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2024 ANNUAL EARLY
CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE

PURPOSEFUL PLAY

*April 18 - 20, 2024
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel &
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Schedule At-A-Glance

Wednesday

- 9:30am-4:00pm **IHE Summit (invite only)**
- 5:00pm-6:00pm **ACCESS Meet-up (invite only)**
- 5:00pm-8:00pm Registration & Badge Pickup

Thursday

- 7:00am-4:30pm Registration & Badge Pickup
- 7:00am-5:00pm CTE Homeroom Open
- 7:30am-8:25am Morning Meetups
- 8:00am-5:00pm MiRegistry, GSQ, Licensing Help Desks & Fingerprinting
- 8:30am-9:45am **Breakfast & Learn***
- 8:30am-10:00am Sessions
- 9:30am-5:30pm Exhibit Hall & Silent Auction
- 9:30am-5:30pm De-Stim Space Open
- 10:00am-10:30am MOVE with Zumbini
- 10:30am-12:00pm General Session
- 12:00pm-1:30pm Exhibits & Lunch Break
- 12:30pm-1:30pm **CTE Luncheon (invite only)**
- 1:30pm-4:30pm Sessions
- 3:15pm-4:30pm Spotlight Session
- 5:00pm-6:00pm CMU Cocktail Social
- 6:00pm-6:45pm Annual Membership Meeting
- 7:00pm-9:00pm **Golden Legacy Gala***

Friday

- 7:00am-2:30pm Registration & Badge Pickup
- 7:00am-5:00pm CTE Homeroom Open
- 7:45am-8:15am Morning Yoga/Wellness
- 8:00am-5:00pm MiRegistry, GSQ, Licensing Help Desks & Fingerprinting
- 8:30am-9:45pm **Breakfast & Learn***
- 8:30am-10:00am Sessions
- 8:45am-10:00am **Make & Take- Calming Kits***
- 9:30am-3:00pm Exhibit Hall & Silent Auction
Auction closes at 1pm
- 9:30am-3:00pm De-Stim Space Open
- 10:15am-12:00pm General Session
- 12:00pm-1:30pm Exhibits & Lunch Break
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Poster Session
- 12:30pm-1:30pm **Lunch & Learn***
- 1:15pm-4:30pm Sessions
- 2:30pm-3:00pm Exhibit Hall Closing Party
- 5:30pm-8:00pm **Member Only Event***

Saturday

- 7:00am-10:30am Registration & Badge Pickup
- 7:30am-8:45am **Breakfast Make & Take - Ride & Read***
- 8:00am-10:30am & 1:00pm-4:30pm **Zumbini Instructor Training***
- 9:00am-10:30am Sessions
- 10:45am-12:00pm Closing General Session

***Requires pre-registration or additional add-on fee during conference registration.**



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A message from Governing Board President Heather Lucas

Welcome to the 2024 Michigan AEYC Annual Early Childhood Conference. Once more, this premier event brings together thousands of early childhood professionals and I am thrilled you will be sharing this time with us. With a rich tapestry of informative sessions, energizing events, and networking opportunities ahead, we extend a warm welcome to all attendees, old and new. And to make this year even more special, our time together includes the golden celebration of half a century of Michigan AEYC. So, here's to a memorable conference filled with inspiration, connection, and shared joy as we celebrate our time together and 50 years of our beloved Michigan AEYC!

Conference App

Download the Michigan AEYC (miaeyc) app in the Apple Store or Google Play. Manage session selections, receive training credit, download resources, engage with attendees and exhibitors, interactive maps, and more.

For Android and Apple users, search for miaeyc in the App Store/ Google Play. Use the email your conference registration is tied to to login. Unique registration email is required.

The App Help Desk is located near badge pick-up.



