2024 National Early Childhood Education Workforce Convening
Registration Deadline March 15, 2024

Register by January 31, 2024 for Early Bird Rate

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Welcome

We welcome you to the National Early Childhood Education Workforce Convening, hosted by the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center, a division of Child Care Services Association. The Convening begins Wednesday morning, April 10 and concludes Thursday afternoon, April 11 and will take place at the Friday Conference Center at the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill.

This annual event brings together professionals from across the country who are working on advocacy, policy, funding, strategy development and systems building toward implementation and sustainability of programs, as well as strategies and funding that support early education systems nationally and in states and communities across the country.

The Convening offers two days of workshops, a keynote presentation, plenary session, and a networking reception. We look forward to robust and thought-provoking presentations and conversations. We hope you can join us.

DATE/TIME | FUNCTION
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**Wednesday, April 10**
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Opening Welcome and Keynote
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Concurrent Sessions I
1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Concurrent Sessions II
3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. | Concurrent Sessions III
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Networking
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Reception – All Invited

**Thursday, April 11**
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Plenary Session
9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Concurrent Sessions IV
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Concurrent Sessions V
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Concurrent Sessions VI
Convening Highlights

• 34 High Quality and Timely Workshops
• Welcome and Keynote Presentation
• Late Afternoon Reception Wednesday
• Plenary Session

Presenters from within the ranks of T.E.A.C.H. and WAGE$ programs, higher education institutions and an array of national organizations including, but not limited to:

► Bank Street College of Education
► Buffett Early Childhood Institute
► Center for Early Learning Funding Equity
► Early EdU Alliance
► National Women’s Law Center
► National Workforce Registry Alliance
► Center for the Study of Child Care Employment
► Council for Professional Recognition

Opening Welcome and Keynote Presentation

Wednesday, April 10, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

We kick off the convening with a welcome and are very pleased to welcome Albert Wat, Senior Policy Director, Alliance for Early Success, who will speak on A Call to Action, the Critical Need for ECE Workforce Advocacy.

Plenary Session

Thursday, April 11, 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

We look forward to welcoming Marica Cox Mitchell, Vice President, Early Childhood, Bainum Family Foundation who will moderate a panel discussion titled, Quitting is Not an Option, Persevering during Difficult Times.

Reception

Wednesday, April 10, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

At the end of the day on Wednesday, we’ll gather to spend some time networking and enjoying tiny bites.

Database Personal Technical Assistance Available by appointment only

T.E.A.C.H. program staff will have an opportunity to schedule appointments for on-site database support and technical assistance with Jill Arnold. A registration system will be set up closer to the event date, allowing 30-minute sessions. Those who sign up will be contacted with further details. Questions? Contact Jill Arnold at jilla@childcareservices.org.

Registration Information

• EARLY BIRD registration is $400 per person. Register by January 31, 2024
• REGULAR registration is $425 per person. Register by March 15, 2024
• PRESENTER registration is $275 per person. Register by March 15, 2024
• ONSITE registration is $650 per person.

The registration fee includes all workshops, the keynote, and plenary sessions, a networking reception, and a continental breakfast, lunch and mid-afternoon refreshment break each day.

The Convening Program will be available in March.
Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved at Courtyard by Marriott, Aloft Chapel Hill, Hampton Inn & Suites Chapel Hill, Holiday Inn Express Chapel Hill and Tru by Hilton Chapel Hill. Information on making reservations for each hotel is below.

