



CAAEYC TK Institute – November 6-7, 2026

Marriott Los Angeles Airport

Preliminary Schedule*

**Subject to change.*

Thursday, November 5, 2026

Participants arrive – no programming

4:30pm-6:30pm Registration

Friday, November 6, 2026

6:45am-5:30pm Registration

7:30am-8:15am Breakfast – Visit Exhibitors

8:15am-8:30am Welcome Remarks– Shera Scott, CAAEYC Board President

8:30am-9:40am Opening Session – Heather Bernt-Santy
[That Early Childhood Nerd](#) (speaker, ECE consultant, podcast host)

9:45am-10:00am Break – Visit Exhibitors

10:00am-11:15am Workshops (*5 concurrent sessions*)

- Building Math Thinkers Through Play (Elizabeth Gamino)
- Developmentally Appropriate Practice Resources: How NAEYC's Book Could Support Your Work (Adria Taha-Resnick, Nicole Willard, Susan Friedman, Jeremy Resnick)
- Foundations First: Navigating the PTKLF and CECO with Confidence (Tamarra Osborne)
- Purposeful Partnerships: Developing Self-Regulation Through Peer Relationships in Ramona Unified School District TK (Angie Alvis, Robin Arend)
- Trauma-Informed Foundations for Resilience-Focused Learning Environments (Cheryl Williams-Jackson) – *repeated at 1:15pm*

11:45am-1:15pm Networking Lunch – Visit Exhibitors



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1:15pm-2:30pm	Workshops (<i>5 concurrent sessions</i>) • Aligning Our Values and Beliefs about Early Learning (Larisa Callaway-Cole) • Everyday Moments, Meaningful Insights: Authentic Assessment with the DRDP (Tamarra Osborne) • Literacy Gravity: Designing Provocations that Pull Children into Reading, Writing and Wonder (Danya Sanders-Hester, Tamara Wagner) • Trauma-Informed Foundations for Resilience-Focused Learning Environments (Cheryl Williams-Jackson) – <i>repeated from 10:00am</i> • Walking the Line: Balancing Play-Based Learning with Academic Expectations (Shera Scott)
2:30pm-3:00pm	Break – Visit Exhibitors
3:00pm-4:15pm	Workshops (<i>5 concurrent sessions</i>) • Calm Classrooms, Engaged Learners: Designing Environments that Support Regulation, Inclusion, and Brain Readiness to Learn (Lindsay Astor-Grant) • Developmentally Appropriate Assessment of Children’s Knowledge and Learning (Jacque Sell) • Neuro-Affirming in a Neuro-Normative System: Using Reflective Teaching to Make Small Shifts (Aaron Neimark) • Rethinking and Strengthening Family Connections: Communicating for Understanding and Collaboration in TK (Adria Taha-Resnick) • Session #15 TBD (<i>presenter invited</i>)
4:30pm-5:30pm	Everyone Together to Exchange Ideas Share Feedback (<i>moderated</i>)
5:45pm-6:45pm	Reception



Saturday, November 7, 2026

7:00am-12:00pm	Registration
7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast – Visit Exhibitors
8:30am-9:45am	Workshops (<i>5 concurrent sessions</i>) • Balancing Sensory Needs: Tools and Strategies to Support Sensory Regulation in the TK Classroom (Lindsay Astor-Grant) • Collaborative Strategies to Build Support for TK (Jennifer Moore, Jeanette Folan) • From Heart to Mind: Strategies to Strengthen Emotional and Problem-Solving Skills Before TK (Veronica Hernandez, Maria Michi Michael) • Leading the Littles: Five Leadership Moves for Rigorous, Joyful TK Learning (Claudia Vela) • Tiny Moments, Big Impact: Mindfulness for Young Children in the Classroom Setting (Julia Salcedo)
9:45am-10:15am	Break – Visit Exhibitors
10:15am-11:45am	Closing General Session – Heather Bernt-Santy and Panelists
11:45am-12:00pm	Closing Remarks – Shera Scott, CAAIEYC Board President
12:00pm-1:30pm	Networking Lunch* <i>*Additional fee of \$35 per person</i>
1:30pm	Program Concludes – <i>Safe Travels Home</i>

