbor, Florida, mar@musicwithmar.com www.musicwithmar.com	100	Denali
Teacher	Across levels	All	Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years—Anti-Bias Leaders in Early Childhood Education In this session, we will be screening the film, Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years. This film was created for ECE to visualize what anti-bias education looks like in the classroom. This approach involves critical thinking, risk-taking, and a deep understanding of the complexity of the issues and your context. Using the film as a provocation, we will end with a discussion about implementing Anti-bias Education in early childhood programs.	Christina Eubanks, Executive Director, Hillcrest Children's Center, Anchorage, Alaska hillcrestak@gmail.com	42	King Salmon/ Katmai
Health	Beginning/ Emerging	All	Helping Our Children, Families, and Staff Through the Lean Times Have you ever worried that some of the children and families you serve, and even staff, don't have enough food at home? National research and recent focus groups in Alaska confirm that child care providers are regularly seeing hunger and food insecurity issues at their sites. This session will discuss ways that child care providers can help—how to find local food resources, help families sign up for food assistance, screen for food insecurity.	Diane Peck, ECE Coordinator/Registered Dietitian, AK DHSS Physical Activity & Nutrition, Anchorage, Alaska Diane.peck@alaska.gov	24	Iliamna
Teaching	Beginning/ Emerging	Across Age/ Grade Span	Keep Calm and Model On: Using Video Modeling to Support Emotion Regulation Lights, camera, ACTION! This presentation focuses on the evidence-based practice of video modeling. Learn how to teach emotional regulation skills to young learners through technology and personalized videos! After attending this session, you will be able to select one or more types of video modeling to teach mindfulness and self-regulation techniques to young learners in home, school, and community settings. Although this session focuses on using video modeling to support children on the autism spectrum, this practice can be implemented with all learners to help them manage their emotions and behavior throughout everyday routines with less hands-on support.	Kendra Wolf, Program Coordinator/ Autism Resource Alaska Autism Resource Center, Anchorage, Alaska kwolf@sasa.org	42	Aspen/ Spruce
Teaching	Across Levels	3-5	Interactive Story Time and Puppet Play Puppet making with children is a fun and exciting way to get little ones involved in literacy. Making puppets involves fine motor which children are needing more than ever. Let your kiddos act out the stories as you read aloud! Say yes to movement and play during literacy activities.	Tiffany Dewitt, Professional Development Specialist, thread, Sitka, Alaska tdewitt@threadalaska.org	42	Birch/ Willow

Laugh at yourself and children will learn to laugh at their own mistakes.

A role model is a very powerful thing.


