

Fox Valley AEYC



20th Annual Conference

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for the
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Come and join other early child care professionals at an exciting conference!

- ★ Earn DCFS inservice hours
- ★ Exhibit hall will be open 8 am - 3:30 pm
- ★ Keynote featuring Red Grammer
- ★ Network with old friends and make new ones
- ★ Pick a track - Green, Blue, or Red for workshops after 10 am
- ★ Registration is 7:30 am - 8:30 am.
- ★ Enjoy a continental breakfast before the first session begins

Conference Schedule

8:30 - 10:00 am - Everyone is together
After 10 am - Break into Tracks

Green Track - Limit 250 people

Session 2 - 10:15 am - 11:15 am

Lunch - 11:15 - 11:45 am

Red Grammer - 11:45 am - 1:20 pm

Session 3 - 1:30 - 3 pm

Blue track - Limit 250 people

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Red Grammer is one of the premier entertainers of children and families in America. Described by Parent's Magazine as "the best voice in children's music" Red has set the gold standard for writing and performing music that playfully reconnects each one of us with the best in ourselves.

Combining one of the truly great voices in the business with an unerring sense of performance and play, Red's live concerts delight audiences, young and old, in performing arts centers all across America. He is also a frequent keynote speaker and performer at national and regional educational conferences in the U.S. and Canada.

Need assistance in paying for the conference? Contact the YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral for scholarship opportunities at 630-790-3030
Contact Cheryl Frankowski at bbfcc@fvi.net for Fox Valley AEYC Scholarship (members only)
Contact Garret Luppino to be a volunteer at the conference at garret@foxvalleyaeyc.com

Fox Valley AEYC is sponsoring a book drive for children's organizations. Please help us by bringing a new or gently used children's book to the conference. You will receive a raffle ticket for your donation. Prizes will be various items donated by the conference exhibitors. Must be present to win.

8:30 - 10:00 1st Session

All Tracks together - Pick 1 workshop

10:15 2nd Session



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Overview of workshops

8:30 - 10:00 AM
Green, Blue and Red

Music for Learning, Transitions and Development

Maude Dammann

Music is a great way to engage, motivate and teach children. This hands-on presentation will give participants concrete activities and music tools that they can bring back to their classrooms and use the very next day.

OH! The Things We Grow!

Linda Luxion

This hands-on workshop includes mathematics, science, art, language arts, large motor and small motor skills and music, using materials relating to plants and nature.

Everyday Nature Play

Donna Broz & Katie Edinger

Join us for a look at ways one can bring the great outdoors inside. Many of these hands-on activities tie well to the Illinois Early Learning Standards in science, math and literacy.

Introduction to Brain Gym®

Barbara Bednarz

Movement grows the brain - Learn Brain Gym®'s easy movements to improve cognition, coordination, focusing, memory, vision, hearing and more. Effective for learning challenges and for all ages.

Mega Math Mania

Stacy Pyra

Math activities for the prek/kindergarten age groups can be very fun and inexpensive.

Multicultural Make and Taste

Illinois NET

A hands-on, interactive workshop that provides cross curricular teaching strategies and activities to allow children to explore cultural diversity.

Using Yoga and the Sensory Systems to Promote Engagement and Regulation

Brooke Backsen & Mira Binzen

In this workshop you will explore the correlation of sensory integration principles with the practice of Yoga and how to use the two while working with children to create an optimal state of regulation.

Science: Songs, Sounds & Stories

Brigid Finucane

This workshop brings science activities to circle time. Each season brings wonders to explore in science. This interactive workshop presents appropriate science circle time activities through books, songs, heritage dances, sounds, poems, hand rhymes and sensory exploration.

Creating a Meaningful and Sensible Academic Environment in the Pre-School and Kindergarten Classrooms

Ruth Cormier

This presentation discusses how to make use of the daily activities of the pre-school/kindergarten programs to reinforce the academic concepts introduced into the program.

Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution

Susan Jensen

The goal of this workshop is to create a thinking child who is confident and responsible. Learning to ask the right questions removes adult assumptions and gives each child the chance to formulate ideas and make responsible choices. The workshop will be interactive and discussions encouraged.

Infants and Toddlers

Marisaa Happ

Because of recent on-going research, we know that infants and toddlers are extremely complex, coming into this world with developing brains ready to respond to the nurturing relationships that await them. Regardless of race, culture or ethnicity, there are certain things that every infant and toddler need. What can we do to give them the very best start program?

Teaching Healthy Habits for Healthy Children

Kathleen Krenek

Teaching anyone dealing with children important nutrition and lifestyle information for healthy children, while providing methods of teaching this information to co-workers, parents, and children.

Living your Passion: Tools for Educating and Caring for Children!

Mark Obuchowski, INCCRRA

Your passion for working with young children drives you. Now make that passion work for you with tools from Gateways to Opportunity and Quality counts.

This listing will change the day of the conference with additions, deletions and more in-depth descriptions. Please see program the day of the conference for all presentations and complete descriptions.

Green Track

10:15 - 11:15 AM

Baby Signs® Program

Jennifer Prentice

This presentation provides an introduction to the Baby Signs® Program, emphasizing the benefits of signing with infants and toddlers, the solid research foundation upon which the program is based, and the availability of resources and training options for professionals working with children up to 24 months of age.

O.W.L.S. Outside While Learning & Serving

Holly Anderson

Service learning isn't just for the big kids, young children blossom at the idea of helping others. This workshop will help participants understand what service learning is, how it works, is organized, and the components of a Service Learning Project.

