


Schedule of Events (Subject to Change)

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Sunday, November 8

10 AM	Gentle Yoga Stretch (SunSpark Yoga Studio)	Networking Lounge
10:30 AM	Morning Coffee — Your Association News Rhian Evans Allvin, NAEYC CEO Ann McClain Terrell, NAEYC Governing Board President and Concordia University	Main Stage
	Cultural Authenticity in the Classroom Melanie Brooks, Bright Horizons Tricia Conover, Bright Horizons	Networking Lounge
11 AM	Plenary Early Childhood: Where Stories Begin Tabatha Rosproy, National Teacher of the Year Sponsored by  TeachingStrategies®	Main Stage
Noon	Expo Opens Exhibit booths are accessible at all hours through Dec. 12. Booth representatives can be contacted once an attendee is within the booth by text chat, or by email for a future reply if the representative is offline. NAEYC Resource Center Opens Visit to chat with the NAEYC staff and volunteers from the Interest Forums, Membership, Global Engagement, Affiliates, Advocacy, Early Learning Programs, and Higher Education Accreditation.	Expo Halls A & B Resource Center
12-2 PM	Affiliate Leader Chat	Resource Center Affiliates
12:15 PM	Just Right Books with Scholastic Book Clubs Brian Smith, Kindergarten teacher-blogger	Networking Lounge

1 PM **Don't Worry. I'm Saving My Hugs for You.** **Networking Lounge**
Nicol Russell, Teaching Strategies
Elizabeth White, Teaching Strategies

2 PM **Concurrent Sessions (60 minutes)** **Main Stage**

Everything and Nothing has Changed: Developmentally Appropriate Practice for Today and Tomorrow

Garnett Booker, Eagle Academy Public Charter School
Iheoma U. Iruka, University of North Carolina
Nadia Jaboneta, Pacific Primary Preschool
Barbara Willer, Former NAEYC Staff Member (Facilitator)

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Creating Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Classroom Environments for Dual Language Learners

Irasema Salinas-Gonzalez, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Iliana Alanis, University of Texas at San Antonio
Maria Arreguin Anderson, University of Texas at San Antonio

What to Do When Nothing Else Works: Effective Strategies for Identifying, Preventing, and Intervening When Challenging Behaviors Surface in Preschool

William DeMeo, Specialty Psychological Services

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3 PM **Chat with the Candidates** **Resource Center**
NAEYC Governing Board Candidates

3:15 PM **Words Matter: Building the Literacy Foundation for a Lifetime** **Networking Lounge**
Cathy Yount, Scholastic Education

4 PM **Concurrent Sessions (60 minutes)** **Main Stage**

Deepening Resiliency Through Social Emotional Learning

Akimi Gibson, Sesame Learning, Sesame Workshop

Building on the Benefits of Block Play: Why the Essential Teaching Tool is stacked with Learning Potential

Jennifer Fernandez, School Specialty, Inc.

Enabling Smart Early Childhood Technology in Public Systems: Where We Are and What Comes Next

Sheetal Singh, The Early Learning Lab
Rebecca Berlin, Ounce of Prevention Fund
Stephanie Rubin, Texans Care for Children
Patricia Lozano, Early Edge California

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5:15 PM

Daily Recap

Rhian Evans Allvin, NAEYC
Reginald Williams, South Carolina State University

Main Stage

Meet COR Advantage: Assessment and Family Engagement Lounge in One Digital Platform!

Anna Marrs, HighScope

Networking Lounge

5:45 PM

Join Our Sponsored Networking Event Celebrating Ella Jenkins: The First Lady of Children’s Music

Tim Ferrin, Film Director
Gayle Wald, George Washington University

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Community Wall

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Monday, November 9

9 AM

People, Places, and Things: The Importance of Active Learning and Sensory-Engaging Materials for Toddlers and Infants in a Screen-Dominated Culture

Shannon Lockhart, HighScope

Networking Lounge

10 AM

Expo Opens

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Expo Halls A & B

Vinyasa/Hatha Flow (SunSpark Yoga Studio)

Networking Lounge

10:30 AM

Morning Coffee — Your Association News

Michelle Kang, NAEYC
Tara Hurdle, Nashville Area AEYC

Main Stage

Info Session for Champlain College’s M.Ed. Program

Robin Ploof, Champlain College

Networking Lounge

11 AM

Plenary: The Power of Poetry: A Tool for Helping Young People Process Trauma

Nikki Grimes, Author and Poet

Main Stage

Noon **Affiliate Leader Chat**

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Resource Center
Affiliates

12:15 PM **Chat with the Candidates**

NAEYC Governing Board Candidates

Resource Center

Adventures in Risky Play

Rusty Keeler, Kaplan Early Learning Company

Networking Lounge

1 PM **You Can't Come to My Birthday Party!
Involving Children in Problem Solving**

Kenneth Sherman, HighScope

Networking Lounge

Chat with the DAP Work Group

Barbara Willer, Former NAEYC Staff Member
Nicol Russell, Teaching Strategies, Inc.

