



# MONTANA EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE 2018 HANDBOOK

OCTOBER 18-20, 2018  
FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS  
FAIRMONT, MT

*“THRIVING CHILDREN, SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONALS,  
HEALTHY SOCIETY”*



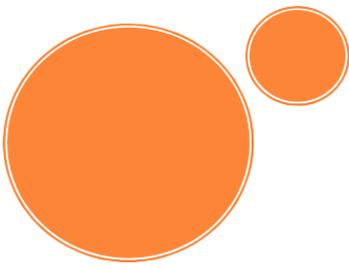
Montana Association for the  
Education of Young Children

MONTANA HEAD START  
ASSOCIATION



**REGISTER ONLINE NOW**  
[www.picatic.com/mtaeyc2018](http://www.picatic.com/mtaeyc2018)

If you have questions please contact Tori Sproles,  
[tori@cccmontana.org](mailto:tori@cccmontana.org)



# Conference Schedule

## **THURSDAY OCTOBER 18th**

12:00 PM	Conference Registration Opens
1:00-5:00 PM	Pre-conference session (mtaeyc or HS)
6:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres & Cocktail Hour
7:00-9:00 PM	Early Childhood Montana Talks

## **FRIDAY OCTOBER 19th**

7:00 AM	Conference Registration Breakfast Provided
8:00-10:00 AM	Breakout Sessions
10:15 AM-11:45 PM	Keynote Presentation
11:45-1:00 PM	Lunch provided (mtaeyc or HS luncheon)
1:15-3:15 PM	Breakout Sessions
3:30-5:30 PM	General Session: Patty Butler

## **SATURDAY OCTOBER 20th**

7:00 AM	Conference Registration Breakfast Provided
8:00-10:00 AM	Breakout Sessions or Bus Tour
10:15-12:15 PM	Breakout sessions or bus tour

# Pricing and Registration

	Early Bird Registration July 18-September 18		Late Registration September 18 <sup>th</sup> - conference	
<b>Thursday Pre-Conference</b> (4 hours of training)	<u>Members</u> \$45	<u>Non-Members</u> \$65	<u>Members</u> \$70	<u>Non-Members</u> \$90
<b>Thursday Early Childhood Montana Talks ONLY</b> (2 hours of training) Includes networking social	<u>Members</u> \$20	<u>Non-Members</u> \$25	<u>Members</u> \$30	<u>Non-Members</u> \$35
<b>Friday ONLY</b> (6 hours of training) Includes breakfast & lunch	<u>Members</u> \$90	<u>Non-Members</u> \$110	<u>Members</u> \$115	<u>Non-Members</u> \$135
<b>Saturday ONLY</b> (4 hours of training) Includes breakfast	<u>Members</u> \$60	<u>Non-Members</u> \$80	<u>Members</u> \$85	<u>Non-Members</u> \$105
<b>FULL Conference-</b> (16 hours of training) Includes all meals, Pre-Conference, MT Talks, Friday & Saturday Breakout Sessions	<u>Members</u> \$ 185	<u>Non-Members</u> \$205	<u>Members</u> \$210	<u>Non-Members</u> \$230
<b>ENVIRONMENT BUS TOUR</b> (Saturday morning)	<u>LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE</u> \$10.00			

**\*\*CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES SEVERAL MEALS THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE DUE TO THE LIMITATIONS OF OPTIONS WITHIN THE VENUE. \*\***

**MEALS INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION FOR CORRESPONDING DAYS/NIGHTS:**

**THURSDAY NIGHT: Hors d'oeuvres & Cocktail Hour**

**FRIDAY:**

**BREAKFAST- muffins, seasonal fruit, yogurt, coffee & tea**

**LUNCH- baked potato bar, served with salad**

**SATURDAY:**

**BREAKFAST- English muffin breakfast sandwiches, fruit, coffee & tea**

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[www.picatic.com/mtaeyc2018](http://www.picatic.com/mtaeyc2018) OR  
**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**  
[WWW.MTAEYC.ORG](http://WWW.MTAEYC.ORG)

INTERESTED IN BECOMING  
A MEMBER OF NAEYC?  
  
GO TO THE FOLLOWING LINK  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND SIGN UP TODAY!

[WWW.NAEYC.ORG](http://WWW.NAEYC.ORG)

TO ACCESS MEMBER PRICING YOU WILL NEED  
YOUR NAEYC MEMBER ID # AND THE FOLLOWING  
PROMO CODE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION:

Promo code: **MTECC2018**

# Pre-Conference Sessions

## MTAEYC Pre-Conference:

### Bringing Joy Back to Teaching

With so much focus on academics in early childhood, teachers are finding themselves forced to teach young children in ways they know are not developmentally appropriate. This often leads to teacher burn out because the fun factor has been eliminated for everyone. Join Jocelyn as she shares how fun and learning can still go hand in hand by integrating music and movement into the day.



**Presented by: Jocelyn Manzanarez**

Jocelyn received her BA from the University of Montana in Music Education and her MA in Music Education from the University of Washington. She is a certified K-12 music educator in Washington state as well as a Washington S.T.A.R.S. certified trainer. Jocelyn is the author of "Circle Time Success," an early childhood music curriculum designed to teach classroom teachers how to unlock the power of music and movement at circle time and throughout the school day.