You can also access the app from your web browser. Just visit the following URL to get the app on your smartphone, tablet, or PC:

<http://app.resultsathand.com/miaeyc>

Training Credit

To receive training credit for in-person sessions attended, you must be pre-registered for each individual session. To pre-register for your desired sessions in the app, click on the Agenda, click on the session you want to attend, and click 'Reserve Seat.' If the session is full, you will not be permitted to reserve a seat, receive training credit, or enter the room.

You may switch your reserved sessions using the app as needed. Keep in mind, you can only receive training credit for sessions you have reserved in the app. At the conclusion of each session, the presenter will provide you with a Check Out code. Enter the code in the session on the app to receive training credit.

For on-demand sessions, training credit will be awarded for pre-recorded sessions you complete/watch in their entirety. The online platform will track your completion. No check-out code is required.

To receive MiRegistry training credit, you must have included your MiRegistry ID Number during registration. To receive SCHECHs for those eligible, you must have included your PIC Number during registration.

Live training sessions completed may take up to 30 days to appear in your MiRegistry Learning Record. Online sessions may take up to 48 business hours to appear on your MiRegistry Learning Record. SCHECHs may take up to 30 days to appear on your MOECS account regardless of session format.

A Michigan AEYC representative will be available in the Amway Center Concourse for conference app and training credit assistance .

Registration & Badge

Online conference registration closes April 12th. Registration after that date must be done onsite during the registration times listed in the schedule at-a-glance. Onsite registration is located in Center Concourse, Concourse Level, Amway.

Badge pick-up for pre-registered attendees is located in Center Concourse, Concourse Level, Amway. You must wear your name badge for admission to all sessions, exhibits, and conference functions.

Things to Do

The Grand Rapids Downtown Area Shuttle (DASH) offers downtown visitors a great way to get around. DASH buses pass every stop every 15 minutes.

Downtown Conference Attendee Exclusives

Experience Grand Rapids has arranged discounts at a number of local restaurants, attractions and other businesses to help you truly experience the city while you are here. Redeem your discounts by presenting the digital coupon on your phone. Visit www.experiencegr.com/exclusives for a full listing of discounts or use the QR code below:



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Parking

- Amway Hotel - \$35 self-parking. Rates subject to change. Conference overnight guests receive a discount on self parking.
- Marriott Courtyard - \$24 self-parking. Rates subject to change. Conference overnight guests receive a discount on self parking.
- View a map with additional downtown parking options here:



Food & Dining Out

Food service is not included in registration. A select number of sessions include breakfast or lunch service and **require pre-registration and an additional fee paid during conference registration to attend.**

Complimentary coffee/hot beverage service will be available each morning in Center Concourse/Amway.

Meal service is not included unless an add-on breakfast, lunch, or special evening session was purchased during registration. A grill cart for meal purchase is available during the lunch period in the Exhibit Hall. A coffee cart with light lunch option is available in the main DeVos hallway. Additionally, the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel offers several dining options and there are numerous options within walking distance. Access a map of dining options in and around the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel here:



Events with an * require pre-registration or additional add-on fee during conference registration.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday 6:00pm-6:45pm

Ford Ballroom, Amway

Michigan AEYC members and not-yet-members are invited to the Annual Membership Meeting. Hear about the important work of your professional statewide organization.

Breakfast & Learn*

Thursday & Friday, 8:30am-9:45am

Imperial Ballroom, Amway

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Light breakfast provided

Thursday: Hear from Michigan AEYC and the CDA Council about exciting initiatives, changes and support for new and existing CDA PD Specialists.

Friday: Learn about impactful initiatives led by Michigan AEYC including advocacy efforts, resources, and workforce support programs including the T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship.

Breakfast Make-and-Take: Ride & Read*

Saturday, 7:30am-8:45am

Imperial Ballroom, Amway

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Enjoy a continental breakfast while creating your own tote filled with tools and resources that you can use in your practice or replicate for the families you serve.

Career and Technical Education Luncheon*

Thursday, 12:30-1:30pm

Imperial Ballroom, Amway

INVITE ONLY

Child Care Licensing Fingerprinting*

Thursday & Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

Show Office, Second Floor, DeVos

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Need to be fingerprinted for your 5-year eligibility renewal? See conference welcome email for registration information.

