

2017 Annual Conference—Conference at a Glance
November 28, 2016

Wednesday, Dec. 5			
Pre-Conference Meetings			
Room	Title	Track	Presenter
9:00 AM- 5:00 PM			
Suwannee 11/12	OEL Transition to Kindergarten Workgroup	State Meetings	OEL
5:00- 6:00 PM			
Suwannee 13	Dan Berman Workgroup	Partner Meeting	Dan Berman
TBD			
Suwannee 15	Board and Committee Meetings	FLAEYC Meeting	
5:30- 7:30 PM			
Hospitality	Conference Committee	FLAEYC Meeting	
Thursday, Dec, 7			
Leadership Summit			
Opening Session- 8:00- 11:00			
Room	Title	Track	Presenter
Panzacola North	Leadership Summit Opening	Public Policy & Advocacy	Gege Kreisher- MC, Louise Stoney, Keynote
State Partner Meetings			
8:00- 12:00			
Suwannee 11/12	Standards for 4-year-olds to Kindergarten- Overview and Curriculum	Curriculum Standards	Office of Early Learning
1:30- 4:30			
Suwannee 11/12	Curriculum-Specific Professional Development	Professional Development	Office of Early Learning
4:30- 5:30			
Suwannee 17	Rule 6M-4.710 School Readiness Program Curricula Workshop	Curriculum Standards	Katerina Maroney

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Leadership Summit Luncheon			
11:15- 12:30			
Panzacola H3/4	Teaching the Teachers of Our Youngest Children: The State of Early Childhood Higher Education in Florida	Professional Development and Public Policy	Phyllis Kalifeh
Breakout Sessions			
12:45- 2:15			
Suwannee 18	Staff: The Engine that Drives Your Program	Center & Staff Management	Gege Kreisher
Suwannee 15	Lessons from the Field: Utilizing a Shared Service Framework to Build Pedagogical Capacity	Staff Development	Marilyn Lesser
Suwannee 13	Shared Service Resources: ECE Knowledge Hub	Resources & Services	Mary Harper
Suwannee 14	7 Daily Headaches Technology Can Instantly Cure	Technology and Center Management	Ryan Gwaltney
2:30- 4:00			
Suwannee 18	Staff Development that Makes a Difference	Professional Development	Raquel Munarriz Diaz
Suwannee 15	Lessons from the Field: Utilizing a Shared Service Framework to Build Business Capacity	Center Management	Louise Sallons
Suwannee 13	Power to the Profession	Professional Development & Public Policy	Lauren Hogan
Suwannee 14	Is Your Market Depressed?	Center Management	Michelle Watson

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Leadership Summit Closing			
4:15- 5:00			
Panacola North	Florida Forward: What's Next?	Public Policy & Advocacy	Louise Stoney & Panel
Reception			
5:30- 7:00			
Butler & Butler Balcony	60th Anniversary Reception	FLAEOC Special Activity	FLAEOC

Friday, Dec, 8

8:15- 10:00 AM		
Room	Title	Presenter
Panacola North	Opening Session with Keynote	David Lawrence
Session 1-- 11:00 AM -12:30 PM		
Suwannee 12	America for Early Ed: Being the Advocates We Need to Be!	Lauren Hogan. M.A.
Suwannee 13	Babies Are People Too: Encouraging Intentional Infant Interaction	Dan Berman, M.Ed.
Suwannee 14	The Mary Poppins Bag of Engagement and Motivational Strategies	Laura M. Myers M.Ed.
Suwannee 15	Expulsion Policies and Procedures: Overview of State Policy and Best Practices	Sunny Saunders, B.A.
Suwannee 16	VACANT	
Suwannee 17	Play and Executive Functions Interconnected in Young Children	Stephanie Adams, DHS, OTR/L
Suwannee 18	Quality Systems Platform	Christopher Swanson, Ed.D.
Suwannee 19	PEARLS: Preschool Emergency Alert Response Learning System	Peggy Sammons
Suwannee 20	Taking Off the Training Wheels: Facilitating Successful Transitions from Preschool to Kindergarten	Suzanne D. Adinolfi, Ph.D.
Suwannee 21	Engaging Preschoolers: Language Development and Problem Solving through STEM	Laura Delgado, MSL
Wekiwa 1	Legal Aspects of Recruiting, Interviewing, Hiring and Terminating	Dawn Martini, B.S.