- Gigi Taylor Schweikert from her book, Teacher Tips



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Families	Intermediate/ Established	School-Age (K/Grade 3)	I am Molly! Molly is Me! Using Informational Text with PBS KIDS and Molly of Denali to Teach Values in this Ever Changing World! This session will provide real world examples of using informational text to teach kids about values, specifically Alaska Native Values. The PBS KIDS series Molly of Denali, which encourages families to engage with and create their own informational text. This session will begin with an introduction and then sequel into a brief overview of the PBS KIDS series, Molly of Denali, which aims to support children ages 5 to 8 with learning about informational text in a purposeful way while instilling traditional Native Alaskan values and contextualizing to a local community context. Alaska Public Media will share how Molly of Denali can be used in the communities to engage families and help parents, educators and non-traditional educators to discuss values or race with young children. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in hands on activities to co-create artifacts for a Molly of Denali Museum.	Stephanie McFadden, Director, Education & Engagement, Alaska Public Media, Anchorage, Alaska smcfadden@alaskapublic.org	20	Fireweed
Teaching	Beginning/ Emerging	Birth-3, 3-5	Growing Culturally Responsive Reflective Practice for Early Learning Settings in Alaska The Improving Childcare Outcomes Research (ICOR) project, a research partnership between Cook Inlet Tribal Council and UAA, developed guidelines for culturally responsive, reflective practice in early learning environments settings, to support efforts to strengthen the culturally responsive practice of educators providing Early Head Start services to Alaska Native/American Indian families in Anchorage. We will share the guidelines and discuss how UAA and CIIC worked together to test the efficacy of these guidelines in collaboration with the Clare Swan Early Learning Center, a tribally-operated early Head Start.	Diane Hirshberg, Director, UAA Institute of Social & Economic Research, Anchorage, Alaska dbhirshberg@alaska.edu Brittany Suralta, Director, Employment & Training, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Anchorage, Alaska bsuralta@citci.org	20	Lupine
Friday, September 30, 2022 3:15-4:45						
Featured Presentation  Michael Brandwein			BUILDING EXCELLENT TEAMWORK COMMUNICATION: How to Create an Open, Collaborative Work Environment for Flexibility, Ongoing Improvement, & Service Team leaders of all types will use these practical techniques every day to build more open communication, which in turn increases growth and program improvement. Boost everyone's ability to be more flexible and open to change. Reduce talk behind backs. Increase constructive expression of what people really think, creating an environment where it's safe to present new and different ideas that will enhance our service to the community. Develop more positive relationships for great teamwork.	Michael Brandwein, Educator/Speaker/Author Lincolnshire, Illinois info@michaelbrandwein.com www.michaelbrandwein.com	200	Aleutian
Teaching	Across Levels	Birth-3, 3-5	Learning Through Music, Dance and Yoga In this workshop, we'll explore how we can foster all 5 areas of child development (cognitive, social and emotional, speech and language, fine and gross motor) through music, dance and yoga activities. Come discover simple ways to integrate dance, music and yoga into your daily curriculum in this fun, high-energy, interactive workshop.	Jamaica Stevens, Founder & CEO, JAMaROO Kids San Anselmo, California jamarookids@gmail.com	100	Denali
Teaching	Intermediate/ Established	All	Gender Identity and Expression for Educators Our role as educators is to create a safe and reflective space for children to develop their identities and counter balance gender stereotypes. This session will cover gender development, ways to limit the gender binary, and the importance of supporting gender non-confirming individuals.	Samuel Ohana, Mental Health Consultant, Anchorage, Alaska Ohana.mhc@gmail.com Christina Eubanks, Executive Director, Hillcrest Children's Center, Anchorage, Alaska hillcrestak@gmail.com	48	King Salmon/ Katmai

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Friday, September 30, 2022 3:15-4:45						
Leadership & Management	Intermediate/Established	All	New Supports for Learn & Grow, Reflections from 2022 Pilot Cohort Participants This session is for current Learn & Grow programs who are interested in learning about the new cohort model of support piloted in fiscal year 2022. Come hear about all of the benefits of joining a cohort and ask a panel of participants from the 2022 pilot about their experiences.	Meghan Johnson, Early Childhood Systems Director, thread, Anchorage, Alaska mjohnson@threadalaska.org Mischellean Smith, Quality Services Manager, thread, Anchorage, Alaska msmith@threadalaska.org	24	Iliamna
Teaching 	Across Levels	Birth-3, 3-5	The Fundamentals of Early Literacy: Helping Children Become Ready to Read Strong readers come from children who start kindergarten with a strong early literacy foundation. Learn about how baby and toddler brains develop, the skills children need to master before becoming good readers, and practical strategies to support early literacy and beginning reading skills in children 0-5.	Samantha Blanquart, Early Literacy Outreach Librarian, Anchorage Public Library, Anchorage, Alaska samantha.blanquart@anchorageak.org	42	Aspen/Spruce
Health 	Across Levels	Across Age/Grade Spans	Adventures in Risky Play What is your YES in risky play? Play is a biological need and necessity for healthy development of children. We should listen to children, celebrate, honor and allow them to explore their environment in their own ways so to experience the endless possibilities of self-wonder. Come join me in a discussion and visual journey about children's play, loose parts, outside as a nature based classroom and ways to overcome OUR challenges with tis spirited play I call Risky Play.	Vanessa Plourde-Smith, Professional Development Specialist, thread, Anchorage, Alaska vsmith@threadalaska.org	42	Birch/Willow
Teachers	Beginning/Emerging	Adult Learners	Growing Your Professional Development through Alaska SEED As part of the early childhood and school-age workforce, you play an important role in the development of Alaska's most important resource - our children. Find out how the Alaska System for Early Education Development (SEED) can play a role in supporting your professional development through advancement on the Career Ladder and funding to pursue your education.	Cassie Hulse, Alaska SEED Manager, thread, Anchorage, Alaska chulse@threadalaska.org	20	Fireweed
Health	Across Levels	All	Self-Care and Wellness in the World of Early Childhood This session will dive into the importance of creating an environment and supportive of social and emotional well being. Participants will walk away with several tools and strategies for supporting both adults and children in programs using a self-care and wellness approach.	Tabatha Peterson, Program Director, CCS Early Learning, Wasilla, Alaska tpeterson@ccsalaska.org	20	Lupine

