

# CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER OF PENNAEYC EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE



**SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023**

**7:30 AM-12:30 PM**

**CrossPoint United Methodist Church  
430 Colonial Road, Harrisburg 17109**

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Information on where to obtain documentation of your attendance will be included in your conference folder materials. Three DHS and PA Key professional development hours will be awarded to those attending all sessions. CEUs are not offered at this event. Pennsylvania Department of Education Act 48 credits will be awarded thanks to ECETA.



Every participant will receive a voucher (\$12.00 value) for lunch from one of two food trucks immediately following the keynote session during networking.

# Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC Welcome

The Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC (CACPennAEYC) is excited to invite you and your colleagues to participate in our annual professional development event for an opportunity to connect with ECE professionals for a time of in-person learning and networking. The Capital Area Early Childhood Conference is being offered to bring early learning professionals together once again at the CrossPoint United Methodist Church in Harrisburg. As always, this event is especially designed for early childhood professionals and advocates who work with and on behalf of young children. This year's conference will offer an exceptional selection of educational workshops led by highly qualified instructors, an inspirational keynote speaker, a large assortment of community vendors, and additional resources for up-to-date information on early care and education. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis, so be sure to register early!

Please Note: We, at CACPennAEYC, want everyone who attends our events to feel safe and able to make connections with others in the early childhood field. You are encouraged to mingle, have discussions, ask questions, and seek new friendships with the common goal of furthering your own personal education. Our events should not be used for recruitment purposes of any kind. We hope you enjoy the day and learn something new. Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you on March 4, 2023!

## 2023 Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC Governing Board and Committee Chairpersons

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Keynote Speaker  
**DAWN MARTINI**

## ENCOURAGING PROFESSIONALISM

Throughout Dawn's career she has worked as a lead teacher in infant and preschool programs where her theoretical knowledge of child development was complimented by practical, hands-on experience. As a therapeutic support person (behavior therapist), Dawn gained valuable experience with disabled children and played key roles in their integration into the classroom environment.

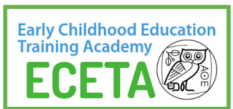
This keynote's primary focus is to encourage, among Direct Care Staff, the notion of professionalism. We want the Direct Care Staff to consciously think and act in all instances as the professionals this industry demands. Participants will be engaged in an interactive discussion to define "profession" and to reflect on how they can act personally to promote a professional air. Participants will analyze their corporate culture, including policies, practices and procedures and implement changes as needed to reflect the desired professional culture. The latest developments and programs which are driving this movement, will also be presented. Controversial issues including appearance, supervision, personal presentation, and behavior outside the center will be discussed in relation to their impact on the quest for professional recognition.

## Gold Sponsor



- Undergrad (Online)
- AA Early Childhood Studies
  - BS Early Childhood Studies
  - BS Early Childhood Education (Student Teaching)
  - BS Special Education (PK-12)
- Graduate (Online)
- MEd in Curriculum & Instruction
  - MEd in Multicultural Education
  - MEd in TESOL
  - MEd in School Health Services
  - MEd in Reading

## Bronze Sponsors





# Conference Schedule

7:30am- 8:00am . . . . . Check in/ Pastries  
8:15am- 10:15am . . . . . Session  
10:15am- 11:15am . . . . . Vendors  
11:30am- 12:30pm . . . . . Keynote  
12:30pm . . . . . Lunch, Network, Vendors

## Morning Session

**8:15 am - 10:15 am / Please choose only one.**

### 1. *Developmentally Appropriate Art and Practice*

Kim Alloway, Inclusion Support Coach, Child Care Consultants  
with Ashlee Walter, Quality Coach, Child Care Consultants

This hands-on, interactive training challenges us to embrace the true idea of art, and helps us understand what art in the early childhood classroom really looks like. The fundamentals of DAP and the ERS are the guidelines that will allow us to provide meaningful and appropriate exposure to art, and the materials used to create art.

*Meets SQ. 3.4.6*

### 2. *Introduction to FLIP-IT*

Jenn Wertz, Coaching Team Lead/ STARS Quality Coach,  
Child Care Consultants , ELRC 9/ 10

FLIP-IT! is a strategy that offers a simple, kind, strength-based, commonsense and effective four-step process to address children's day-to-day challenging behaviors. The four steps are embodied in the FLIP IT mnemonic which stands for F- Feelings, L- Limits, I-Inquiries, and P- Prompts. FLIP IT is nothing new, but transforms best practice into a strategy that is easy to remember, applicable in a variety of challenging situations and portable. This process helps adults to establish positive and supportive relationships with young children (ages 3-8).

*Meets SQ. 3.4.4*

### 3. *Exploring the Wonders of Nature*

Bev Goodling, Adjunct Instructor, Messiah University

STEAM ahead in the natural world! Today's children are spending less time outdoors and are missing out on numerous learning opportunities that can be uncovered through nature exploration. Participants will review research-based benefits of nature play, explore ideas for incorporating nature in both indoor and outdoor learning environments, and will discuss various strategies for engaging families in home/school nature related learning activities.

*Meets SQ. 3.4.6*

## Registration Information

**REGISTER EARLY: Online Registrations Only!**

Conference space is limited to 150 participants.  
Walk-in registrations may not be accepted.

The three morning sessions will be limited  
to 50 participants per session.

**Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

Registration must be completed online and paid  
for at that time.

**REGISTER HERE:**  
<https://conference2023.eventbrite.com>

**Conference fee for ALL participants . . . \$40.00**

**\* Every participant will receive a voucher (\$12.00 value) good for lunch from one of two food trucks immediately following the keynote session during networking.**

**Lunch vouchers will be distributed at check in.**

**Cancellation requests must be received in writing on or before Thursday, March 2, 2023. A refund will be given minus a \$5 handling fee. Send request to Dara Groff at [cacpennaeyc@gmail.com](mailto:cacpennaeyc@gmail.com).**

**In the event that the conference is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., natural disaster, COVID), refunds will be issued after deducting non-reimbursable conference costs.**

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