CMU Sponsored Cocktail Social

Thursday, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Imperial Ballroom, Amway

Meet up with friends before dinner, build your network, connect with students/alumni/staff, and explore new opportunities- all are welcome!

CTE Homeroom

Thursday & Friday, 7am-5pm

Plaza Boardroom A, Amway

Career and Tech Ed students and instructors are invited to stop by the CTE homeroom to pick up resources, take a break, and network with your peers. This is an unstructured and unmoderated space.

De-Stim Space

Thursday 9:30am-5:30pm &

Friday 9:30am-3:00pm

Ballroom A Balcony, DeVos

A unique space for conference guests to access a sensory break in a calm space during the invigorating and inspiring conference.

- A calming space for a sensory break
- Materials and design concepts can be used in schools and other learning spaces to promote social & emotional well-being
- Tune in with your own sensory needs to recharge

Exhibit Hall

Thursday 9:30am-5:30pm &

Friday 9:30am-3:00pm

Ballroom A, DeVos

Exhibit Hall Closing Party

Friday, 2:00pm-2:30pm

Ballroom A, DeVos

Visit the exhibit hall before closing for last minute shopping, prizes generously donated by conference sponsors, snacks, and a cash bar.

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SPECIAL EVENTS, cont.

Golden Legacy Gala*

Thursday 7:00pm-9:00pm

Ambassador Ballroom, Amway

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED

An evening of delicious food and drinks, live entertainment, awards & door prizes celebrating 50 years of Michigan AEYC's rich history, accomplishments, and the dedicated professionals contributing to its success at the Golden Legacy Gala.

Help Desks: MiRegistry, Great Start to Quality & Child Care Licensing

Thursday & Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

Show Office, Second Floor, DeVos

Consult with representatives for troubleshooting and support.

Make-and-Take Calming Kits*

Friday 8:45am-10:00am

Pantlind Ballroom, Amway

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join Zoe Gates of Full Bloom Children's Yoga and Mindfulness to curate a Calming Kit for use in your own practice.

Morning Meetups

Thursday 7:30am-8:25am

Administrators- Winchester, Amway

Center Based Providers- Nelson, Amway

Home Based Providers- Haldane, Amway

Stop by an unstructured space to network with your peers before starting the day.

Member Only Event: Mystery Dinner*

Friday, 5:30pm-8:00pm

Pantlind Ballroom, Amway

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Michigan AEYC members are invited to an enchanted evening filled with camaraderie, delectable cuisine, drinks, and an enthralling theatrical experience. Join fellow members to unravel the mystery!

Member Lounge

Thursday 9:30am-5:30pm &

Friday 9:30am-3:00pm

Welsh Lobby, DeVos

Michigan AEYC members are invited to the lounge to receive your membership gift, pick up resources, funny badge ribbons, and chat with your peers.

LEGO MINIFIGURES: The first 50 members to visit the booth will get to build their LEGO likeness and add themselves to our Steps to Advocacy display.

Morning Yoga/Wellness

Friday, 7:45am-8:15am

Pantlind Ballroom, Amway

Start your day with gentle stretching and mindful meditation with Zoe Gates of Full Bloom Children's Yoga and Mindfulness.

MOVE with Zumbini

Thursday, 10:00am-10:30am

Ballroom B/C/D, DeVos

MOVE your body with Zumbini Music and Movement to get energized and warmed up for the keynote session!

Silent Auction

Thursday 9:30am-5:30pm &

Friday 9:30am-1:00pm

Secchia Hallway, DeVos

The Michigan AEYC Silent Auction is live! All proceeds benefit Michigan AEYC scholarships and awards. Visit the auction: <https://www.32auctions.com/miaeyc2024silentauction>

Zumbini Instructor Training*

Saturday 8:00am-10:30am &

1:00pm-4:30pm

Vandenberg B, Amway

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Zumbini is a fun, unique and effective ECE program designed to promote cognitive, social, emotional, and motor skill development for children ages 0-5 through music and movement.

