



Illinois Association for the  
Education of Young Children

Biennial Early Childhood Conference



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October 18-20, 2018  
Peoria, Illinois

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Registration Deadline:  
October 9, 2018

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- Registration information enclosed
- For complete list of workshops & descriptions visit [www.illinoisaeyc.org/conference](http://www.illinoisaeyc.org/conference)
- Hotel information enclosed

## Please join us!!

On behalf of the Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children and our event sponsors, we invite you to attend the 2018 **Growing Futures** Statewide Early Childhood Conference to be held October 18-20, 2018 at the beautiful and historic Pere Marquette in downtown Peoria, Illinois.

This conference provides an opportunity for all early childhood professionals in public schools, child care centers, home child care, Head Start, administrators and agency personnel to come together from across the state to share their commitment to high quality learning experiences for young children and to support families of Illinois. The importance of early childhood cannot be overstated. It's imperative that we continue to advocate for quality programming and living wages for teachers.

The members of the conference committee have worked diligently to provide a variety of interesting topics. In the exhibit hall you can gather information about the latest educational equipment, books and programs in the field. Be sure to come hang out during the Exhibit Hall Celebration and win some raffle prizes or buy chances to win your favorite raffle basket! But the conference is not just about workshops and exhibits, but also about the opportunity to network with each other, learn something new and meet new friends!

We are looking forward to a packed house at the historic Pere Marquette, so register early! Bring the family along and they can enjoy a weekend of the many events Peoria has to offer.

Most of all, thank you for supporting Illinois' largest early childhood membership organization.

See you in October!

**Carol Weisheit**

President, Illinois AEYC Board of Directors

### Pre-Conference Day

#### Thursday • October 18

7:30 am - 8:15 am	Registration
8:30 am - 11:30 am	Workshops
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch provided on site
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Workshops

### Conference at a Glance

#### Friday • October 19

7:15 am - 8:00 am	Registration
8:00 am - 9:15 am	Breakfast Keynote
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Workshops
11:15 am - 12:45 pm	Workshops
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own/Exhibit Hall Ribbon Cutting/Shopping
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Workshops
3:45 pm - 4:00pm	Submit Certificate for Registry
3:45 pm - 6:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Celebration with hors d'oeuvres

#### Saturday • October 20

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Registration
8:00 am - 9:30 am	Workshop
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Morning Break/Snack in Exhibit Hall
10:15 am - 11:45 am	Workshop
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch/Children's Champion Awards Ceremony
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm	Workshops
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Workshops
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Submit Certificate for Registry

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## Conference Keynote Speaker

**Steve Erwin** *Friday • October 19*



Steve Erwin has spent 40 years working in a variety of capacities to promote, educate and advocate for young children and their families. He has a Bachelor of Arts in child development and post graduate work in preschool special education. His work experience includes being a family childcare provider, owner of a child care center and a Head Start and state preschool administrator. In addition to the types of programs, he has enjoyed a geographical perspective of early care and education throughout the United States including American Samoa, China and Vietnam. Experience as well as education has taught him working with young children and their families is important because we can make a difference in their lives... at a time when we can make a difference. For that reason, it has been important for him to promote curriculum models that support developing a knowledgeable skilled workforce that can make a difference. Recently he worked at the Associated Students Child Development Lab at California State University, Chico (CSUC) and adjunct faculty for the Child Development Program at CSUC. He is currently the National Early Childhood Specialist for Kaplan Early Learning Company.

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**Friday Morning Keynote Session: Steve Erwin**  
**Playful Explorations: Building a Foundation for Development and Learning**

This interactive session will provide teachers the opportunity to explore and understand how children's play is the gateway to children's growth and development. This session will provide small group discussions, roleplaying and video examples that will identify how play supports not only the social and emotional growth but how cognitive growth is stimulated through play.

