

Washtenaw County Early Childhood Director's Association



2017-2018 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 27, 2017

Topic: Budgeting: Know Your Numbers

Speaker: Kellie Boyd, First Children's Finance

Operating a financially sustainable and profitable early care and education business can be challenging. This session will provide information and strategies to positively impact your finances and place you on the path to owning and "knowing your numbers".

October 25, 2017

Joint Luncheon with the Southern Chapter of MiAEYC

*****special registration process****

Topic: The NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct: A Guide for Working with Children, Families and Staff

Speaker: Heidi McFadden, Gretchen's House

Everything that happens in your program is a reflection of your organization's values. The NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct identifies the professional standards for early childhood programs. This session will apply the NAEYC Code to everyday scenarios and provide leaders with ideas to share these standards with staff and families.

November 15, 2017

please note this is the 3rd Wed.

Topic: Nutrition for Preschool-Aged Children

Speaker: Olivia Bredell, National Kidney Foundation

We will discuss the basics of nutrition for young children, as well as tips and tricks when working with picky eaters. We will talk about the importance of trying new foods, and ways to make this process fun. NKF will also highlight some kid-friendly recipes, and will tell you a little bit about some of the work we do with preschool students in Metro Detroit. There will be plenty of time for questions!

December 2017 - No Meeting

January 24, 2018

Topic: Autism: Supporting the Child and the Family

Speaker: Mary Burke

Learn the definition of Autism and what the specific symptoms may look like in the classroom. From there, we will talk about when and how to talk to parents and things to consider about your program in regards to meeting the needs of the child.

February 28, 2018

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. More information will be coming soon!

March 28, 2018

Topic: Equity and Inclusion for Early Educators

Speaker: Apple Playschools

This session will guide teachers and administrators in early education programs to self-reflect on issues of equity and inclusion. We will discuss social identities in ourselves and children and how the early childhood classroom can be a place to challenge societal bias. We will discover ways we can work with our teams and our communities to challenge implicit biases. How can we foster truly inclusive programming and what does equity really look like?

April 25, 2018

*****special registration process****

Topic: Sensory Integration: A Parent's Perspective, A Teacher's Experience

Speaker: Laurie Higgins, BA MA, Morning Star

As a parent with a child diagnosed with Sensory Processing/Integration Disorder Laurie will share her experience with early childhood teachers and settings, along with her son's struggles and achievements. As an early childhood professional

she will give you strategies to use in the classroom, and tools to make learning a positive experience for children who struggle with sensory issues. Learn what Sensory Processing/Integration Disorder looks like, share experiences and ideas, and make and take some classroom tools.

May 23, 2018

Topic: Employee Handbook Basics: What's In, What's Out, and Why It's Important

Speaker: Jacqui Schulte, PLC

Most new business owners hear they need an employee handbook and they get one from a friend or online, put their business name and logo on it and think they're good. But they're not. A good Employee Handbook does the "hard work" of managing employees for you. In this seminar we will review legal requirements, business must-haves, and optional provisions. We will also discuss how managers can use the handbook as the basis for addressing problem employee situations.



*The October and April meetings 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. These meetings last longer than the regular monthly meetings.

2017-2018 ECDA Steering Committee

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Registration:

You must be a member to attend ECDA meetings, excluding the October and April workshops 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 _____