Poster Session

Friday, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Secchia Hallway, DeVos

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Advocacy Projects in a Graduate EC Course:
Meaningful Teacher Research

An Examination of Interprofessional Collaboration
Practices for Early Intervention

Early Literacy Assessments: An Overview of What is
Out There and Best Practices

Early On Center for Higher Education: A Dynamic
Resource for Faculty Teaching Birth to Three

Educational Careers Program in Grosse Ile: What
Children Learn While Playing

Engaging Children in Pop-Up Math Play Events

Exploring Outdoor Play: What Can We Learn From
Scandinavian Countries

Heroes and Superheroes for Young Children

Incorporating Nature In Early Childhood Classrooms

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Communities

Strong Beginnings

Nature in Kindergarten

Navigating the Future: Themes in Early Childhood
Inclusion and Education Policy

Two Teachers are Better Than One: The Impact of Co-
Teaching

Thriving in College: Accessing the Impact of Joyful
Experiences in Learning

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Thursday Sessions

8:30am - 9:45am

Apprenticeships as High-Quality and Intentionally Equitable Early Childhood Career Pathways, Emerald A, Amway

Breaking Down Barriers and Forging a New Path Forward, Ottawa, Amway

Building a Sense of Belonging through Adult Play, Grand Gallery Overlook E-F, DeVos

Combining Intentionality and DAP to Create Dynamic Play Experiences- ALSO ON DEMAND, Governor's, Amway

Go Intentionally To Go Fast, Heritage Hill, Amway

Infant-Toddler Evaluation: Use of Simulation to Increase Rigor- ALSO ON DEMAND, Vandenberg B, Amway

Play: A Child's Core Basic Need!, Ambassador East, Amway

Purposeful Play and Technology: Is that Even Possible?, Grand Gallery Overlook A-B, DeVos

Q&A Starting a Child Care Business, Grand View, Amway

Breakfast & Learn (*pre-registration and fee required*): PD Specialist Information, Imperial, Amway

8:45am - 10:00am

An Introduction to CCHIRP for Child Care Providers, Thornapple, Amway

Back to the Basics: Educating Through Oppressive Regulations and Material Overload, Pearl, Amway

Blocks, Books, and Building: The Power of Intentional Play, Pantlind, Amway

Introduction to a Sensory Informed Classroom- ALSO ON DEMAND, Grand Gallery Overlook C-D, DeVos

Multilingual Families: Building Family Engagement, Atrium, Amway

New Open Educational Resource (OER) for Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Programs, Vandenberg A, Amway

Responding to Challenging Behavior in the Classroom, Ambassador West, Amway

School Safety in Early Childhood: A Critical Comprehensive School Safety Approach to Promote Positive Youth Development- ALSO ON DEMAND, Emerald B, Amway

Supporting Positive Peer Interactions During Play is as Easy as 1, 2, 3!- ALSO ON DEMAND, Grand Gallery Overlook G-H, DeVos

Through the EYES of the Misunderstood, Gerald Ford Room, Amway

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY



The Department of Human Development and Child Studies at Oakland University offers **early childhood** and **special education** programs at the undergraduate and graduate level that promote educational excellence.



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Thursday Sessions, cont.