## Preconference Workshop Sessions - Thurs, Oct 18, 2018

Full Day Workshops: 8:30am-3:30pm with provided lunch from 11:30-12:30

- Introduction to the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale- 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (ECERS-3)
- The Pyramid Model in Action: A Framework for Social & Emotional Development

Half Day Workshops: 8:30-11:30am or 12:30-3:30pm with provided lunch from 11:30-12:30pm

- Implementing the Project Approach in Inclusive Early Childhood Classrooms: A New Guide and Check list for Teachers (AM session)
- “Why can’t we go up the slide?” The importance of risk taking in a child’s life. (AM session)
- Building and Integrating Organizational Systems that Support Developmentally Appropriate Practice (AM session)
- Adaptations to Support High Quality Inclusion (PM session)
- Yoga and Young Children (PM session)
- Creating a Learning Culture in Support of Continuous Quality Improvements: Embedding systems for teacher professional development (PM session)

### Workshop Listing

As of March 16th, the following workshop titles are scheduled for the *Growing Futures Conference*. Schedules and sessions are subject to change. For a detailed list of presenters, workshop descriptions, times and updates visit <http://illinoisaeyc.org/conference>

#### Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> Workshop Sessions

- ✓ Hands on STEAM for the Preschool Classroom
- ✓ Sign Language Basics: Talking with your hands
- ✓ Sharing Developmental Concerns with Families to Impact Informed Family Decision Making
- ✓ Illinois AEYC Annual Meeting
- ✓ What is microaggression? Why should I know about it as an early childhood professional? Is it really that important? YES!
- ✓ The Use of Thinking Maps to Enhance Literacy Development
- ✓ Leadership: The Path in Supporting and Sustaining Quality in ECE Programs
- ✓ Junkyard Math
- ✓ Fostering Family Engagement through P-3 Transitions
- ✓ The DEC Recommended Practices Tools to Support Implementation
- ✓ The Pyramid: Teaching Social-Emotional Skills
- ✓ Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS): The Importance of Family Involvement in Your Child’s Development
- ✓ Teaching Strategies to Support Social-Emotional Development
- ✓ Trauma and ACES: How do I know? What do I do?
- ✓ Reducing Teacher and Administrator Stress Through Virtual Learning and Technology Simulations: How to have difficult conversations
- ✓ Calendar Time: Good intentions gone awry
- ✓ PLC at the ELC: Working smarter not harder
- ✓ How do We Connect Math and Literacy?
- ✓ DEC Membership Meeting

#### Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop Sessions

- ✓ Dramatic Play: More than just dolls and dishes
- ✓ Songs For Any Day: Building better brains with music
- ✓ Freedom to Move: Promoting natural large motor development for infants and toddlers
- ✓ Learning the Language of Math
- ✓ Creating a Culture of Quality: Creating a Strength Based Continuous Quality Improvement Plan (CQIP)
- ✓ Preschool For All Compliance Checklists: What you need to know
- ✓ Reflections on the Reggio Emilia Approach to Early Childhood Education
- ✓ Music Integration: Using as a classroom tool
- ✓ Beginning Writing from a Child’s Point of View
- ✓ Invisible Stories: Discover the power of telling stories without books.
- ✓ Planned Language Approach
- ✓ Powerhouse Positive Guidance: Strength based strategies to turn around toddler behavior struggles and activate success
- ✓ Answering Questions about ECERS-3: Growing in Quality
- ✓ The Cues We Use are Tip Top Tips
- ✓ You are a Leader: Discovering your strengths, values and new skills for positive change.
- ✓ Planned Language Approach
- ✓ Educators as Policy Influencers
- ✓ Play Center Vs. Interest Area
- ✓ Engineering and Mathematics in the Preschool Classroom
- ✓ Engaging and Meaningful Transitions
- ✓ “How do I advocate when I have no extra time?”
- ✓ Dances For Any Day: Building better bodies with active music!

## Basic Information

### Conference Site & Lodging

Conference registration & workshop sessions will be held at the Marriott Pere Marquette, 501 Main St., Peoria, IL 61602

A block of rooms has been reserved until **Wednesday, October 3, 2018** at the Marriott Pere Marquette. Attendees are responsible for making their own reservation by calling 309-637-6500 or 1-800-228-9290 or using the [On Line Registration Link](#). Be sure to mention you are attending the Illinois AEYC conference to receive the special conference rate of:

\$119 King/Double- Double rooms are on a first come first serve basis. They are not guaranteed.

Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state & local taxes (currently 15%) in effect at the time of check in.

**\*\*Please note: Make your reservations early to guarantee a room.**

### Parking

Self-parking is free. It is in the garage located on Fulton St. It is behind the hotel and is connected to the deck via a skywalk. Valet parking is available for \$12.95/night.