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Wekiwa 7	Teaching Executive Function and Self-Regulation to Improve Academic Achievement	Karyn A. Allee-Herndon, Ed.S.
Wekiwa 8	SEL – Who has time for that? Integrating academic and social-emotional learning	Nicole Mercer, MS
Wekiwa 9	Program Options for Family Child Care	Tammy Tener
Wekiwa10	Remedy Your Daily Childcare Management Headaches through Procure	Ryan Gwaltney
St. Johns 22/23	Vacant	Lauren Hogan. M.A.
Panzacola H3	Getting to Know GOLD and MyTeaching Strategies **Workshop runs from 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM	Doris Brown, M.S.
Panzacola H4	Upcycling: Transforming Trash to Unique and Developmentally Appropriate Learning Materials	Dottie Ports, M.S.
Panzacola North	Mindful Music – Helping Children Self Regulate with Music & Movement	Maryann 'Mar.' Harman, BA Music/MA Ed
Hospitality Suite	Young Professionals Gathering	Nika Douglas and Elizabeth Alvarez
Special Activity- 12:00- 2:00 PM		
Butler & Butler Balcony	Advocacy Awards Luncheon	Mary Harper, Ph. D.
Session 2- 1:00- 12:30 PM		
Suwannee 12	Let's Move from Problems to Solutions: Seeing Misbehavior as a Missing Developmental Skill	Polly Beebe, M. Ed.
Suwannee 13	Mind the Gap	Tina Gill B.S.
Suwannee 14	Intentionally Extreme and Extremely Intentional Classroom Environment Makeover - Preschool Edition - Part II	Wendee Hooker-Taylor M. A
Suwannee 15	You let them climb?!? What happens if they get hurt?'	Michelle McCaleb, B.S.
Suwannee 16	Positive Behavior Supports and Behavior Interventions for the Inclusive Early Childhood Classroom	Melissa K. Burkhardt, M.S.Ed., BCBA
Suwannee 17	Ways to facilitate Executive Function Learning in your home or the classroom, Part 2	Stephanie Adams, DHS, OTR/L
Suwannee 18	Biting Prevention: Safety + Skill Building = Empowerment for All	Erin Smeltzer, M.S. Ed
Suwannee 19	Developing Conversation Loops with Dual Language Learners!	Lynn Bowen, M.S.
Suwannee 20	Daydreaming Downtime & the Default Mode Network	Barbara Papantonakis, M. Ed.
Suwannee 21	Building Brains: The Architecture of the Young Child's Brain	Raquel Sanchez, B.S.

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Wekiwa 1	Using Your Personnel Policy Manual as an Effective Management Tool	Ronald V. McGuckin, Attorney
Wekiwa 7	Professional Attitude Determines Your Altitude	Juelie Perry, M.S.
Wekiwa 8	P.R.E.V.E.N.T. Obesity: Learning Healthy and Being Healthy	Alina V. Soto, B.A.
Wekiwa 9	Promoting Resilience in Preschool Children	Elizabeth Glaid, M. Ed.
Wekiwa 10	You too can philosophize!!! Fostering Critical Thinking and Social Emotional Growth	Diane Terorde Doyle, M.A.
St. Johns 22/23	What's New in Child Care Regulation?	Samantha Wass de Czege, CPM
Panzacola H3	Can we do that again? Disguising Academics Through Movement!	Patty Lanier, M.A.
Panzacola H4	How Art and Music Go Hand in Hand!	Gillian Aeppli
Panzacola North Hospitality Suite	VACANT	Robbi Kumalo
Session 3- 2:45- 3:45 PM		
Suwannee 12	Apps, Taps, and DAP: Innovating to Optimize Teachers' Time with Children	Doris Brown, MS
Suwannee 13	Improving Nutrition Knowledge in Preschool-aged Children	JoAnne Fuciu B.S. Ed.
Suwannee 14	Setting the Stage for Success in the PreK Classroom	Christine Bond, Ed.D.
Suwannee 15	Easy Activities that Build Harmonious Relationships	Karen Dunne, M.Ed.
Suwannee 16	Getting Every Head in the Game.... To Get Ahead in the Game	Rob Pietsch, BS, MS, MBA
Suwannee 17	Creative Movement to Classical Music : Choreography for Kindergarten and Preschoolers	Darlene J. Blanzly, B.A.
Suwannee 18	Integrating Science, Math, Social Studies and Literacy for Earth's Sake	Simona Bartos-Hulubescu, M.Ed.
Suwannee 19	Improving Handwriting, Without Ever Picking Up a Pencil!	Kimberly McKinney, MPT, MOT, OT/L
Suwannee 20	Teaching Students with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	Caylee Fredette
Suwannee 21	Early Learning Florida: Empoderando los Niños y sus Educadores	Raquel Munarriz Diaz, Ed.D.
Wekiwa 1	Food Safety in Child Care	Dinah Davis, B.S.
Wekiwa 7	Unlucky Thirteen: 13 Manager Mistakes that can lead to lawsuits	Janice Neliwocki, B.S.
Wekiwa 8	Playing by the Rules: An Invitation to Participate in the Policy Making Process	Shana Beiro