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AGENDA IN DETAIL

7:00-8:00	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	Alaska
7:30-4:30	REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DESK OPEN	Promenade
7:30-5:00	NAEYC/LOCAL ALASKA AFFILIATES MEMBER LOUNGE	Dillingham
	For NAEYC members—their very own member lounge! Become a member now and join us! Members are able to grab a snack, relax & network, have access to special giveaways and speak with Anchorage AEYC board & conference members. Convince a friend to become a member and receive an extra door prize ticket!	
7:30-2:55	SILENT AUCTION	Lobby down from Registration
	Participate in the silent auction. Not only will you come away with terrific items, you will be giving someone else the opportunity to attend the conference in the future. Proceeds support Anchorage AEYC scholarships fund.	
7:45-9:30	GENERAL SESSION	Aleutian/Alaska
	KEYNOTE: Holly Elissa Bruno “What’s Right with You?”	
	Children are often asked, overtly or covertly: “What’s wrong with you?” Adults too focus on our faults, rather than our talents/strengths. Imagine changing the conversation to: “What’s right with you?” as we seek the unique giftedness of each child, in our peers and ourselves? A child is more than her diagnosis. An adult is more than her shortcomings. Join us in discovering how this simple change of perspective changes every interaction for the better. Rilke encourages us to “Learn to love the questions”. “What’s right with you?” is a question to love.	
7:30-4:45	VISIT THE EXHIBITORS	
9:45-11:45	SEMINAR SESSION	
11:45-1:15	LUNCH ON SITE	Aleutian/Alaska
1:30-3:00	WORKSHOP SESSION	
3:15-4:45	WORKSHOP SESSION	
5:00-6:00	CREDIT CLASS WRAP UP SESSION	Cook Inlet


Saturday: Sessions at a Glance

NAEYC STANDARD	LEVEL	AGE GROUP	WORKSHOP TITLE & DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER(S)	CAPACITY	ROOM
Saturday, October 1, 2022 9:45-11:45						
Featured Presentation Holly Elissa Bruno			What’s Right with You? Part II This session will be a continuation of this morning’s keynote.	Holly Elissa Bruno, Keynote/Author/Radio Host, Fitchburg, Maine www.hollyelissabruno.com	100	Denali
Featured Presentation  Michael Brandwein			“WHY DON’T YOU BEHAVE?”—The Brandwein Key System for Handling Negative Behavior in Young People While Teaching Positive Choices This nationally acclaimed session is for everyone who works directly with children or leads/trains/coaches staff who do. When a young person says, “You can’t make me!” or “They did it first!” precisely how should we reply? What are the exact things to say and do to stop whining, bullying, put-downs, and teasing by doing more than just saying, “It’s not allowed!”? How do we respectfully get young people to listen the first time? This skill-packed session demonstrates Michael’s Key System: three clear, specific steps to boost credibility with greater confidence (get first-time listening), build respect, reduce put-downs and bullying, and more. This positive approach reduces stress and helps young people replace negative choices with better ones as they continue to play and learn with others.	Michael Brandwein, Educator/Speaker/Author Lincolnshire, Illinois info@michaelbrandwein.com www.michaelbrandwein.com	100	King Salmon/ Katmai/ Iliamna
Featured Presentation  Laura Wilhelm			Let’s Get Real: Finding Patterns, Creating Art, and Expanding Vocabulary Using Real Objects From rocks and sticks to pinecones, nature provides us with lots of free loose parts for imaginative open-ended play. Children prefer these natural materials because they each have unique properties when compared with plastic toys which have a similar smell, taste, texture, and surface temperature. Children choose to play with ordinary household objects over plastic toys because they see us using them and want to imitate our actions. Real objects like kitchen utensils may be heavier and feel like they serve a more serious purpose. In this session, we’ll virtually visit real classrooms for inspiration and creative ideas to take loose parts to a whole new level. We’ll share ideas for low-cost and no-cost math, art, and language lessons using real objects from nature and around the house.	Laura Wilhelm, Speaker/Author Vice President, Professional Learning Services, Kaplan Early Learning Company, Edmond, Oklahoma lwillhelm@kaplanco.com	42	Aspen/ Spruce

