

# Register Today!



**2026** **April 9-10**  
**Northern Center**  
**Northern Michigan University**  
**Marquette, Michigan**



**Learn. Connect. Grow. Save Your Seat**  
**for the 2026 Michigan AEYC Upper**  
**Peninsula Conference is coming to**  
**Marquette on Thursday, April 9, 2026 -**  
**Friday, April 10, 2026!**





## 4 R's To Radical Resilience: How To Thrive When the Work Feels Heavy

In the world of early childhood education, you're not just shaping young minds—you're supporting families, advocating for your teams, and navigating ever-changing systems. It's deeply meaningful work... but it can also be exhausting, especially when resources are tight, expectations are high, and the future feels uncertain.

The good news? Resilience isn't just something you're born with—it's something you can build.

In this uplifting, practical, and energizing keynote, Mimi Brown will guide you through how to refill your cup, reframe the challenges, and reignite your sense of purpose—without burning out in the process. This session is like a reset button for your mindset and your spirit.

**2026** **Mimi Brown, CSP**  
Keynote Speaker | Author | Influence Strategist  
**April 10**  
Northern Center  
Northern Michigan University  
Marquette, Michigan



Join educators, administrators, and advocates for a day of learning, networking, and inspiration at the Northern Center, NMU! Save your spot today:





# Michigan AEYC Upper Peninsula Conference

## APRIL 9-10, 2026

Northern Center  
Northern Michigan University  
Marquette, Michigan



### Pre-Conference - Thursday, April 9, 2026



**10 am - 4:30 pm**

**Literacy Day of Learning**  
Sponsored by MAISA in partnership with MiLEAP  
funded by PDG. Holiday Inn, Marquette,  
Michigan. Lunch included

**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Welcome Reception**  
Holiday Inn, Marquette, Michigan  
Appetizers and Cash Bar

### Conference - Friday, April 10, 2026

**9:00 am - 9:30 am**

Registration & Exhibits Northern Center

**9:30 am - 10:45 am**

Keynote - Ballrooms II-IV

**11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

**Breakout Sessions**  
Ballroom I, Founders Room, Peninsula I, Peninsula II,  
Peninsula V

**12:15 pm - 1:15 pm**

Lunch - Ballroom II-IV

**1:15 pm - 2:30 pm**

**Breakout Sessions**  
Ballroom I, Founders Room, Peninsula I, Peninsula II,  
Peninsula V

**2:30 pm - 2:45 pm**

**Exhibits & Beverage Break**  
Northern Center

**2:45 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Breakout Sessions**  
Ballroom I, Founders Room, Peninsula I, Peninsula II,  
Peninsula V



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## Michigan AEYC Upper Peninsula Conference

# Registration Rates

Member	\$95
Non-Member PLUS	\$167
Student	\$65
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### Registration includes:

- Full-Day Friday, Michigan AEYC UP Conference with lunch provided.
- Pre-conference 'Literacy Day of Learning' with lunch provided.
- Welcome reception with light refreshments and appetizers.

## Accommodations

### Holiday Inn of Marquette

1951 US 41 West  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

**\$98.00/night**

Reserve [HERE](#) by March 18th



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## Application for the 2026 Michigan AEYC Upper Peninsula Conference Scholarship



**Scholarships will be awarded to Early Childhood professionals who would otherwise not be able to attend due to lack of financial resources.**

The committee realizes that receiving regular professional development is not only a state requirement, but ultimately benefits the entire community through our children. It is very important that Early Childhood Professionals have access to the most up-to-date research and practices in the field.

Note: If you are completing a scholarship application, **DO NOT** complete your conference registration until after scholarship awards have been made.

All parts of the form must be filled out for the form to be reviewed. The committee may award scholarships for a portion of or the total amount of the conference registration.

All awards will be based on need and personal circumstances. Funds are limited. If you do not receive an award you will be responsible for submitting your registration.

New applicants and applicants with the greatest financial need will receive priority over applicants who have received the scholarship in the past.

**Scholarship application deadline is February 12, 2026.**

## Tracks

- Infant/Toddler
- Preschool
- Social Emotional
- Family Involvement
- Professionalism



# Michigan AEYC Upper Peninsula Conference

## Exhibitor Registration

Early Childhood focused organizations, child care supply businesses, community resources, small businesses, artisans, and handcrafters are invited to exhibit at the 2026 Michigan AEYC UP Conference.

### Show Details

Location: Northern Center, 1401 Presque Isle Ave, Marquette, MI 49855

### Set-up:

- Friday, April 10th, 7:30 am - 9:00 am

### Show hours:

- Friday, April 10th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

### Tear down:

- Friday, April 10th, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Please note: Exhibitor registration does not include conference registration. Exhibitors must register for the conference in order to attend sessions and receive training credit. Two representatives are permitted per Exhibitor Application. Additional representatives must purchase a conference registration.

- Exhibit Fees Include: One 6' Table and 1 lunch
- Additional lunches available at \$25 each

Exhibitor	\$50
Non-Profit Exhibitor	\$25



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