miaeyc Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

This December, we're coming together to celebrate those moments and the people who make them possible!

Join Michigan AEYC for the 2026 Infant Toddler Conference on Friday, December 11, at the Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac!

Celebrating the Infant Toddler Years

This special day is designed for infant toddler educators, family child care providers, coaches, administrators, early intervention professionals, home visitors, and others who support our youngest children and their families.

With 18 engaging breakout sessions, attendees will have opportunities to discover new ideas, explore practical strategies, connect with colleagues, and celebrate the important work happening in infant–toddler settings across Michigan.

Explore topics that inspire and support your work:

- Understanding infants and toddlers: Explore responsive caregiving, social-emotional development, children's behavior, and the importance of meaningful interactions.
- Bringing learning to life: Discover creative approaches to music, movement, early STEM, communication, and intentional learning experiences.
- Strengthening relationships and inclusion: Explore family partnerships, early intervention resources, inclusive practices, and collaborative professional learning.
- Supporting the people who care: Reflect on educator well-being, leadership, and the relationships and environments that help early childhood professionals thrive.



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FEATURED KEYNOTE

Chy Johnson, LPC, IMH-E® (Mentor)

Rooted in Relationship When Conversations Get Hard: Holding Difficult Conversations with Families Through Courage, Curiosity, and Care

Difficult conversations are part of the important work we do alongside children and families. How we approach those conversations can make all the difference.

Join Chy Johnson, Integrated Perinatal Health Director at Starfish Family Services, as she explores how early childhood professionals can navigate challenging conversations with courage, curiosity, and care. Drawing on more than 30 years of experience, Chy will share relationship-centered approaches for maintaining dignity and respect, recognizing our own emotional responses, and advocating for children while strengthening partnerships with families.

More Than a Day of Learning!

Throughout the conference, you'll also have opportunities to:

- Connect and network with fellow early childhood professionals from across Michigan.
- Visit a wide variety of exhibitors and discover resources to support your work.
- Earn MiRegistry training hours.
- Find inspiration, celebrate your role, and reconnect with the joy of working with our youngest children.

And there's an added reason to register early! The first 100 people to register will have their names entered into a raffle for a chance to win prizes!

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