10:30am-12:00pm

Keynote: Always Trust Your Cape

DeVos Ballroom B/C/D, DeVos

1:30pm - 2:45pm

Unlocking Success: Navigating Coaches, Mentors, and Consultants in Your Career and Life, Grand Gallery E-F, DeVos

ACES and Places to Build Resilience, Grand View, Amway

Building and Retaining Quality Staff- ALSO ON DEMAND, Govenor's, Amway

Competency-based Education: Transforming Teacher Education to Support a Diverse Workforce, Emerald A, Amway

Early Childhood Education: Collaborative Training in the School- ALSO ON DEMAND, Vandenberg B, Amway

Examining the History of Kindergarten Pedogogy: Bringing the "Kinder Garden" Back to Kindergarten- ALSO ON DEMAND, Heritage Hill, Amway

Incorporating Emergent Curriculum in Standards Based Early Education- ALSO ON DEMAND, Berkey, Amway

Math at Play: Unlocking the Potential of Number Sense in Young Learners, Ballroom C, DeVos

Navigating Barriers to Children's Play, Ottawa, Amway

Play Schemas: The Secret to Understanding and Supporting Repeating Patterns of Behavior in Infants and Toddlers, Grand Gallery Overlook A-B, DeVos

Transition Times Do Not Have to be Hectic, Ambassador East, Amway

You Did It! Conflict Resolution for Preschoolers, Ambassador West, Amway

1:45pm - 3:00pm

Authentic Relationships in Coaching & Leading: Tips for 1:1 and Group Coaching- ALSO ON DEMAND, Gerald Ford Room, Amway

Empowering Early Childhood Education: Michigan AEYC CDA Cohort Model and Its Transformative Benefits for Colleges, Vandenberg A, Amway

Empowering Voices: Using Anti-Bias and Critical Literacy Approaches to Craft Transformative Children's Books- ALSO ON DEMAND, Grand Gallery Overlook C-D, DeVos

Flip that Attitude!- ALSO ON DEMAND, Pantlind, Amway

MiRegistry Modules for Young Dual Language Learners- ALSO ON DEMAND, Haldane, Amway

Nurturing Minds, Thornapple, Amway



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Thursday Sessions, Cont.

1:45pm - 3:00pm

Promoting and Supporting Inclusive Care for Infants and Toddlers, Grand Gallery Overlook G-H, DeVos

Reclaiming Play for ALL!, Pearl, Amway

Stepping Into Risky Play, DeVos D, DeVos

Supporting Social & Emotional Development in ECE, Emerald B, Amway

The Significance of Professionalism in Early Education: Cultivating the Future with Excellence, Atrium, Amway

3:15pm - 4:30pm

A Sustainable Child Care Ecosystem: Using Data to Create Change in Emmet County, Vandenberg B, Amway

Building a Collaborative and Supportive Teaching Team- ALSO ON DEMAND, Emerald A, Amway

Finding Hope: Trauma-informed, Resilience-focused Practices to Empower Early Childhood Caregivers- ALSO ON DEMAND, Governor's, Amway

Having Interns: What Young Professionals Would Like from their Mentor Teachers- ALSO ON DEMAND, Berkey, Amway

It's a Sensory Thing- Exploring with Infants and Toddlers, Grand Gallery Overlook A-B, DeVos



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Thursday Sessions, Cont.

3:15pm - 4:30pm cont.

Spotlight Session: Yes, Yes, Yes, DeVos Ballroom B, DeVos

Lens on School Readiness: MDE Birth to 5 Literacy Resources, Grand Gallery Overlook E-F, DeVos

Music for Mental Health, DeVos Ballroom C, DeVos

Professional Management & Balance, Grand View, Amway

The 5 Love Languages of Children- ALSO ON DEMAND, Ottawa, Amway

The Changing Landscape of Early Childhood Teacher Education: A Series of Round Table Discussions hosted by Michigan ACCESS, Heritage Hill, Amway

Friday Sessions

8:30am - 9:45am

Advocacy to Impact Improvements in Early Childhood, Governor's, Amway, Amway

Classroom Behavior: Understanding Social Competency- ALSO ON DEMAND, Grand View, Amway

Comfort Items and the Importance of Responsive Caregiving for Infants and Toddlers, Emerald A, Amway

Inclusive Leadership for Motivating and Retaining Staff, Ottawa, Amway

Making Bible Stories Come Alive in your Classroom- ALSO ON DEMAND, Vandenberg B, Amway