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Saturday, October 1, 2022 9:45-11:45						
Teaching	Intermediate/ Established	3-5	Teaching with Intention: How to Provide the Most Impactful Classroom Experiences for Children This hands-on workshop will explore the method behind the madness of an early learning environment. We will explore how to create an intentional classroom where every experience, whether it be child led or teacher initiated has purpose and intent behind it. We will cover how to intentionally set up a learning environment to maximize engagement. We discuss how to create activity plans with assessment and learning goals in mind. We will practice how to use quality feedback methods and intentional questioning to invoke deeper engagement in activities and better concept development.	Katherine Tercero, Professional Development Specialist, CCS Early Learning, Wasilla, Alaska, ktercero@ccsalaska.org	20	Lupine
Relationships	Across Levels	All	Cultural Responsive Practices, Part II This is Part II, continuation of Friday's 9:45-11:45 session. See description under Friday session.	Caroll L Rodrigues, Bilingual Professional Development Specialist, thread, Anchorage, Alaska crodriguez@threadalaska.org	42	Birch/ Willow
Saturday, October 1, 2022 1:30-3:00						
Featured Presentation  Maryann "Mar." Harman Music with Mar.			Music, Movement & Manipulatives Engage the children and the brain with music and manipulatives that are fun for learning. Enjoy songs with Mar. that will get you moving while preparing the children for school. This presenter's goal is to have those attending become more comfortable with using manipulatives and knowledgeable as to why they are important. As we draw more senses to the learning experience, children retain more. Participants will be shown how to enhance learning by combining music and movement with puppets for visual, aural and tactile stimulation. The importance of using props with music and movement will be discussed and validated. How to physically involve children in playful storytelling will be a focal point and demonstrated. How the brain works during these activities will also be examined and demonstrated.	Music with Mar., Maryann "Mar." Harman, Speaker/Song writer/TEDx Speaker, Palm Harbor, Florida, mar@musicwithmar.com www.musicwithmar.com	100	Alaska
Featured Presentation  Michael Brandwein			MISTER ROGERS ROCKS!—How to Apply His Wisdom to Build Self-Worth, Kindness, and Strong Young People There has never been a more important time to apply the powerful approaches and teachings of the legendary Fred Rogers. Inspired by the educational research-based and profoundly influential practices of this pioneer in youth development, Michael has developed this exciting, unique session of specific and practical techniques and strategies you can use right away with young people to develop positive self-concepts and self-esteem; build confidence and creativity; grow kindness and caring behaviors; enrich relationships; and more. Learn how to "believe" in our kids so they build trust in themselves and treasure their individuality. Whether you work directly with other people's children or your own, or if you train others to do so, you'll learn wonderful ways we can build our own beautiful Neighborhoods!	Michael Brandwein, Educator/Speaker/Author Lincolnshire, Illinois info@michaelbrandwein.com www.michaelbrandwein.com	100	King Salmon/ Katmai/ Iliamna
Teaching	Intermediate/ Established	All	Gender & Sexuality Literacy for Educators NAEYC Code of Ethics Conduct outlines our responsibility to children and families to recognize and value the individuality of each child's identity and family structure. This workshop will provide informative and reflective activities on understanding gender and sexual identity, so that we can ensure our practices makes all children and families feel safe, welcomed, and valued for who they are.	Samuel Ohana, Mental Health Consultant, Anchorage, Alaska Ohana.mhc@gmail.com Christina Eubanks, Executive Director, Hillcrest Children's Center, Anchorage, Alaska hillcrestak@gmail.com	20	Lupine

