

Arundel Child Care Connections, Inc.

proudly presents the
2018 Month of the Young Child Conference



- When: **Saturday, April 14, 2018**
- Where: The Double Tree Hotel
210 Holiday Court
Annapolis, MD 21401
- Time: Registration - **7:30 am - 8:30 am**
Conference starts at - **8:30 am**
- Cost: \$75.00 [six hours COK and one Professional Activity Unit (PAU)]

Included are a light breakfast, lunch, door prizes, goodie bags, and a mid-afternoon snack!

Schedule of the Day

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration/ Light Breakfast
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Welcome/Keynote Address
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Opening Session
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Networking Lunch/Vendors
12:05 pm – 2:05 pm	Session 2
2:05 pm - 2:30 pm	Mid-Afternoon Snack Break
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Session 3

Carpooling is encouraged!

**Additional Parking is located at the Best Western Hotel on Hearne Rd.
across from Festival at Riva
Shopping Center (Riva Rd. entrance).**

Arundel Child Care Connections is not responsible for your vehicle while attending the conference.

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT!

Keynote & Opening Session

*Marica Cox Mitchell,
Deputy Executive Director, NAEYC*

Marica Cox Mitchell is responsible for the National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) major efforts in accreditation and professional recognition. As Deputy Executive Director, her portfolio includes public policy and advocacy, accreditation of early learning programs, higher education accreditation and the new Power to the Profession initiative.

Raising the Bar: What is the Early Childhood Profession We All Want?

For too long early childhood educators have not been compensated, supported, and valued for the critical and complex work we do. To make matters worse, our profession is also hard to define. Are we providers or educators or child care workers? Are these all the same? What do the various degrees and credentials mean? Recent news stories have shed light on the state of the profession and interest in our profession is growing. It is time for us to step up and take the lead. We must define our profession on our own terms. What is the early childhood profession we all want?

Workshop Sessions

Please choose three selections from the workshop sessions below (A - H) and indicate on your registration form in order of preference. We will try to accommodate your selections. Please provide an email address if you wish to receive confirmation of your classes.

A. The Total Package - "Becoming the Best You, You Can Be"

*Xenia Grimes
PGCPS Before and After Care Extended Learning*

This training and presentation will provide key tools and standards with an overview on how to become a high quality professional in the child care industry. Participants will be able to communicate effectively with children, parents, colleagues, and the community; sustain a positive demeanor under pressure, dress for success, implementation of classroom organization, execution of program management, and self-development. This training will encourage each participant to gain a new sense of respect, empathy, and understanding for the families in which they serve.

B. Making a Difference for Young Children: Public Policy Advocacy

*Stephanie Schaefer
Schaefer Consulting*

How can early childhood education professionals educate policymakers about the importance of child and youth care services? This introductory training will define advocacy and identify key considerations for child care professionals in communicating effectively with policymakers to advocate for children. Even if you have never contacted a state official before, you can learn the basics and get ready to advocate on behalf of children! Participants will identify characteristics of policymakers to take into account when determining effective approaches to communicating with policymakers about early childhood education issues. Participants will also learn about resources for staying informed about Maryland and federal policy developments in early childhood education.

C. Combat Stress and Burnout by Claiming Your Strengths and (Re)Discovering Purpose

*Nancy Seibel
Keys to Change, LLC*

Have you ever felt like you only have so much to give, and there's not much left? Your work is important and much needed. But constantly nurturing and caring for others can leave you feeling depleted. Join this creative interactive workshop to get a boost of your compassion satisfaction. Compassion satisfaction is that deep inner knowledge that your work has purpose and meaning. We'll have some great small and large group discussions, we'll do a little doodling and drawing, and some brief, guided writing to help us claim our strengths and talents, and to (re)discover the passion and purpose that drew us to our work. What you create stays private. No drawing or writing skills are needed, and you can write in your own preferred language.

D. Building Adult Resilience as a Means to Strengthen the Children We Care For

*Liran Laor
Early Childhood Consultant*

Helping adults strengthen their protective factors enhances resilience and the ability to regain control and functioning when encountering stressors. Focus will be on adults who care for young children as the expectation is that caregivers will maintain a strong, loving relationship with children; a relationship which sets a foundation for young children to flourish and succeed in school and life. Using the Devereux Adult Resilience Survey, we will reflect on our strengths and weakness areas and discuss constructive ways to deal with everyday stresses and unusual hardships. We will identify a concrete plan to strengthen the four protective factors: relationships, internal beliefs, initiative and self-control in order to build resilience.