### Transportation Notes

- [Driving Directions](#)
- Peoria International Airport • Peoria, IL (6.5 miles)\*
- Lambert International Airport • St. Louis, Mo (176 miles)\*

*\*indicates distance from the conference/hotel site*

### What type of credit is being offered?

- In-service training hours
- Licensed Educator Professional Development Credit Hours (must submit IEIN number when registering)
- Gateways to Opportunity Verified Conference

### Workshop Selection/Conference Seating

Workshop selection and conference seating is on a first come, first serve basis. When room maximums are reached, sessions will be closed and attendees should select a different workshop for that session.

### Substitution/Cancellation/Refund Policy

Illinois AEYC must be notified in writing by the original registrant or authorized representative of the organization paying for the registration. Cancellation notices must be received in writing prior to **October 1, 2018** to receive a full refund. Cancellations after that date are not eligible for refunds or credits. If you are unable to attend the conference, you may transfer your registration to a colleague. Please email [tonya@illinoisaeyc.org](mailto:tonya@illinoisaeyc.org)

### Tax Deductions

When incurred for the purpose of maintaining or improving your present profession, expenses for training (registration fees, travel, lodging, & meals) may be tax deductible. Remember to save your receipts and consult with a tax advisor for more details.

### What does the registration fee include?

- **Pre-Conference** registration includes entry into preconference sessions and lunch.
- **Conference** registration includes entry into Exhibit Hall, Friday keynote session and breakfast, hors d'oeuvres in Exhibit Hall Celebration, and workshops and/or Saturday snack, lunch and workshops sessions.

### Scholarship Opportunities

Need help paying for some of your costs to attend the conference? Check with your local Child Care Resource & Referral agency and ask about their Professional Development Funds. To find your local CCR&R, visit [www.inccrra.org](http://www.inccrra.org)

### Questions and Additional Information

- Visit <http://illinoisaeyc.org/conference> for updated information
- Email questions to [tonya@illinoisaeyc.org](mailto:tonya@illinoisaeyc.org)
- Call 217-529-7732

## Registration Form

### Conference Registration Rates & Deadlines

#### Early Bird – Received by August 31, 2018

	Member	Non-Member
Preconference	\$85	\$100
Friday Only	\$120	\$140
Saturday Only	\$120	\$140
Friday & Saturday	\$220	\$260

#### Regular – Received by October 9, 2018

	Member	Non-Member
Preconference	\$100	\$115
Friday Only	\$140	\$160
Saturday Only	\$140	\$160
Friday & Saturday	\$260	\$300

#### On Site – Anything after October 9, 2018

	Member	Non-Member
Preconference	\$125	\$125
Friday Only	\$175	\$175
Saturday Only	\$175	\$175

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#### On-site registration

- On-site Conference registrants are not guaranteed food as these are pre-ordered.

#### Registration Options (Must be received by October 9<sup>th</sup>)

- Download the on-line registration form at <http://illinoisaeyc.org/conference> and mail a check

OR

- Register at <https://illinoisaeycgrowingfuturesconference2018.eventbrite.com> and pay online with credit card or through PayPal.
- Complete and mail the registration form with your check, money order or purchase order to address on the bottom right.
- Phone, fax or email registrations will not be accepted.**

### Method of Payment

- Payment is due at the time of registration
- Credit Card payment is accepted with on-line registration only
- A NSF fee of \$30 will be charged for all checks returned
- There is a \$5 handling fee for all purchase orders
- For cancellation/refund/substitution policy see page 5

✓Please print clearly or type form.

✓Complete one form for each registrant and include payment.

✓This form may be copied.

Member NAEYC membership #: \_\_\_\_\_  Non-member

IEIN for Professional Development Credit through ISBE \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Workshop Presenter: day(s) presenting:  Thurs  Fri  Sat

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ *Required for email confirmation*

Program/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  home  work

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  cell  other

Special Accommodations:  wheel chair access  dietary \_\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE FOLLOWING (see registration fees at left)

Thursday Preconference .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Only.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Only.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday & Saturday.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment Method

- Check / money order payable to Illinois AEYC
- Purchase Order Handling Fee \$5.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Enclosed.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks /money order payable to Illinois AEYC, P.O Box 666,  
Vienna, IL 62995**

For the best conference registration rates, be sure your  
Illinois AEYC membership is current or join now!  
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