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Saturday, October 1, 2022 1:30-3:00						
Teaching	Across Levels	Adult Learners	Introduction to the Fourth Edition of Developmentally Appropriate Practices Book Explore the fourth edition of the Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP) position statement and book. Review the history of NAEYC's DAP and learn what is new with this edition. Begin to understand the principles and guidelines of developmentally appropriate practice and learn how to use them to inform daily decisions regarding program implementation.	Crystal Akagi, Professional Development Specialist, thread, Anchorage, Alaska cakagi@threadalaska.org	42	Aspen/ Spruce
Teaching 	Across Levels	3-5	Process vs. Product Come to a fun hands-on workshop where we will explore hands-on activities/art projects. Take a look into the process of a project compared to the product. Get ready to get your hands dirty! <i>Limited to 20</i>	Tiffany Dewitt, Professional Development Specialist, thread, Sitka, Alaska tdewitt@threadalaska.org	20	Birch/ Willow
Leadership & Management	Across Levels	Adult Learners	How Do We Grow More Early Childhood Educators? In this session, participants will come together and problem solve ways to build the early childhood workforce. This workshop is for administrators, managers, directors and supervisors.	Jennifer Russell, Head Start Manager, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks, Alaska jlrussell2@alaska.edu	20	Fireweed



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Saturday, October 1, 2022 3:15-4:45						
Featured Presentation  Maryann "Mar." Harman Music with Mar.			Building Brains with Music Repeatedly, research has shown that music is the only activity that utilizes the entire brain. Combining that with knowing that the early years are the ones where we make the most difference, this workshop demonstrates through movement and activity how to use music to build brains to create children that are competent, capable and confident.	Music with Mar., Maryann "Mar." Harman, Speaker/Song writer/TEDx Speaker, Palm Harbor, Florida, mar@musicwithmar.com www.musicwithmar.com	100	Aleutian
Teaching	Birth-3, 3-5	Across Levels	Music and Movement through the Seasons Learn simple ways to integrate music and movement into your daily curriculum in this hands-on workshop! Explore simple ways to use music and movement to build vocabulary, spark creativity and foster imaginative play throughout the year. Develop a skill set to think outside the box when creating curriculum for your students that allows for creativity.	Jamaica Stevens, Founder & CEO, JAMaROO Kids San Anselmo, California jamarookids@gmail.com	100	Denali
Featured Presentation  Michael Brandwein			SUPER SKILLS FOR SUPERVISION: How to Lead, Motivate, & Coach Team Members to their Highest Performance No "theory" here: The author of the best-selling Super Staff SuperVision shows tools you will use every day to boost performance of the members of your team. Skills include: How to more precisely identify, coach, and grow the exact behaviors we're looking for; the key secret to staff retention and motivation and the conversation and planning that makes it happen; simple, outstanding ways to support people in doing their best work and build stronger, trusting work relationships; promoting ongoing skill development and providing more useful feedback; and more.	Michael Brandwein, Educator/Speaker/Author Lincolnshire, Illinois info@michaelbrandwein.com www.michaelbrandwein.com	100	King Salmon/ Katmai/ Iliamna
Community Relations	All	Across Levels	Kenkiyaraq in Pregnancy and Birth A teachers perspective on breaking down bias to best support students needs in conjunction with a Yup'ik Elder's knowledge on Alaska Native culture. Attendees will be challenged to think about how they were raised and what that means for their attitudes and perspectives they bring to their classrooms. The Yup'ik Elder portion will introduce a possibly different perspective than what attendees are used to and illustrate where some of our Alaska Native students and families might be coming from. The talk will explore a new perspective to compare to others upbringings. This would be an open format that encourages attendees to share their backgrounds and attitudes to compare to what is being shared through the Kenkiyaraq in Pregnancy and Birth portion of the presentation. This session is a repeat of the Thursday session, 1:30-3:30.	Whitney Street, Developmental Therapist, PIC, Anchorage, Alaska wstreet@picak.org Julia Street, Elder Knowledge, Anchorage, Alaska juliastreet2@gmail.com	20	Lupine
Teaching	3-5	Across Levels	More Than Just Circle Time Circle time can be hard sometimes, but it doesn't have to be! You can move, you can groove, you can take time to let loose. Circle time can be used to teach learning objective; story-time and so much more. Join me for some fun and examples of how to spice up your circle time.	Tiffany Dewitt, Professional Development Specialist, thread, Sitka, Alaska tdewitt@threadalaska.org	42	Birch/ Willow