E. Growth Mindset: Shifting Our Mindset to Empower Our Students

*Thelma Hayes & Erica Bates,
Hayes Educational Resources, LLC*

In this highly interactive workshop, you will explore the elements that are needed to formulate a Growth Mindset for early child care professionals and students. Child care professionals will be presented with resources, information, and strategies that shifts a Fixed Mindset towards a Growth Mindset that will empower students to take risks and achieve academic success. The concepts are applicable from birth to school-age and throughout the child's lifespan. Supporting children to develop a Growth Mindset promotes a willingness to try, fail, try again, and move towards success and achievement. Early childhood professionals and teachers who demonstrate a Growth Mindset are also better able to face the rigors and challenges within the field to persevere towards greater accomplishments in their professional lives.

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F. Dream Team: Coaching the Next Generation of Child Care Leaders

*Rachel Dolcine Barrett
Compass Consulting & Training Solutions, LLC*

Let's get real, in the child care field, finding qualified, engaged, committed, teachable and devoted child care professionals can be challenging. Between certifications, pay, work schedules and the day to day challenges of working with children and families, many child care programs find themselves constantly looking for the child care professionals. What if programs started trying to attract, not just child care professionals for a short-term fix, but child care leaders that can take their program to the next level and make significant impact in the child care field? What would happen if programs created a recruitment and retention plan for their very own Dream Team of Child Care leaders? This workshop will explore the challenges to and strategies for recruiting and retaining child care leaders, strategies for creating a coaching program for child care leaders and discuss practical ways to engage child care staff so they can position themselves to be successful leaders.

G. I Think You're Wonderful: Building a Team in the Early Childhood Environment

*Cara Bethke
Sense of Wonder Early Childhood Consultants, LLC Educator*

Quality Early Childhood Environments require all participants working together. A community of learners is based on open communication, honesty, trust, and mutual respect. We all bring special gifts and talents to the process of building a team in the early childhood environment. Through personal reflection, open discussion and interactive activities we will explore and practice ways to support this process.

H. Communication in Leadership

*Angie Robinson
LiteBrite*

Childcare professionals will identify areas of strength and improvement in communication and strategies to improve communication effectiveness. They will be able to discuss with one another what they do now to communicate with families. Understanding that effective communication is more than sharing

Dress in layers due to temperature variations in rooms.



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Saturday, April 14, 2018

The Double Tree Hotel

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Registration begins at 7:30 am

1. Please indicate three workshops (in case one you choose is full) which you would like to attend from the attached pages. Put the corresponding letter of the workshop next to your choice on this form. To guarantee workshop selection, online registration is recommended.
2. **Payment is due at time of registration.**
3. **Mail** this form, with a check or money order in the amount of \$75.00, payable to **Arundel Child Care Connections**, 44 Calvert St. Room 140A, Annapolis, MD 21401 or include your VISA, MasterCard or Discover number, expiration date, zip code where credit card is billed and an email address at the bottom of this page. You may also **FAX** the completed Form to 410-222-1723. **ABSOLUTELY NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS will be accepted.** Mail-in registration will receive an email confirmation.
4. **Each individual participant MUST have a completed registration form.** Do not send a list of participants.
5. Online registration is available on our website, please select the Opening Session as your first choice, then select a workshop for Session 2, and a different workshop for Session 3. You will be charged the registration fee in the Opening Session only. You must select the Opening Session option!
6. **NO VOUCHERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR PAYMENT!** All participants in the Maryland Child Care Credential Program (level two or higher) may submit to MSDE for reimbursement.

Question? Contact **Carol**: carol@arundelccc.org or **Lauren**: lauren@arundelccc.org

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT All Information Clearly and Legibly

Name: _____/Program/Center Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ *Zip Code: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ *Email: _____
* (required)

Are you an ACCC Member? No Yes If yes, please provide your member number: _____

Lunch will be an **Italian Buffet** which will include:

Caesar Salad
Stuffed Shells with Marinara Sauce
Linguini with Alfredo Sauce
Mediterranean Style Grilled Chicken
Garlic Bread
Fresh Vegetable Medley
Chef's Selection of Desserts
Ice Tea/Water

**If you have a religious or dietary need, please contact us.*

Select three different workshops with the corresponding letter from the preceding pages.

We will make every effort to honor your **top two** requests.

Choice 1: _____ Choice 2: _____

Choice 3: _____

For Charges: (MasterCard, VISA or DISCOVER Only)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____

* (An email address is required for credit card payment)

ABSOLUTELY No Changes, Substitutions or Refunds after March 30, 2018.