## Head Start Pre-Conference:

### Early Childhood Mental Health

Pre-conference session targeted to Head Start and Early Head Start managers on early childhood mental health. Integration of all components to best support parents, children and staff. Non-Head Start staff and/or managers are able to attend. There will be 2 hours focused on lecture and 2 hours in breakout discussions around implementation.

# KEYNOTE

## **Mind and Hearts Together: Inseparable Tools for Learning**

There are so many ways we can encourage children to use their minds and hearts together daily. Come explore great ideas you can take right back to your classroom. This interactive keynote will have you thinking, feeling and problem solving with joy and humor!

**Presented by: ELLEN BOOTH CHURCH**



Well-known early childhood educator, Ellen Booth Church spent several years as both a pre-k and kindergarten teacher before becoming an early childhood assistant professor at the State University of New York. She is currently an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University, an educational consultant, keynote speaker, curriculum/product developer, and writer dedicated to enriching the lives of young children and their families. At this time Ms. Church is thrilled to be involved in mentoring the Kinderpillar preschools in both India and Nepal. In addition, Ms. Church is an author for Gryphon House publishers. In 2015 her book on Social Emotional Development titled “Getting to the Heart of Learning” was released. Her new book, “Nurturing Next Generation Innovators” was released in the Fall of 2016. She is also an author of many Scholastic, Inc. books and articles for teachers and parents. She is a popular International keynote speaker at conferences around the world. Most recently she has keynoted in India, Hong Kong and Singapore as well as many conferences in the United States.

# GENERAL SESSION

## **What’s Happening Montana?**

**Presented by: Patty Butler, Early Childhood Services Bureau Chief**

This session is packed with information pertaining to Early Childhood in Montana including; the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) changes, provider market rate, payment rates, Best Beginnings Scholarship policy changes etc. Learn about the state plan and opportunities to provide input on these decisions. Participants will be informed about STARS to Quality program statistics and outcomes, as well as upcoming changes.

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy a wide variety of training sessions surrounding our theme of “Thriving Children, Successful Professionals, and a Healthy Society” at the MT Early Childhood Conference 2018.

There are sessions for everybody and every level from advanced classroom skills, to business practice and strategy, to advocacy. Here is just a small taste of what you’ll find....

## ***Bend but Don’t Break: Building Resilience in Teachers***

- Create team building strategies to combat burnout.
- Design a system of accountability within your early childhood program.

## ***Early Childhood Environments Bus Tour***

- Explore high quality early childhood environments
- Gain new ideas for your own classrooms and programs
- Discover a variety of early childhood environment philosophies

## ***Are We Who We Are Because of What We Have Learned or What We Were Given?***

- Come and explore the forever debated topic of Nature vs. Nurture. The children that we care for all come with their own, unique “special rights” and personalities. Babies are wonderful packages of personality to be discovered, embraced and enhanced through experiences.

## ***Terrific Transitions***

- Learn quick interludes that can positively redirect attention, calm and center, release extra energy and tension, and gently guide behavior.
- In this session she will take an interesting look at ways we can use Transitions as mini-teaching opportunities and a joyful approach to managing behavior with compassion and clarity.

## ***Become an Advocate***

- Understand the difference between rule and law.
- Learn how to participate in and influence decisions made at varying levels of government.

## ***Other options include:***

NAEYC/NAFCC Accreditation, ACEs, Professionalism, Technology, Brain Development, Farm to School, Leadership, Circle Time and much more!

# EARLY CHILDHOOD MONTANA TALKS

WE INVITE ALL MONTANANS TO JOIN IN THE  
CONVERSATION!

COME AND LISTEN TO 2 **DYNAMIC** SPEAKERS ON THE TOPIC  
OF THRIVING CHILDREN, SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONALS,  
AND A HEALTHY SOCIETY!

LEAVE INSPIRED, INVIGORATED, AND READY TO  
MOVE THE EARLY CHILDHOOD FIELD FORWARD!

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.  
TALKS BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.**

HOUR D'OEUVRES SERVED  
(INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE)  
CASH BAR AVAILABLE



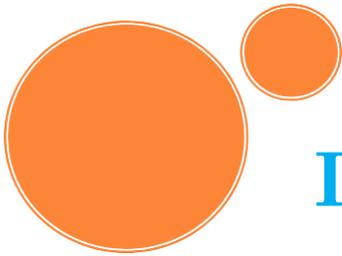
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\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35

PURCHASE TICKETS AT:

[www.picatic.com/mtaeyc2018](http://www.picatic.com/mtaeyc2018)





# LODGING AND TRAVEL

**Conference Location:** 1500 FAIRMONT ROAD  
FAIRMONT, MT 59711

*I-90, Exit 211  
(Between Anaconda and Butte, MT)*

## **Lodging:**

**Fairmont Hot Springs**  
**Room Block:** *Early Childhood Conference*  
**\$129-\$159/night**  
**Room block closes October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**(800) 332-3272** or online at [www.fairmontmontana.com](http://www.fairmontmontana.com)  
**Group: 21569**

