

MONTANA EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE 2017 HANDBOOK

*YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE EARLY
CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE 2017*

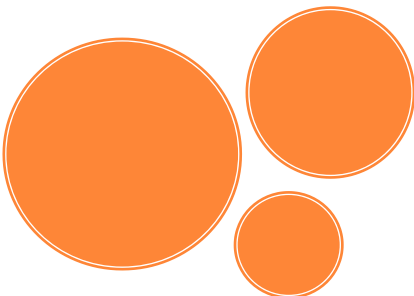
OCTOBER 19-21, 2017
RADISSON COLONIAL INN
HELENA, MT

*"THRIVING CHILDREN,
SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONALS,
HEALTHY SOCIETY"*



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The Future is **WOW!**



MT EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE 2017
OCTOBER 19-21, 2017
HELENA, MT

THE MONTANA EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE RETURNS AS ONE OF THE PREMIERE EVENTS OF FALL. THE MTECC IS WHERE ENTHUSIASTS FROM THE WORLDS OF CHILD CARE, HEAD START, STATE AGENCIES, MONTESSORI, REGGIO EMILIA, SPECIAL EDUCATION, PUBLIC SCHOOL, PARENTS, HIGHER EDUCATION, POLITICS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, SOCIAL WORK, AND HEALTH CARE COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE ALL THINGS EARLY CHILDHOOD!

WE THINK YOU SHOULD BE HERE!

YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND. USE THE FOLLOWING LINK TO OUR REGISTRATION EVENT PAGE:

PICATIC.COM/MTAEYC2017

OR MAIL REGISTRATION FORM - SEE PAGE 7
THRIVING CHILDREN - SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONALS - HEALTHY SOCIETY

KEYNOTE

LISA CULP, M.S. Ed.S.



Creating Future Stories for Montana's Children and Families

- Recognize how our own culture shapes our perception of the world, including the children we serve
- Examine how to build resiliency factors in the children in our programs when the arithmetic of life isn't working well for them
- Identify ways to operate our programs through a strength-based understanding of diversity and inclusion
- Promote positive future mental models of teachers and education for our families
- Learn to "code switch" in order to honor diverse family communication styles
- Create curriculum that teaches abstract, future thinking to the children we serve

LISA CULP, M.S. Ed.S.

Lisa Culp brings over 25 years of Early Childhood expertise as an educator and practitioner. Lisa has graduate degrees in both Family Life and Adult & Organizational Learning and Leadership. She has expertise in the areas of communication strategies, human development, business leadership and social justice. As the director for five non-profit initiatives, including the NAEYC accredited CARE for KIDS Child Care, Learning Lab, Learning Vans and AmeriCorps Program, Lisa has been involved in designing and implementing programs to meet the needs of families and children for more than twenty-five (25) years. As the regional supervisor for the Child Care Resource & Referral program and CDA certifier, Lisa Culp has much "rubber meets the road" experience in working with children and families in best practice child care environments throughout Idaho and Washington and is an experienced, early childhood college instructor. Along with her organizational development work with FutureSYNC, she teaches Business and Communication at two colleges in Billings, Montana. Lisa believes that her life's purpose is to encourage others to use their gifts and abilities meaningfully and authentically and she seeks to embolden her participants to discover and use those gifts daily.

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 2017.

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...

The Powerful Mind: Mental Management and Goal-Setting

- Learn the rule of allowing others to stand tall in your presence
- Be careful what gets your attention, it will get all of your focus and energy
- Leaders are always teaching people what to think about...what are you teaching?
- Master the critical thinking skills that will get you - your desired outcomes!

Advancing Advocates

- See how effective advocacy can influence the early childhood system and open new and exciting career paths for early childhood professionals
- Better understand the legislative process
- Tour the Capital
- Connect to ongoing local, state, and national efforts

Blend and Defend:

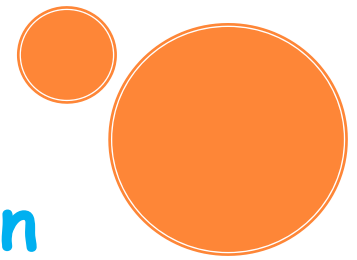
- Dive into the MT Early Learning Standards and Developmentally Appropriate Practice
- Learn about play and its importance in education, well-being, and overall development
- Understand how to embed assessment, observation, and alignment of standards into your play based curriculum and routines

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

Yoga and Mindfulness in the Early Childhood Classroom

Pricing and Registration



	EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION JULY 10 - SEPT. 15, 2017		LATE REGISTRATION SEPT. 16- OCT.21, 2017	
ONE DAY ADMISSION <small>(FRIDAY OR SATURDAY ONLY)</small>	MEMBER \$65.00	NON-MEMBER \$85.00	MEMBER \$90.00	NON-MEMBER \$110.00
TWO DAY ADMISSION <small>(FRIDAY AND SATURDAY)</small>	MEMBER \$130.00	NON-MEMBER \$150.00	MEMBER \$155.00	NON-MEMBER \$170.00
EARLY CHILDHOOD TED TALKS <small>(THURSDAY EVENING PRECONFERENCE EVENT)</small>	MEMBER \$10.00	NON-MEMBER \$25.00	MEMBER \$15.00	NON-MEMBER \$30.00
EARLY CHILDHOOD AWARDS BANQUET (FRIDAY EVENING)	INCLUDED FREE WITH PURCHASE OF REGISTRATION OR \$10.00 TO ATTEND INDEPENDENTLY			
ENVIRONMENTS BUS TOUR (SATURDAY MORNING)	LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE \$10.00			

REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT:
PICATIC.COM/MTAEYC2017
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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

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

Promo code: kids1st



MONTANA EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE 2017

MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION (CIRCLE ONE)

Family Care	Early Head Start	Special Education
Group Care	Montessori	Social Services
Child Care Center	Agency Staff	Parent/Guardian
Head Start	Public School	Law Enforcement
LCP	Medical Field	Other: _____

Program Name: _____

Is your program accredited? ___ yes ___ no
If yes: NAEYC NAFCC MONTESSORI OTHER: _____

Is your program a MT STARS to Quality Program?
___ yes ___ no If yes, which STAR Level? _____

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CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE OPTIONS

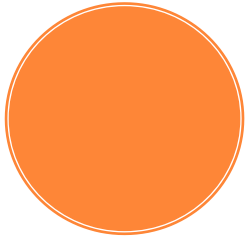
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TOTAL: \$ _____

NAEYC MEMBER ID #: _____

***MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MTAEYC**
MAIL TO: P.O. BOX 985
LEWISTOWN, MT 59457



LODGING AND TRAVEL

**CONFERENCE LOCATION: RADISSON COLONIAL INN
2301 COLONIAL DRIVE
HELENA, MT 59601**

**EXIT 192 OFF OF I-15*

RESERVATIONS MADE BY PHONE: 406-443-2100

**ROOM BLOCK AVAILABLE UNDER: MTAEYC EARLY
CHILDHOOD CONF.**

ROOM BLOCK OPEN THROUGH: OCTOBER 1ST, 2017

ROOM BLOCK RATE: \$119/PER NIGHT



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19TH:

*DID YOU KNOW...

THE MT STARS TO QUALITY INSTITUTE IS TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE DAY OF OCTOBER 19TH! WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND BOTH CONFERENCES - THE STARS INSTITUTE DURING THE DAY OF OCTOBER 19TH AND THEN THE MT EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE BEGINNING IN THE EVENING ON OCTOBER 19TH! **MAKE ONE AMAZING TRIP AND DOUBLE THE ADVANTAGE!**

5:00 P.M. - CONFERENCE REGISTRATION TABLE OPENS

6:00 P.M. - HOUR D'VOURS AND COCKTAIL HOUR

7:00 - 9:00 P.M. - EARLY CHILDHOOD TED TALKS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20TH:

7:00 A.M. - CONFERENCE REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN

8:00-10:00 A.M. - BREAKOUT SESSION

10:15 A.M. -12:00 P.M.- KEYNOTE SPEAKER

12:00-1:15 P.M. - LUNCH (ON OWN)

1:15 -3:15 P.M. - BREAKOUT SESSION

3:30 -5:30 P.M. - BREAKOUT SESSION

6:00 -6:30 P.M.- COCKTAIL HOUR

6:30 - 9:00 P.M. - EARLY CHILDHOOD AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST:

7:00 A.M. - CONFERENCE REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN

8:00-10:00 A.M. - BREAKOUT SESSION

10:15A.M. -12:15 P.M. - BREAKOUT SESSION

12:15 -1:30 P.M. - LUNCH (ON OWN)

1:30 - 3:30 P.M. - BREAKOUT SESSION



PRESENTS A PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT:

MT EARLY CHILDHOOD TED TALKS

WE INVITE ALL MONTANANS TO JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION!

COME AND LISTEN TO 3 *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'VOURS SERVED
(INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE)
CASH BAR AVAILABLE**



EVENT PRICING:

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\$10.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$30.00



PURCHASE TICKETS AT:
PICATIC.COM/MTAEYC2017

MT EARLY CHILDHOOD TED TALKS FEATURED PRESENTERS



*Deb Halliday brings a wide array of expertise to the larger scope of education. Deb brings over 25 years' experience working with philanthropy, government, non-profits and communities to tackle the complex issues of education, health care and the economy through collaborative partnerships and strategic design. Deb is currently Principal at Halliday & Associates. From 2009-2016, Deb served as Senior Policy Advisor to State Superintendent Denise Juneau at the Office of Public Instruction, Helena, Montana. While there, Deb developed innovative public-private sector partnerships to support community engagement in public education. Highlights include launching Graduation Matters Montana, leading to record-breaking high school graduation rates; and Montana Schools of Promise, improving the state's most struggling schools. She also served as the federal policy liaison and point person for school-based mental health policy and programming. Prior to that, Deb was the Chief Policy Analyst for the Center for Policy Analysis/Community Change in Missoula, Montana, where she convened multi-constituency community-based coalitions around policy and legislative issues; researched and produced analyses on issues related to affordable housing, public finance and economic security; and conducted community education and earned media campaigns.