Social-Emotional Health in Young Children

Marissa Happ

When childcare providers observe disturbing behaviors, they often wonder when a referral is appropriate and where to turn. As we attempt to facilitate pro-social behaviors, when we should consider outside help.

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Join us for a fun, experimental workshop that teaches Brain Education games for staff to enjoy with children.

Raising Monarchs in a Childcare Setting

Kathryn Mueller

For the past two summers, the children in my care and I have joined many people nationwide who are raising monarch butterflies. It's been a wonderful experience, filled with many learning opportunities.

Helping Parents Understand the Power of Play

Michael Meyerhoff

Tips for transforming parents from uncooperative adversaries pushing for highly structured academically oriented activities.

11:15 - 11:45 Lunch

Lunch and visit exhibits

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**Red Grammer
in SIEGLE AUD.**

1:30 - 3:00 PM

First Art Experiences with Infants & Toddlers

Carrie Rafalski

Young artists need opportunities to explore art. We'll discuss process vs. product. We'll share ideas to enhance your current art program and ways to display and document the learning that children are experiencing through art.

Bridging the Gap in Communication Between Families and Staff

Kevin Helgren

Communication between teachers and parents is a vital part of creating a successful learning environment. IN this workshop we will discuss techniques to help us bridge the gap in communication.

It's all about the Process

Jill Tidwell

Come explore ART! We'll look at the difference between product and process oriented art and talk about why process is more beneficial. We'll also talk about what kids LEARN from the process and align them to the state standards.

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Marie Kiely

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Science Time

Sherry Ann Wolfer

THIS is a hands on workshop that contains easy & inexpensive science experiments, activities and table top science props.

Learning Through Play the Large Motor Way

Peggy Swyter & Cyndi Rojic

We will present (with active group participation) ideas to enhance the gross motor area of the classroom. The participants will walk away with many ideas that promote growth and development.

Diagnosis of Speech/Language Disorders in Early Childhood

Sandra Kupensky

Normal speech/language development will be covered - appropriate milestones presented - techniques to aid a child in reaching them.

11:45 - 12:20 Lunch

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Not Just a Story but More!

Kimberly Corzine

This workshop will show you inexpensive and easy ideas on how to make and present stories and songs that go beyond holding a book or playing a tape.

Managing Workplace Conflicts

Diana Beasley

This workshop is designed to review the various types of workplace conflict, what influences our responses to conflict, suggestions on how to react when workplace conflict occurs and more.

The Wonders of Nature

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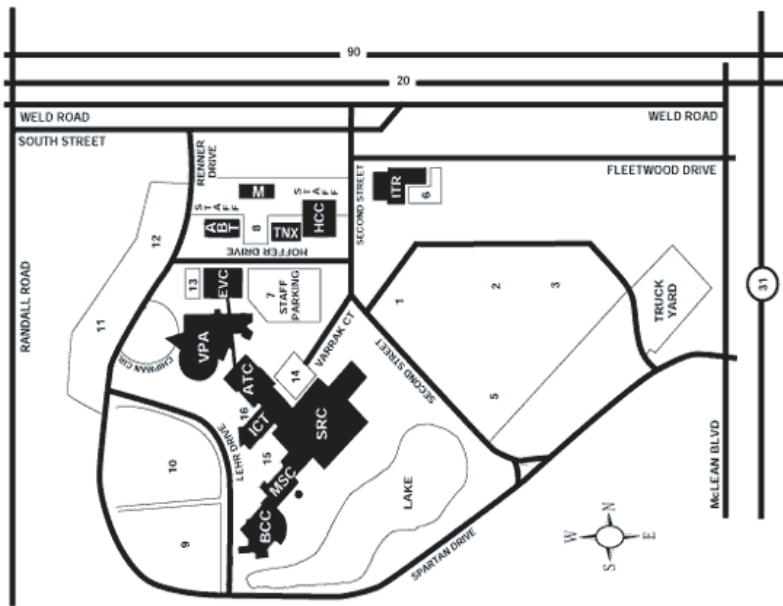
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From Randall Road. Drive to the corner of Randall Road and South Street. A Target store is on the west corner of that intersection. Turn east and travel six blocks to Renner Drive or Second Street. Turn right and travel two blocks south to the campus.

From McLean Boulevard. Drive to the intersection with Spartan Drive. Local restaurants and the Spartan Meadows Golf Course are on the west side of the street. Turn west at the stoplight and proceed two blocks to the campus.

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NAEYC Membership # _____

To join Fox Valley AEYC please see reverse side of this form.

Please circle one

Registration Fees	FVAEYC Member	Non-member
Postmarked By Feb. 14	\$40	\$65
Registration after Feb. 14 is	\$85	\$85
Fee includes box lunch		

Which Track would you like?

Please check one: Red Blue Green Administrators

First 250 people that sign up for the Green and Blue tracks will receive those tracks.

Mail to:
Fox Valley A.E.Y.C.
P.O. Box 5911
Elgin, IL 60121-5911

Please make check payable to:
Fox Valley AEYC

No confirmation will be sent unless your track is filled.

FOX VALLEY AEYC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Memberships must be in the name of an individual, not a center or school. Please print clearly.

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail address _____

Home phone _____ / _____ Work phone _____ / _____

Check one: New membership Renewal (ID# _____)

CHOOSE MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

Comprehensive \$93

Regular \$58

Student \$37

INDICATE YOUR PAYMENT OPTION

Check/money order Charge to VISA Charge to MasterCard

Charge Card # _____ Expiration date _____

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Cardholder's signature _____

THANK YOU!

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:

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