DAP Breakout Room

Chat with the Higher Education Accreditation Team

Mary Harrill, NAEYC
Megan Woolston, NAEYC

Resource Center
Higher Ed Accreditation

Chat with the Early Learning Programs Accreditation Team

Rashi Sharma, NAEYC

Early Learning
Programs Accreditation

2 PM **Concurrent Session (60 minutes)**

Main Stage

**Employers and Child Care: Win-Win Strategies
to Support Quality Early Education and Employees**

Julia Barfield, US Chamber of Commerce
Susan McGowan, Biogen
Michelle Kang, NAEYC (Facilitator)

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2 PM **Moving Beyond Diversity: Addressing Equity in Early Childhood
Education and Promoting Meaningful Systemic Change**

Ebonyse Mead, Educational Equity Institute
Jen Neitzel, Educational Equity Institute

**Strengthening Families Through Screen-Time
Management Skills and the Six Protective Factors:
Strategies for Early Childhood Practitioners**

Jean Rogers, Children's Screen Time Action Network
Patricia Cantor, Plymouth State University
Melinda Holohan, Western Michigan University

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3:15 PM **You First Belong to YOU: Building the Habit of Self-Care**
Montrece Ransom, Walden University

Networking Lounge

4 PM **Concurrent Sessions (60 minutes)**

Main Stage

Supporting Young Children Through Trauma and Crisis Events: A Conversation About What Educators and Schools can do to Support Resilience

Dave Ellis, New Jersey Department of Children and Families
Sarah Erdman, FB Meekins Cooperative Preschool
David J. Schonfeld, M.D., National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement, Children's Hospital Los Angeles
Ann McClain Terrell, NAEYC Governing Board President and Concordia University (Facilitator)

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Transforming Pre-K's "Our Community" with STEAM: How a Simple Shift Can Meet the Needs of All Young Children, Including Dual Language Learners

Lea Ann Christenson, Towson University

When Childhood Anxiety Leads to Challenging Behaviors: Classroom Strategies to Support Anxious Children and Help Them Establish Successful Habits

Sarah Vanover, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Child Care

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5:15 PM **Daily Recap**
Rhian Evans Allvin, NAEYC
Stedman Graham, CEO S. Graham and Associates

Main Stage

5:45 PM **Join Our Sponsored Networking Event Celebrate Scholastic's 100th!**

Community Wall

Don't miss this special event featuring read-alouds by Peter Reynolds and Tony Piedra, and live performances by award-winning musicians 123 Andrés, Alphabet Rockers, and Divinity Roxx, with games, giveaways, and more!

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Tuesday, November 10

10 AM	Expo Opens Exhibit booths are accessible at all hours through Dec. 12. Booth representatives can be contacted once an attendee is within the booth by text chat, or by email for a future reply if the representative is offline. Morning Exercise: BOKS Kids: Mindfulness	Expo Hall A & B Networking Lounge
10:15 AM	Learning to Read Can Happen from Anywhere! Suzanne Lucas, Scholastic Education	Networking Lounge
10:30 AM	Morning Coffee — Your Association News Ready for Action and Advocacy! Lauren Hogan and Lucy Recio, NAEYC Sue Russell, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood National Center Norma Schwartz, FLAEYC board member and statewide advocacy chapter leader	Main Stage
11 AM	Plenary: From Healing to Thriving: A conversation about Advancing Equity in ECE and Beyond Edgar Villanueva, Schott Foundation for Public Education Sponsored by 	Main Stage
Noon	Affiliate Leader Chat Sponsored by 	Resource Center Affiliate Kiosk
12:15 PM	When We Play, We Learn: Connecting Play, Learning, and Equity Laura Bailet, Kaplan Early Learning Company	Networking Lounge
1 PM	Bringing the Joy of Studies Home Emily Roden and Breeyn Mack, Teaching Strategies Chat with the Higher Education Accreditation Team Mary Harrill and Megan Woolston, NAEYC Chat with the Early Learning Programs Accreditation Team Rashi Sharma, NAEYC Chat with the DAP Work Group Barbara Willer, Former NAEYC Staff Member Elisa Huss-Hage, Owens Community College	Networking Lounge Resource Center Higher Ed Accreditation Early Learning Programs Accreditation DAP Breakout Room

2 PM Concurrent Sessions (60 minutes)

Main Stage

Applying the Equity Lens: Building High-Quality Professional Development Systems to Advance Racial and Social Justice

Megan Madison, Brandeis University
Ijumaa Jordan, Ijumaa Jordan Consulting (IJC)

Trauma-Responsive Care and Challenging Behavior: Practical, Compassionate Strategies for The Healing Classroom

Barbara Sorrels, The Institute for Childhood Education

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Early Childhood Education in New Mexico: An Interview with Governor Lujan Grisham

Rhian Allvin, NAEYC
Governor Lujan Grisham, New Mexico

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3 PM NAEYC Annual Business Meeting

**Resource Center
Membership**

Ann McClain Terrell, NAEYC President
Carl Hairston, NAEYC Treasurer
Rhian Evans Allvin, NAEYC Chief Executive Officer
Jill Harris, NAEYC Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer

3:15 PM The Impact of Trauma and the Healing Power of Trauma-Informed Interactions

Networking Lounge

Lawonda Roman, Teachstone

4 PM Concurrent Sessions (60 minutes)

Main Stage

Nothing For Us, Without Us: Centering the Voices of Educators and Policy-Making

Ashley Williams, Center for the Study on Child Care Employment at University of California, Berkeley
Shana Bartley, National Women's Law Center
Shanita Bowen, ECE On The Move
Maria Isabel Ballivian, ACCA Child Development Center
Lucy Recio, NAEYC

Understanding Infant-Toddler Mental Health and Well-Being: Practices to Support Social and Emotional Development from Birth to Age Three

Ingrid Anderson, Portland State University
Jean Barbre, Portland State University

4 PM **There's No Going Back: Building the Future of the Early Childhood Education Profession**

Christa Anders, Transforming Minnesota's Early Childhood Workforce
Rosalina Burgos, CentroNia
Ana De Hoyos O'Connor, San Antonio College
Shyrelle Eubanks, National Education Association
Lauren Hogan, NAEYC

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5:15 PM **Daily Recap**

Michelle Kang, NAEYC
Ann McClain Terrell, NAEYC President and Concordia University

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5:45 PM **Closing Session**

Identity Leadership: Parents, Teachers, and Educators

Stedman Graham, Chairman and CEO of S. Graham and Associates

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