*Mike Halligan was raised in Billings, Montana. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam as an infantry combat platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division. In 1975, Mr. Halligan completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science at the University of Montana. He received a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1977, and graduated from the University of Montana School of Law in 1984. Mr. Halligan served in the Montana State Senate from 1980 to 2002 as the Chairman of several legislative standing and interim committees. In the 1995 and 1997 legislative sessions, he served as the Minority Leader. After working as a deputy Missoula County Attorney from 1985 to 1990, Mr. Halligan operated a private family law practice from 1990 to 1999. He also served as the supervising attorney for the Montana Department of Justice, Child Protection Unit, from 1999 to 2002. He has been Director of Government and Corporate Relations for Washington Corporations and Executive Director of the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation since November of 2002.





John Sommers-Flanagan is a professor of counselor education at the University of Montana. He received his doctorate in psychology in 1986, completing his pre-doctoral internship at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, NY. In addition to teaching, research, and supervision, John also has a small independent practice. Previously he was the mental health consultant for Trapper Creek Job Corps (2003-2014), served as executive director of Families First Parenting Programs (1995 to 2003), and was co-host of a radio talk-show on Montana Public Radio titled, "What is it with Men?" His work with youth and parents has been captured for educational purposes on numerous different local and national video productions. John primarily specializes in working with children, parents, and families. He is author or coauthor of over 50 professional publications, including eight books. A sampling of his books include Tough Kids, Cool Counseling (2nd ed., ACA Publications, 2007), Problem Child or Quirky Kid (Free Spirit, 2002), Counseling and Psychotherapy Theories in Context and Practice (2nd ed., John Wiley & Sons, 2012), Clinical Interviewing (6th Ed., Wiley, 2017), and How to Listen so Parents will Talk and Talk so Parents will Listen (Wiley, 2011). John is widely sought as a keynote speaker and professional workshop presenter throughout the United States and Canada. In his spare time, John loves to run (slowly), dance (poorly), laugh (loudly—usually at himself) and produce home-made family music videos.



MONTANA EARLY CHILDHOOD AWARDS

PLEASE JOIN US ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2017 IN THE BALLROOM AT THE RADISON COLONIAL INN IN BEAUTIFUL HELENA, MT AS WE HONOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD FIELD AT

THE 2017 MONTANA EARLY CHILDHOOD AWARDS BANQUET

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 award is 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 3rd 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 impactfulness, 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 mail, and postmarked no later than September 11, 2017.

Mail nomination form along with a **1-2 page, single spaced** description of the nominee's qualifications for the award.

Mail nomination form and description to:

MTAEYC AWARD NOMINATION
P.O. BOX 985
LEWISTOWN, MT 59457

Award selections will be made at the MtAEYC Board Meeting September 2017 and announced to the award recipients on September 20, 2017. Awards will then be presented at the annual 2017 MtAEYC Early Childhood Conference in Helena, MT - October 20th at the Early Childhood Awards Banquet.

Montana Early Childhood Award Nomination Form

Name of Award for Nomination (please check one)

- 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 EARLYCHILDHOOD AWARD

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

NOMINEE NAME: _____
EMPLOYER: _____
POSITION OR TITLE: _____
NUMBER OF YEARS IN POSITION: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NOMINATED BY INFORMATION:

NOMINATED BY NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Description of Nominee's Qualifications:

In 1-2 single spaced pages, summarize the nominee's qualifications for the chosen award below. Please give examples of the impact this person (or people) have made an impact in the field of early education.

MEET THE BOARD



MARY JANE STANDAERT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CHARRISSE JENNINGS
PRESIDENT



RHIANNON SHOOK
VICE PRESIDENT

CLAIRE YENISH
SECRETARY



JEANNE FARIS
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

JILL CAINE
TREASURER

BOARD POSITION NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION

Nominations must be submitted by mail, and postmarked no later than September 11, 2017.

Mail nomination form along with a **single spaced** description of the nominee's qualifications for the position in **500 words or less**.

Mail nomination form and description to:

MTAEYC BOARD POSITION NOMINATION
P.O. BOX 985
LEWISTOWN, MT 59457

Election of Executive Board Officers Criteria:

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. Nominations for the Executive Board officers must be current Board representatives.
2. Executive Board shall present a slate for election. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with prior approval of nominee.
3. Elections for the executive board members shall be determined by a majority of the members voting at the general membership meeting by the membership in attendance at the meeting.
4. Election results shall be published in the first issue of the Association newsletter and on the www.mtaeyc.org website.

Nominees will be notified on September 20th, 2017. A Meet the Candidates event will be held at the MTAEYC booth at the annual 2017 M+AEYC Early Childhood Conference in Helena, MT on October 20th before and after the keynote. The election will be held that afternoon and closed October 21st at 3:00 p.m. Candidates will be notified of the results.

MtAEYC Executive Board Nomination Form

Name of Board Position Nomination (please check one)

_____ EXECUTIVE BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

_____ EXECUTIVE BOARD SECRETARY

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

NOMINEE NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NOMINATED BY INFORMATION:

NOMINATED BY NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Description of Nominee's Qualifications:

In 500 words or less, summarize the nominee's qualifications for the board position indicated.