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Wekiwa 9	Mathematical Thinking for Early Learners: What Teachers Need to Know and Do	Heather Sargent, M. A
Wekiwa 10	Full Steam Ahead- 3M's: Music, Movement and Math	Judith Behrens-LaRue, M.Ed.
St. Johns 22/23	What Works? Meeting Florida Early Learning and Development Standards	Dianne Patterson, M.S.
Panzacola H3	Arts in your Afterschool Program	Renee Majors
Panzacola H4	Results from a Successful Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Program	Michelle A. Lombardo, D.C.
Panzacola North	There's always SOME--thing ...	Kim Ratz, M.S.
Hospitality Suite	Chapter Advisory Council	Gege Kreisher

Session 4- 4:00- 5:00 PM

Suwannee 12	Let's Make Those Kindergarten Teachers Crazy about Our Kids!	Florie Babcock, Ph. D.
Suwannee 13	Let Your Faith Be Bigger Than Your Fear	Pam Lueck
Suwannee 14	Creating a STEM Centered Classroom to Promote Success	Alina Lloyd, M. Ed.
Suwannee 15	Never Too Early for Engineering in STEM	Robin G. Little, M. Ed.
Suwannee 16	5 Steps to Freedom – How Business Owners Can Achieve the Independence & Freedom to do What Matters Most	Rob Pietsch, B.S., M.S., MBA
Suwannee 17	FLAEYC Chapters' Website Workshop	Richard Bryant, Web Design Technician
Suwannee 18	Playground Safety in Child Care	Linda Halpin, B.A.
Suwannee 19	We are all equal! Exploring Equity and Cultural Diversity in the Preschool Classroom	Wilma Robles-Melendez, Ph.D.
Suwannee 20	Strengthening Professional Development and Classroom Practice Through Block Play	Walter Drew Ph. D.
Suwannee 21	How to Prevent or Repair the 30 Million Word Gap: Rich Teacher Output = Student Success	Karen Neff
Wekiwa 1	Jumping Jelly Beans! Understanding Behavior and why it happens	Linda Santiago
Wekiwa 7	Squishing, Squashing, Ripping, Tearing..... Back-to-Basics of Fine Motor Development	Ana Roa, B.S.
Wekiwa 8	Using CLASS® for Professional Development and Continuous Improvement	Antrica T. Morgan, B.S.
Wekiwa 9	Seven Ways to Make “7”: Using Storybooks to Promote Children’s Math Learning	Cassandra Jackson

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Wekiwa 10	Story making: Using Materials and Inquiry to Make Stories	Robin Thompson, Ph. D.
St. Johns 22/23	Wake Up Your Brain...Wake Up Your Room: Enhancing your learning environment through music, movement, and connections	Amy Zolessi, M.A.
Panzacola H3	Funnydafffer in Your Classroom	Stacy Shine
Panzacola H4	STEAM Movement, Music and Fun	Debbie Mitchell
Hospitality Suite	Accreditation Gathering	Angella Medoff

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

5:30 - 11:45 pm

Conway Room	Florida Forward: The New FLAEYC Celebration and Dance the Night Away	
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Saturday, December 9

Session 5--8:00- 9:00 AM

Room	Title	Presenter
Conway Room	Member Breakfast & Annual Meeting	Pamela Parmenter
Suwannee 11	The Role of Language in Establishing a Foundation for Infant and Toddler Cognitive Development	Keith Pentz
Suwannee 12	Teaching Letter Sounds in a Phonological, Multisensory Way	JoAnn Lense
Suwannee 13	Growing an Independent Child	Bill Corbett
Suwannee 14	Let's Cook and Learn Together	Karen Goldman, M.Ed.
Suwannee 15	Fixer Upper: Transforming Toddler Spaces	Natalie Jackson, M. Ed
Suwannee 16	Evaluating Your Employees Performance	Dawn Martini, B.S.
Suwannee 17	Vacant	
Suwannee 18	Hear, See, Say, Do! Five Strokes That All Kids Do!	Shauna Williams, B.A., B.S.
Suwannee 19	Critical Thinking for Early Learners-It Can Happen!	Tammy Quick
Suwannee 20	Preventing Obesity in Early Childhood	Lily Hutchinson
Suwannee 21	STEM, STEAM and 21st Century Block Play	Jeff Whittaker, M.L. S
Wekiwa 1	Parent Policies that Support Centers	Rebecca W. McKellar
Wekiwa 7	Mixed-Age Groups are Great!	Tammy Tenner
Wekiwa 8	Teaching Organically—Adding Natural Elements to a Preschool Curriculum	Amie Kusak, B.S.