**Courtyard by Marriott**
100 Marriott Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (directly across the street from the Friday Center)

- Group rate $152/night for single, double, triple, quad
- Complimentary parking and free WiFi
- Cut-off date for discounted group rate: March 8
- Register by phone: 919-883-0700
- Register online [here](#).
- Group Code: ECE Workforce Convening

**Aloft Hotel**
1001 S. Hamilton Road, Chapel Hill (1 mile from the Friday Center)

- Group Rate: $124/night for single, double, triple or quad
- Complimentary parking and free WiFi
- Cut-off date for discounted group rate: March 9
- Register by phone: (888) 236-2427
- Register online [here](#).
- Group code: ECE Workforce

**Hampton Inn & Suites**
6121 Farrington Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 (about 2 miles from the Friday Center)

- Group rate $136/night for single, double, triple, quad
- Complimentary breakfast, parking and free WiFi
- Cut-off date for discounted group rate: March 8
- Register by phone: 919-403-8700
- Register online [here](#).
- Group Code: ECE or ECE Workforce Convening

**Holiday Inn Express Chapel Hill**
6119 Farrington Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 (about 2 miles from the Friday Center)

- Group rate $129/night for single, double, triple, quad
- Complimentary breakfast, parking and free WiFi
- Cut-off date for discounted group rate: March 8
- Register by phone: 919-489-7555
- Register online [here](#).
- Group Code: ECE or ECE Workforce Convening

**Tru by Hilton Chapel Hill**
1742 Fordham Blvd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (about 4 miles from the Friday Center)

- Group rate $132/night for single, double, triple, quad
- Complimentary breakfast, parking and free WiFi
- Cut-off date for discounted group rate: March 8
- Register by phone: 984-291-7200
- Register online [here](#).
- Group Code: ECE or ECE Workforce Convening

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**Meals**
(included in the registration fee)

- Continental breakfast is available in the Conference Center Atrium and includes muffins, pastries, fruit, and assorted beverages including coffee and hot tea.
- Lunch buffet on Wednesday and Thursday includes main entree, vegetarian option, vegetables, garden salad, soup, desserts.
- Afternoon refreshment breaks.
Registration Form

Click here for fillable form

Complete one registration form for each participant.

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Organization: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Title: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________  State:______________  Zip: ___________________________

Phone: __________________________    E-mail: _______________________________________________________

Registration

The Convening registration fee includes all workshops, the keynote and plenary sessions, a networking reception, and a continental breakfast, lunch and mid-afternoon refreshment break each day. Fees are non-refundable after March 15, 2024. Cancellations on or prior to March 15, 2024 will incur a $100 processing fee. Enclosed is my registration fee.

_____ EARLY BIRD registration is $400 per person. Register by January 31, 2024

_____ REGULAR registration is $425 per person. Register by March 15, 2024.

_____ PRESENTER registration is $275 per person. Register by March 15, 2024.

_____ ONSITE registration is $650 per person

* To pay by credit card contact judyl@teachecnationalcenter.org.

TOTAL Enclosed: $______________

Purchase Order #: ___________________

Meals (vegetarian options available)

Wednesday Lunch, included in registration

_____ Yes, I will attend lunch on Wednesday.

_____ No, I will not attend lunch on Wednesday.

Thursday Lunch, included in registration

_____ Yes, I will attend lunch on Thursday.

_____ No, I will not attend lunch on Thursday.

Reception (included in conference registration)

Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

_____ Yes, I will attend the reception.

_____ No, I will not attend the reception.

Mail, fax or email conference registration including the registration fee or purchase order number to ensure receipt by Friday, March 15, 2024.

Checks should be made out to Child Care Services Association and mailed to:

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center
Child Care Services Association
PO Box 901, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514
Directions to the Friday Center

Physical Address: 100 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

The Friday Center is located approximately three miles east of the UNC-Chapel Hill campus, just off Highway 54 East (Raleigh Road). The Friday Center is a short distance from Interstate 40 (from Raleigh, I-40 exit 273A; from Greensboro, I-40 exit 273).

About the Conference Center, Parking and local Attractions

For more information, including detailed directions to the Friday Center, preferred parking and local attractions visit the Friday Conference Center website.

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We hope to see you there!

Keep an eye out for the Convening Program, available in March.

Questions?

Send inquiries to Judy Leinbach at judyl@teachecnationalcenter.org or (919) 967-3272 for additional information.