**Clarion Inn Copper King**  
**4655 Harrison Avenue**  
**Butte, MT 59701**  
**Room Block:** *Early Childhood Conference*  
**\$119/night**  
**Room Block Closes October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**(406) 565-5001**

**Fairmont Hot Springs**  
**Fairmont RV Park ~ 406.797.3505**  
**Fairmont Chalets ~ 406.797.8169**  
**Fairmont Condos ~ 406.797.3228**  
**Not part of the discounted conference rates**



## MONTANA EARLY CHILDHOOD AWARDS

*PLEASE JOIN US ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 19, 2018 AT THE  
MTAEYC LUNCHEON AS WE HONOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS  
WHO HAVE MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN  
THE EARLY CHILDHOOD FIELD AT*

### **AWARDS PRESENTED INCLUDE:**

- MCCARTHY SERVICE AWARD
- MT EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES AWARD
- MT INFANT/TODDLER TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- MT PRESCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- MT K-3 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- EARLY CHILDHOOD EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AWARD
- FRIEND OF EARLY CHILDHOOD AWARD

### **HONOARY MENTIONS:**

- ACCREDITED PROGRAMS
- MT STARS TO QUALITY PROGRAMS
- HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES
- MTAEYC MEMBERS



**MTAEYC recognizes and presents awards to individuals or groups that have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to young children and families, either at the state and/or local level. The criteria for each of the awards are outlined below:**

**McCARTHY PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD:**

This award is to be presented to an individual or group that has demonstrated a long-term, exemplary commitment to the care and/or education of young children at the state level by actively participating in advocating, developing and/or maintaining public policies affecting young children and/or their families. This public service may be through election, employment and/or volunteer efforts. This individual or group may or may not be a current member of MTAEYC.

**MONTANA EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICE AWARD:**

This award is to be presented to an individual who has demonstrated an exemplary service to the Montana Early Childhood field at both the local and state level. This individual has demonstrated an active role in a support service to programs that care for and/or educate young children and/or their families, and is a current member of MTAEYC.

**MONTANA INFANT TODDLER TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

The MT Infant Toddler Teacher of the Year Award is presented to an individual whose specialty is excellence in the personal care and education of children ages 0-2 years old and is employed in a licensed child care program in Montana. This individual encompasses intentionality, responsiveness, and professionalism, and demonstrates understanding of developmental milestones for children in the areas of physical, psychosocial, cognitive, and language development. The recipient of this award demonstrates skills and knowledge related to the unique needs and education of infants and toddlers age 0-36 months; and, utilizes developmentally appropriate observation, assessment, and documentation skills that can be applied to interpretations of growth and development, planning, and identification of individual needs. Lastly, this individual demonstrates professional skills including ethical practice, reflective practice, written and verbal communication, collaboration, advocacy, and identification of personal qualifications in relationship to state and national requirements for teachers of young children.

**MONTANA PRESCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

The Preschool Teacher of the Year Award is given to someone who is committed to teaching children ages 3-5 years of age. This person is an advocate for children and the early childhood field alike. They have enthusiasm and dedication to teaching and aiding in the development of preschool age children in a holistic way. The recipient of the Preschool Teacher of the Year Award is given to a teacher who inspires children to grow and learn.

**MONTANA K-3 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

The K-3 Teacher of the Year Award is given to an early childhood teacher working in a classroom serving children kindergarten through third grade who demonstrates outstanding character in education initiatives. This individual has the ability to inspire, guide, and mentor students through independent and creative thinking. The recipient of this award shows an understanding in adjusting to the needs and interests of a wide variety of student learners. This teacher is dedicated to education and shows a love for inspiring students through early learning.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AWARD:**

The Early Childhood Excellence in Program Administration Award recognizes outstanding administrative and professional performance; Program Administrators play a critical role in the quality and delivery of Early Childhood Services. The recipient of this award will encompass many characteristics including operational excellence, exceptional service provider, positive impact, leadership, mentorship, and community service.

**FRIEND OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AWARD:**

-The Friend of Early Childhood Education Award is to be presented to an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to education and/or the early childhood profession in Montana. The purpose of this award is to recognize dynamic individuals or organizations who have empowered early childhood workforce and made contributions to the advancement of early care and education through exhibited leadership, acts, and support of quality early childhood for Montana's children.

# Montana Early Childhood Awards

## Nomination Instructions and Application

Award Nominations must be submitted by email no later than **September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Email nomination to: [mtaeyc@gmail.com](mailto:mtaeyc@gmail.com)

### **In the email please include the following:**

- What award are you submitting a nomination for?
- What is the name of the nominee?
- What position or title does the nominee hold?
- How long has the nominee been in their position?
- Please provide contact information for the nominee.
- In 1-2 paragraphs please summarize the nominee's qualifications for the chosen award. Give examples of the impact this person (or people) have made in the field of early education.

Award selections will be made at the MTAEYC Board Meeting October 6, 2018.. Awards will then be presented at the annual 2018 MTAEYC Early Childhood Conference in Fairmont Hot Springs during the MTAEYC luncheon on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.