Managing Children's Big Emotions Post-Covid- ALSO ON DEMAND, Grand Gallery Overlook A-B, DeVos

Puppets with Purpose!- ALSO ON DEMAND, Grand Gallery Overlook E-F, DeVos

Science Time, Ambassador East, Amway

They Did What?! WOW!!- ALSO ON DEMAND, Heritage Hill, Amway

Whose Journey Is It Anyway? One Student-Different Perspectives- ALSO ON DEMAND, Berkey, Amway

Breakfast & Learn(*pre-registration and fee required*): Michigan AEYC & T.E.A.C.H., Imperial, Amway



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The Early Childhood Program offer degrees and majors in the following areas:

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- Early Childhood Education [BS] Fully Online 2+2 Program with certification in Early Childhood General and Special Education Birth-K (ZN)
- Children and Families [BS] (without certification)
- Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education [MA] with certification in Early Childhood General and Special Education Birth-K (ZN)



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SCAN CODE FOR MORE INFO



The Early Childhood Education program at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) is a large and vibrant program at the undergraduate and graduate level with varying degrees and majors for both certification and non-certification, and for those interested in adding an endorsement. There is great interest and need at both the federal and state level in Early Childhood Education (ECE) programs serving our youngest learners, but especially for children at-risk of future school success.



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Friday Sessions, Cont.

8:45am - 10:00am

Adult Play: Overcoming Barriers and Rediscovering Joy, Ambassador West, Amway

Make & Take: Calming Kits (*pre-registration and fee required*), Pantlind, Amway

Creating a Supportive Learning Environment for Inclusion, Grand Gallery Overlook C-D, DeVos

Designing Equitable Pathways for Early Childhood Teachers through Career and Technical Education- ALSO ON DEMAND, Vandenberg A, Amway

Equitable Family Engagement During Infant & Toddler Assessment, Emerald B, Amway

Expulsion Prevention: Vision, Skills, and a Plan- ALSO ON DEMAND, Haldane, Amway

Great Start to Quality On-Site Observation: My Classroom is Going to be Observed; What Does it Mean and Why Does it Matter?- ALSO ON DEMAND, Gerald Ford Room, Amway

MiRegistry: What's in Store for 2024?, Thornapple, Amway

Providing Supportive Environments, Grand Gallery Overlook G-H, DeVos

Trauma Informed Practices- ALSO ON DEMAND, Atrium, Amway



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Friday Sessions, cont.

10:15am - 12:00pm

Keynote: Curing Adultitis- Your Prescription for Less Stress and More Success, DeVos Ballroom B/C/D, DeVos

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Poster Session, Secchia Lobby, DeVos

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunch & Learn (*pre-registration and additional fee required*)- Nourishing Knowledge: New Staff Support and Early Childhood Director Initiatives, Imperial, Amway

1:15pm - 2:30pm

Beating Teacher Burnout, DeVos B, DeVos

Building a Business Sustainability Plan for Your Child Care- ALSO ON DEMAND, Grand View, Amway

Calling All Visionaries: Freedom-Dreaming New Possibilities for Early Childhood Education, Vandenberg B, Amway

Collaborative Relationships to Support Early Childhood Inclusion, Grand Gallery Overlook E-F, DeVos

DEIB: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging in Early Childhood Programs, Gerald Ford, Amway

Getting Ready for Early Childhood PBIS (Program-wide Pyramid Model), Governor's, Amway

Incorporating Families' Cultures During Play- ALSO ON DEMAND, DeVos Ballroom D, DeVos

Incorporating Reading and Math Literacy into the Daily Routine, Emerald A, Amway

Learning Environments: The Third Teacher that Promotes Play, Heritage Hill, Amway

Learning Through Play: Incorporating Content Areas in Your Lessons- ALSO ON DEMAND, Ottawa, Amway

Make it More than a Cozy Corner- Let's Talk About Hygge!, Grand Gallery Overlook A-B, DeVos