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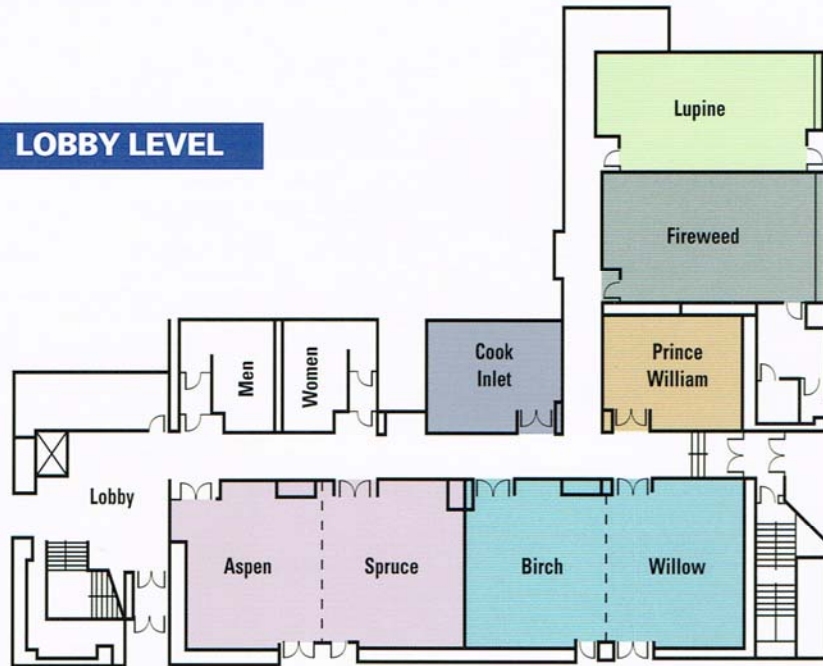
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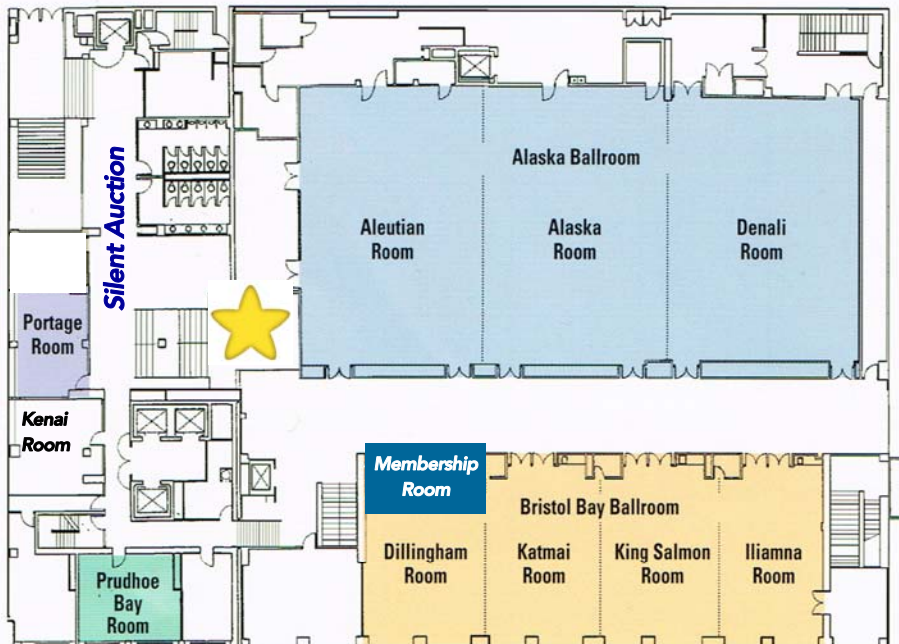
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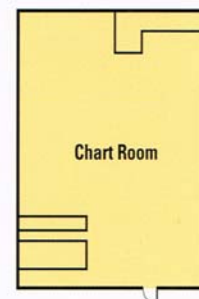


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