



***“Growing and Learning Together”***

**The Central Oregon Annual Conference for Early Learning  
April 28 - 29, 2017**

**Please join us for the 2017 regional gathering of early learning educators,  
advocates, and students**

*Proposal Submission Deadline:  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*Keynote Speaker: Rae Pica*

In collaboration with Central Oregon Community College, the *Central Oregon Chapter of the Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children* will host its annual spring conference on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Bend, Oregon at Central Oregon Community College. This year’s theme, ***Growing and Learning Together***, highlights the ways in which children and educators continue to grow and learn through our experiences with one another. As professionals in the field, we continue to grow and evolve in our own understanding of children’s development and learning journeys.

The Planning Committee for the COC-OAEYC seeks session proposals (presentation & extended workshop proposals) for this weekend of professional development and networking. The audience will include early childhood educators and professionals, including pre-service teachers in associate, bachelor, and master degree programs; child care providers in home and center settings, Head Start staff, program directors, early childhood specialists, and elementary school educators. We embrace the diverse perspectives in this field, and we welcome the broader community members who are committed to working with young children and their families.

We are looking for sessions that consider diverse aspects of the developing child, including, cognitive, physical, and social-emotional domains of learning and development. In light of our diverse audience, we are looking for engaging sessions that address learning, development, classroom culture, and the evolving identity and development of early childhood professionals. The sessions should be creative, informative and aimed at audiences of beginning, intermediate, or advanced levels.

Presentations and extended workshops will be in 1.5 or 3-hour time blocks. Each applicant may send in as many proposals as she or he wishes. All presenters receive complimentary conference registration and a buffet lunch.

In an effort to include more of the early childhood professional community we are also looking for proposals from presenters able to present information in Spanish. Please indicate on your proposal if your presentation will be in Spanish.

Applicants will be notified in regard to the status of proposals by **February 10th, 2017**.

**Proposal submissions should include the following:**

1. Each presenter's name, title, organization, mailing address, e-mail address, phone and fax numbers. (This is critical for accurate badges and program listings)
2. Date and time frame preference. (Friday afternoon, Saturday AM or Saturday PM)
3. Please identify the most appropriate session format. (1.5 hour presentation, 3 hours extended workshop session)
4. Title of the proposed session.
5. Description of presentation (up to 300 words), including 3 learning objectives.
6. Intended audience(s) and level: beginner, intermediate, advanced.
7. If this training has been approved by the Oregon Registry, please include a copy of the approval letter from the Oregon Registry Trainer Program, which states the Set and Core Knowledge Category.
8. Resume or list of related education/training experience for each presenter.

Please submit proposals electronically to [cocoaeycinfo@gmail.com](mailto:cocoaeycinfo@gmail.com) by the deadline:

Please email COC-OAEYC's Board with questions [cocoaeycinfo@gmail.com](mailto:cocoaeycinfo@gmail.com).