More than Multicultural Markers: Teaching About Differences and Promoting Belonging, Haldane, Amway

Music To Their Ears: A Review of the Benefits of Music for Young Children, DeVos Ballroom C, DeVos

Navigating Families and Conflict: Building Family School Relationships- ALSO ON DEMAND, Grand Gallery Overlook G-H, DeVos

Planning and Recall, Atrium, Amway

Playful Training = Playful Teachers, Grand Gallery Overlook C-D, DeVos

Supporting Children with Disabilities or Suspected Delays in Inclusive Child Care Settings, Ambassador East, Amway

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**2024 Infant Toddler Conference
November 15, 2024
Doubletree by Hilton
Dearborn**

**2025 Administrator Institute
TBD**

**2025 Annual Early Childhood Conference
March 27-29, 2025
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel & DeVos Place
Grand Rapids**

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Friday Sessions, cont.

3:15pm - 4:30pm

Cultivating Screen-Awareness Across Early Learning Environments, Grand Gallery Overlook E-F, DeVos

Dando Apoyo a las Interacciones en el Juego Para Aprendices Multilingües / Supporting Playful Interactions for Dual-Language Learners- ALSO ON DEMAND, Vandenberg B, Amway

Driving Impact in Michigan's Early Learning System with CLASS® 2nd Edition, Thornapple, Amway

Executive Functioning Skills Aren't Just for Kids, Ottawa, Amway

Early Literacy: Immersion, Engagement & Optimization- Making EVERY.Single.Minute.Count.- ALSO ON DEMAND, DeVos B, DeVos

Family Engagement, Ambassador East, Amway

Food for Thought: "Recipes" for Learning through Snack and Mealtimes, Grand Gallery Overlook A-B, DeVos

More than Education: Creating Community in Schools for Families in Poverty- ALSO ON DEMAND, Governor's, Amway

Pre-K for All, Emerald A, Amway

That Foreign Word Means What? The Role of the Infant/Toddler Primary Caregiver, Heritage Hill, Amway

The Impact of Quality Rating and Improvement Systems on Children's Later Academic Achievement, Berkey, Amway

Voices from the Field: Working with Child Care Business Owners/Operators to Analyze Current Supports, Grand View, Amway



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3:30pm - 4:45pm

Faith Based Early Learning and Care Programs Also Experience Challenges: Utilizing NAEYC's Code of Ethical Standards, How do you Handle HAVE MERCY Conversations?, Grand Gallery Overlook C-D, DeVos

A Needle in a Haystack: Accessing Resources for Your Program in Local/County Government- ALSO ON DEMAND, Grand Gallery Overlook G-H DeVos

Developmentally Appropriate Practices and Supporting Individualization in the Pre-K Classroom, DeVos C Ballroom, DeVos

Growing Readers and Leaders: Highlights of a Pre-Service Teacher-led Family Literacy Initiative, Haldane, Amway



Friday Sessions, cont.

3:30pm - 4:45pm, cont.

Guess What's In My Lunchbox? Using Foods that Children Bring to Embrace Diversity in ECE Contexts, Atrium, Amway

Initial Conversations With Parents About Autism, DeVos D Ballroom, DeVos

Need Teachers? Come Learn About Your Systems of Support, Pearl, Amway

Roles and Challenges of Coaching for Transformation, Gerald Ford, Amway

Tiny Tots, Big Math: Scoop Up Success with Strategic Mealtime Practices for Infant/Toddler Classrooms, Ambassador West, Amway

Using Books to Have Critical Conversations: Results from a Case Study Using "Something Happened in Our Town"- ALSO ON DEMAND, Emerald B, Amway

The Power of Imagination: When Learning Feels Like Playing, Vandenberg A, Amway

Saturday Sessions

8:00am - 10:30am & 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Zumbini Instructor Training (*pre-registration required*), Vandenberg B, Amway