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Wekiwa 9	VACANT	
Wekiwa 10	VACANT	
Panzacola H3	VACANT	
Panzacola H4	Improve Your CQ (Cultural Intelligence); Become a Culturally Intelligent Employee	Marika Irizarry, M.Ed.
Panzacola North	Music, Movements & Manipulatives	Maryann 'Mar.' Harman, BA Music/MA Ed
Session 6-- 9:15- 10:15 AM		
Suwannee 11	Purposeful Engagements: Supporting Young Learners with Meaningful Interactions and Intentionality	Keith Pentz
Suwannee 12	Early Learning Florida	Raquel Munarriz Diaz, Ed.D.
Suwannee 13	Yoga and Mindfulness Life Skills for the Classroom	Jill Rapperport, ERYT, RCYT, RCYS
Suwannee 14	Using Responsive Teaching and Caregiving within The Creative Curriculum® for Infants, Toddlers & Twos to Support Language Development	Doris Brown, MS
Suwannee 15	VACANT	
Suwannee 16	Creative Movement to Classical Music Choreography for Kindergarten and Preschoolers	Darlene J. Blanzly, B.A.
Suwannee 17	It's a Process: Integrating Music, Movement, Art and Story	Susan Snyder, Ph.D.
Suwannee 18	Creating a STEM Centered Classroom to Promote Success	Courtney Wheelless
Suwannee 19	Playing with Gender: When youth challenge our expectations	Jennifer Lopez, B.S.
Suwannee 20	Preventing Obesity in Early Childhood	Lily Hutchinson
Suwannee 21	When the bough breaks: Postpartum depression and its' impact on child development	Shari-Ann James, Ph.D.
Wekiwa 1	Top Three Legal Issues Effecting ECE Programs	Janice Nieliwocki, B.S.
Wekiwa 7	Fostering Secure Attachment: Safety in Times of Distress	Erin Smeltzer, M.S. Ed.

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Wekiwa 8	Effective Quality Learning for VPK Combining Music and S.T.E.A.M	Tracie Ames, B.A.
Wekiwa 9	VACANT	
Wekiwa 10	Creative Words and Movement-Let's Sneak, Spin, Sizzle and Splash!	Patty Lanier, M.A.
Panzacola H3	Full STEAM Ahead: Space & Astronomy in the classroom	Nick Evans, Kaplan Early Learning Company
Panzacola H4	VACANT	
Panzacola North	The Spirit of Play	Richard Cohen, M.A.
Session 7-- 10:30 AM- 12:00 PM		
Suwannee 11	Going Beyond Behavior Management: Prevention vs. Intervention	Keith Pentz, Kaplan Early Learning Company
Suwannee 12	All Aboard the Transition Train	Bettianne S. Ford, BA
Suwannee 13	VACANT	
Suwannee 14	Early Mathematics: A New Perspective on the Equity of Thinking	Jessica Bobo, M.Ed.
Suwannee 15	PEARLS: Preschool Emergency Alert Response Learning System	Peggy Sammons
Suwannee 16	VACANT	
Suwannee 17	VACANT	
Suwannee 18	VACANT	
Suwannee 19	A View from the Swings: Outdoor Play, Spaces, Designs & Applications'	William H. Strader, Ed.D.
Suwannee 20	Do you know the early signs of autism?	Iris Davis, M.S.
Suwannee 21	Talk with Me Baby	Ann Marie Barter, M.S.
Wekiwa 1	Leamos/Let's Read: The Very Best Uses of Story Time for Support of Early Literacy	Sharon L. Carnahan, Ph.D.
Wekiwa 7	Pressing Pause with Conscious Discipline	Georgette Hugger, M.Ed.
Wekiwa 8	Use Technology to Enroll Today's Millennial Parents	Susan Testaguzza, B.A.
Wekiwa 9	Meditation in the Early Childhood Setting	Marlene Winsten, M. Ed.
Wekiwa 10	Benefits of Using American Sign Language in Early Childhood Classrooms	Keri Stacey, B.S. Ed.

