



CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER

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Oregon Association for the  
Education of Young Children



## ***Equity at the Start: Early Learning for All Children***

**The Central Oregon Annual Conference for Early Learning is going Virtual!  
April 14-24, 2021**

**Please join us for the 2021 regional gathering of early learning educators, advocates, and students! Sessions this year include pre-recorded and live presentations.**

*Proposal Submission Deadline:  
January 29, 2021*

*Keynote Speaker: [Dr. Pedro Noguera](#), Distinguished Professor of Education at the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA*

In collaboration with Central Oregon Community College, including Continuing Education and the Early Childhood Education program, the Central Oregon Chapter of the Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children will host its annual spring conference between April 14-April 24 in a virtual format. This year's theme, **Equity at the Start: Early Learning for All Children**, highlights equity-driven and resilience-focused programming, curriculum, and advocacy to support children and families. In alignment with the NAEYC's recent position statement, [Advancing Equity in Early Childhood Education](#), our regional conference will focus on the ways in which our profession, and our interactions with children and families, foster opportunities for success for *all* children.

The Planning Committee for the COC-ORAEYC seeks session proposals (pre recorded and live presentation proposals) for this time 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; elementary school educators; and other advocates for early learning. 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 in various educational, clinical, and supportive settings.

We are looking for sessions that consider diverse aspects of the developing child, including, cognitive, physical, and social-emotional domains of learning and development. We strive to offer a balanced conference program, which focuses on children's developmental continuum between infancy through the early elementary years, and we seek sessions that

address resilience through relationships and the meaningful connections we help to build between children, families, and communities.

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 may be offered in pre-recorded (1-hour) or live (1.5 hours) session formats. Applicants may send in as many proposals as they wish. Although we do not offer monetary compensation, all presenters receive complimentary conference registration.

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 if your presentation will be in Spanish.

Applicants will be notified in regard to the status of proposals by **February 15th, 2021**.

**Proposal submissions must 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. Session format (pre-recorded or live) preference. For live sessions, please indicate your preference for a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning/afternoon time.
3. Title of the proposed session.
4. Description of presentation (minimum of 50 words), including at least 2 learning outcomes.
5. Intended audience(s) and level: beginner, intermediate, advanced.
6. 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.
7. \*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).

**Thank you for your interest! We look forward to this chance to learn with you!**