9:00am - 10:15am

Diverse Books in Michigan Early Childhood Settings, Pearl, Amway

Empowering Young Professionals in Early Childhood Education: Navigating Board Engagement and Advocacy While Still Continuing on Your Own Professional Journey, Haldane, Amway

Every Day Science with Toddlers, Governor's, Amway

Executive Function Throughout the Preschool Daily Routine, Atrium, Amway

Hands On Math for Young Children, Pantlind, Amway

Puppets Save the Day: Creating Your New Assistant- ALSO ON DEMAND, Vandenberg A, Amway

Shhh... It Happens; Fostering An Environment of Understanding and Acceptance When Working Alongside People Different Than You, Emerald B, Amway

9:15am - 10:30am

Constructing Your Very Own Checklist from the 2022 Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Birth to Kindergarten, Heritage Hill, Amway

Great Start to Quality On-Site Observation: What Every Director and Home-Based Provider Should Know- ALSO ON DEMAND, Emerald A, Amway

Growing Minds & Cultivating Communities- ALSO ON DEMAND, Imperial, Amway

Into the Wild: Teaching Core Subjects through an Environmental Lens- ALSO ON DEMAND, Berkey, Amway

Nature Play: Not Just Woods and White Kids- ALSO ON DEMAND, Gerald Ford, Amway

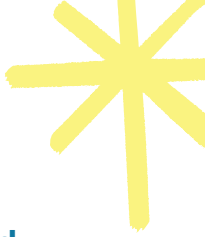
Play is Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers- ALSO ON DEMAND, Ottawa, Amway

Supporting Families Outside Their Time of Need, Grand View, Amway

10:45am - 12:00pm

Keynote: 3 Ways to Play- The Life, Career, and Wellness You Deserve, Ambassador Ballroom, Amway





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Too Much Screen Time for Preschoolers? Managing of Screen Consumption and Offering Play Experiences Fosters Social Engagement and Literacy Skills- ON DEMAND ONLY

Reinforcing Young Children's IEP Goals During PLAY in inclusive Preschool Environments- ON DEMAND ONLY

Movement Powers Learning- ON DEMAND ONLY

Creating an Equitable Infant/Toddler Learning Environment- ON DEMAND ONLY

Award Winners

Teresa Hosier
2024 Brian White Early Childhood Associates Degree Scholarship winner

Jeremiah Pettaway
2024 Brian White Leadership Scholarship for Men in Early Childhood winner

Carley Sneddon
2024 Student Leadership Scholarship winner

Sandra Elder
Paula Preston
2024 Debbie Antone Memorial Fund Grant winners

First United Methodist Co-Op Nursery
2024 Jacquelyn H Miller Endowment Grant winner

Betty Garlick Lifetime Achievement Award

2024 Winner:
Judy Goth-Owens
Early Childhood Education Faculty,
Lansing Community College



For over 50 years, Judy Goth-Owens has been a champion for early childhood education in Michigan. Judy's work has impacted the lives of many children, families and college students in the greater Lansing area and state of Michigan. Early in Judy's career she was a co-founder of All Kids Day Care Center, a parent cooperative program in Lansing. She then went on to establish the first employer-sponsored child development center at Ingham Medical Center. Her dedication to the field led her to Ingham County's Office for Young Children, the Ingham Intermediate School District, and ultimately Lansing Community College (LCC) where she played a pivotal role in creating Early Learning Children's Community (Early LCC).

Throughout her career, Judy has been a tireless advocate for children and families, championing social justice in early childhood education. This dedication is evident in her long-standing memberships in NAEYC/Michigan AEYC, National ACCESS, and Michigan ACCESS, serving on the Governor-appointed Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council, volunteer work with WKAR PBS Ready-to-Learn program and volunteer work at Ele's Place, a center for grieving children.

Judy believes that strong relationships are the cornerstone of high-quality early childhood education. This philosophy permeated her approach as a teacher educator creating a nurturing environment where future generations of educators could learn and thrive.

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