

**“Supporting the Whole Teacher—Balance and Well-Being in Early Learning”**

**The Central Oregon Annual Conference for Early Learning  
April 27 - 28, 2018**

**Please join us for the 2018 regional gathering of early learning educators,  
advocates, and students**

*Proposal Submission Deadline:  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*Keynote Speaker: Danna Thomas from the Happy Teacher Revolution*

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 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Bend, Oregon at Central Oregon Community College. This year’s theme, ***Supporting the Whole Teacher—Balance and Well-Being in Early Learning***, highlights the ways our profession includes a commitment to educators’ well-being. Just as we acknowledge the **whole** child in our work with children and families, we also acknowledge the **whole teacher** in our efforts to grow, learn, and thrive as professionals. As professionals in the field, we continue to support young learners when we grow and experience balance in our professional lives.

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 welcome 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 addition, we are looking for sessions addressing educator balance and well-being over a career in early learning. 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 s/he wishes. Although we do not offer monetary compensation, 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 Spanish-language presenter proposals. Please indicate on your proposal if your presentation will be in Spanish. Please make sure to send a title and description in both Spanish and English.

Applicants will be notified on the status of their proposals by **February 10th, 2018**.

**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 or 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, or 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. *If you are interested in learning more about how to become a trainer or how to have your session approved by the Oregon Center for Career Development, please contact Denise Hudson (deniseh@neighborimpact.org).*
8. Intended age focus of the session: Infant/Toddler, Preschool, Kindergarten, Elementary, or no-age specific focus
9. \*Resume or list of related education/training experience for each presenter.

*\*Presenters who have submitted and presented at the Central Oregon Chapter of the Oregon AEYC conference before DO NOT need to resubmit a resume.*

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

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