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Panzacola H3	Multiple Intelligences: Practical Application in the Classroom	Mary R. Massey, Ed.D.
Panzacola H4	Equitable Opportunities in Early Learning	Sonya Green, M.Ed.
Panzacola North	ZEN and the Art of Early Childhood Education	Richard Cohen, M.A.
Hospitality	Past Board Member Gathering	
Session 8-- 12:30- 1:30 PM		
Suwannee 11	Mirrors & Windows: Power of Positive Images in Classroom Libraries	Teresa Kelley, M. Ed.
Suwannee 12	Using Technology to Enhance Professional Development for Early Childhood Practitioners	Hannah Goble
Suwannee 13	Equity Based Pedagogy: Teaching Social Justice in Early Childhood Education	Jessica Espinosa, Ph.D.
Suwannee 14	Apps, Taps, and DAP: Innovating to Optimize Teachers' Time with Children	Doris Brown, M.S.
Suwannee 15	Strengthening Professional Development and Classroom Practice Through Block Play	Walter Drew, Ph. D
Suwannee 16	How Safe and Healthy is Your Classroom Environment?	Othondra Hicks, M.Ed.
Suwannee 17	Consultas culinarias-STEM'ing en la Cocina	Ana Lizette Gonzalez- Mora, M.Ed.
Suwannee 18	How Art and Music Go Hand in Hand!	Gillian Aeppli
Suwannee 19	Introducing Math in the Preschool Day	Betsy Mae Wilson, B.A.
Suwannee 20	VACANT	
Suwannee 21	Reigniting the Passion in Your Teaching	Bill Corbett
Wekiwa 1	Teaching Self Control: Research on Teacher Beliefs and Strategies	Sharon L Carnahan, Ph. D.
Wekiwa 7	Playing Nice in the Sandbox	Kim Ratz, M.S.
Wekiwa 8	Never Too Early for Engineering in STEM	Robin G. Little, M. Ed.
Wekiwa 9	VACANT	
Wekiwa 10	Accreditation 101 and Myth Busters	Emilu Alvarez
Panzacola H3	Take a Walk on the Sensory Side!	Ines Murray
Panzacola H4	The Joy of Junk: Stories of a Pop-Up Adventure Playground	Julia Kroeker, Ph.D.
Panzacola North	Diversly Special	Robbi Kumalo

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Hospitality Suite	Invitation to Talk with FLAEEYC President and Board	Pam Parmenter
Session 9-- 2:45- 3:45 PM		
Suwannee 11	No More Band-aid Programs: Classroom Management that Works!	Laura M. Myers M.Ed.
Suwannee 12	Using Technology to Enhance Professional Development for Early Childhood Practioners	Hannah Goble
Suwannee 13	How to be a knowledgeable consumer of insurance	Jeff Kostiha
Suwannee 14	Do Ants Have Teeth? Using the Creative Curriculum® for Preschool to Teach Science Through Meaningful Inquiry That Engages Children’s Minds	Doris Brown, M.S., Teaching Strategies
Suwannee 15	Culinary Queries - STEM'ing in the Kitchen	Ana Lizette Gonzalez-Mora, M.Ed.
Suwannee 16	VACANT	
Hospitality Suite	Public Policy and Advisory Meeting	Mary Harper, Ph. D.
Suwannee 17	VACANT	
Suwannee 18	Bugs, Plants and More...Why Children Need to Be Outdoors	Kimberly Nassoiy, B. A.
Suwannee 19	Hear, See, Say, Do! Five Strokes That All Kids Do!	Shauna Williams, B.A., B.S.
Suwannee 20	Teaching reading and math through game-based activities	Karen Green
Suwannee 21	When the bough breaks: Postpartum depression and its’ impact on child development	Shari-Ann James, Ph.D.
Wekiwa 1	STEM, STEAM and 21st Century Block Play	Jeff Whittaker, M.L. S
Wekiwa 7	Learn to use the Best Practices in Inclusive Early Education (BPIECE) Tool	Lisette Levy, Ph.D.
Wekiwa 8	How Words Create Equity for Black, White & Hispanic	Nancy Lucas, M.Ed. CDCI
Wekiwa 9	VACANT	
Wekiwa 10	You’re a Director... Now What? Using Your Leadership Position to Create a Connected School Family	Alexandra Goldberg, M. Ed.

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Panzacola North	Early Childhood Professionals: The Heroes of Our Time	Richard Cohen, M.A.
Sunday, December 10		
Post Conference Sessions		
Room	Title	Presenter
8:15-- 9:15 AM		
Butler & Butler Balcony	Florida Forward: Framing the Work of FLAAYC	Pam Parmenter & Gege Kreisher
Butler & Butler Balcony	Guiding Children to Empowerment	Ron Mohl, Lakeshore