

Washtenaw County Early Childhood Director's Association



2018-2019 Schedule and Registration

ECDA is...

...a professional organization for the directors, administrators and leaders of early childhood programs.

Our goals are to support directors, to serve as advocates of children's issues, and to provide resource and networking opportunities for early childhood professionals.

All ECDA meetings are held at the Polo Fields Ann Arbor which is located at 5200 Polo Fields Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

There is a monthly training fee of \$15.00 for the regular meetings. The training fee includes a plated lunch, dessert, drink and gratuity, (you can indicate special dietary needs when you register for the monthly meeting). ***Please email Patty Sherwood at info@adventurecenterchildcare.com if you would like to register and pay for the entire year.***

The doors open at **11:15 a.m.** Lunch will be served as soon as 80% of our members arrive. We strongly encourage you to join us for lunch. It is a great opportunity to network with other directors. Announcements and news will be from **12:00 to 12:15.** The speaker will begin promptly at **12:15.** Regular meetings are over by **2:00.**

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September 26, 2018

Topic: Child Care Licensing-

There's a New Law in Town

Speaker: Erika Bigelow, Area Manager, LARA

In this presentation you will learn about the changes to Public Act 116 and how these changes will impact YOU! The changes include the implementation of a new child care background check system, fingerprinting requirements, and more.

October 24, 2018

Topic: Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope

Speaker: We will be viewing this documentary with guided discussion.

As the new documentary Resilience reveals, toxic stress can trigger hormones that wreak havoc on the brains and bodies of children, putting them at a greater risk for disease, homelessness, prison time, and early death. While the broader impacts of poverty worsen the risk, no segment of society is immune. Resilience, however, also chronicles the dawn of a movement that is determined to fight back.

November 14, 2018

please note this is the 2nd Wed.

Topic: Developmental Leadership: Growing to be the Best Leader You Can Be

Speaker: Michelle Burkard

This fast-paced session will include small and large group discussions, fun activities, and an assessment of your current leadership level, as well as an improvement plan for future growth. You will walk away knowing more about your strengths and having a plan to use those strengths to grow into the best leader you can be. What we do in our time together will set you up for success in your leadership role, so you can empower and equip your staff to be their best!

December 2018 - No Meeting

January 23, 2019

**Topic: Stewards of Children:
Darkness to Light**

Speaker: Marcia Dykstra, WACC

Child sexual abuse has been in news reports over the past few years, but many adults are unaware how to recognize it, respond to it, or their role to prevent it. Our best strategy to prevent child sexual abuse is teaching adults the prevalence of child sexual abuse within our society, how to recognize it, appropriately respond to it, and report it.

February 27, 2019

Topic: Hot Topics in Early Childhood!

This session is designed to allow you to network and problem solve with your peers about the topics most important to you and your work. Guided discussions on topics you help determine!

March 27, 2019

Topic: The Anxious Child

Speaker: Stacie Knox

Do you have a child who is nervous to join large groups? A child who worries about when a parent will return? A child who bites his nails? Anxiety is not just diagnosable for adults. Children are also susceptible to intense, debilitating worry. This workshop will help the caregiver of these children to recognize anxiety and gain skills to teach coping mechanisms to the anxious child.



April 24, 2019

**Joint Meeting with the Southern Chapter of MiAEYC, separate registration process

Topic: Every Child Ready to Read: Building Kids' Brains before Kindergarten

Speaker: Kristel Sexton, MSI Youth Librarian & Kristen Hamilton, B.A. Youth Paraprofessional

We will discuss the six pre-literacy skills every child needs to master before learning to read and how to teach those skills through storytime. We'll go through a storytime live together and show how to do one story in many ways. We'll also recommend new picture books, including ones that promote diversity and inclusion, and discuss how libraries support local communities and early childhood programs. Every attendee will have the opportunity to make and take a flannel story

**The April meeting will require a separate registration process and registration fee of \$25.00. You will receive a special registration form a month prior to these meetings. The registration form and payment must be returned by the deadline. This meeting lasts 1 hour longer than the regular monthly meetings, ending at 3pm.

May 22, 2019

Topic: Finding Magnificent Millennials... and Keeping Them Happy

Speaker: Laura Griswold & Michele Davis

This session will focus on strategies for recruiting and retaining millennials. Understanding the values of the largest demographic in our workforce, is the key to having a successful program.

2018-2019 ECDA Steering Committee

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Registration:

You must be a member to attend ECDA meetings, excluding the April workshop when there is a special registration process. Newly licensed programs may attend one meeting for free before having to join to participate.

Membership Fee - \$70

Multi-site programs pay \$30 for each additional center. Please fill out the registration form below and send your payment to:

ECDA
c/o Patty Sherwood
Adventure Center
2111 Golfside
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Center Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E- Mail _____

Fax _____

Director _____

Amount Due: \$70

Additional sites _____ X \$30 _____

Total Enclosed _____