



Welcoming Keynote

Judy Schachner

Skippyjon Jones Author / Illustrator

TALK TO ME: Giving Voice to Characters and Children

Thursday, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

With over twenty award-winning picture books to her credit, Judy Schachner has learned a thing or two about creating characters that both children and grown-ups love. Come and listen to her humorous, heartfelt tale about the voices she hears in her head and the stories that give voice to her fans.

Featured Workshop

The Character Bible: Collecting and Collaging Your Way to Story, Voice, and Character

Friday, 10:30am – 12:00pm

A collector of patterned papers, magazine photos, sketches, bits of ephemera, vocabulary words and quotes, award winning author/illustrator, Judy Schachner, will share her process for creating books for children. It is a no pressure process that will inspire students to think outside the box and have fun with all kinds of writing projects.

Described by the New York Times as "...something like the James Joyce for the elementary school – set...", Judy Schachner is the #1 NY Times Best Selling Author/Illustrator of over 25 books for children including *Dewey Bob, Bits & Pieces*, the *Skippyjon Jones* series, *Yo Vikings*, *The Grannyman* and *Willy and May*. She has won many awards including the first E. B. White Read Aloud Award.



Opening Keynote

Dr. Marcy Guddemi

National Consultant

The Link to Academic Success: Understanding Play, the Brain, and Outdoors

Friday, 8:30am – 9:30am

Academic success starts with pretend play in the great outdoors! This session will focus on why all play is important, but not all play is of equal value; why the new neuroscience on brain developments supports pretend play; and how the elements found in the outdoors encourage mature, intentional socio-dramatic play among children.

Marcy Guddemi, PhD, MBA, is a widely recognized expert in early education, learning through play, and developmental assessment. She's held teaching positions at many universities. In the private sector, she held corporate positions at KinderCare, CTB/McGraw-Hill, Harcourt, and Pearson. She is an active member and officer of International Play Association. Marcy is also known for her former role as the Executive Director of the Gesell Institute of Child Development.

"... I left feeling inspired and uplifted, with a renewed confidence in my ability and importance as an educator."

-2015 Conference Attendee



Closing Keynote

Amanda Layton Whiteman

Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts
DC/MD/VA Wolf Trap Master Teaching Artist

Connections Throughout Time: Arts in Nature

Saturday, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Discover how dance can communicate changes in nature. Participate in the process of creating child-initiated choreography through observation, discovery, and exploration of the natural world and the inherent connections to the elements of dance.

Featured Workshop

STORY BOXES: Looking Beyond the Book, Thinking Inside the Box

Saturday, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Discover how story boxes facilitate a range of early childhood developmental domains and enhance children's learning in the classroom while utilizing a variety of learning styles and intelligences. Learn how creating a box full of found objects and a little imagination can provide dance, theatrical, and creative experiences. In this workshop, educators explore tools to enrich and extend children's literature using a form of Wolf Trap Coffee Can Theater to ignite a way of thinking that will allow the teacher to see the book beyond the page and bring it to life with creative arts experiences.

Amanda Layton Whiteman, a Wolf Trap Master Teaching Artist since 2005, provides professional development workshops and classroom residencies, integrating the performing arts with literacy, math and science. Amanda has been choreographing and teaching dance since 1998 in schools and community organizations. In 2008, Amanda founded GroundWorks Dance Ensemble. As artistic director, choreographer and playwright, Amanda's work with GroundWorks strives to develop meaningful, artistic experiences for students and professional artists through collaboration and community building. Amanda holds a BFA in Dance and a BA in Integrated Studies with a specialization in Dance Therapy from George Mason University.



Featured Speaker - Keith Pentz

Sponsored by Kaplan

Cuddling, Consciousness, and Cognition: The Significance of Emotional Engagement on Development and Learning

Saturday, 8:30am – 12:00pm

Playful Explorations: Building a Foundation for Learning

Saturday, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Keith L. Pentz, National Early Childhood Specialist for Kaplan Early Learning Company, has been in the field of education for over 35 years. Keith began his career by working in childcare with infants and toddlers, taught elementary students as well as Kindergarten, and then taught PreKindergarten. Following his experiences in the classroom, Keith moved on to teach at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida, and he also was an Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts, before beginning his career as a consultant.



Featured Speaker - Tom Copeland

Sponsored by VOICE/CSEA

Budgeting for Child Care Programs

Friday, 1:30pm – 5:00pm

Taxes and Record Keeping – 2015 and 2016

Saturday, 8:30am – 12:00pm

Tom Copeland has been the nation's leading trainer, author, and advocate for the business of family child care since 1981. He is a licensed attorney and has presented hundreds of business workshops for family child care providers across the country.

For more workshop details and full bios, please visit <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/128512>.

2 A Sampling of Workshops

Here are a number of the 120+ workshops being offered this year! A full listing is available at www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/128512. Make sure to visit often for periodic updates!

Infant/Toddler Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Up for Success: Making the Most of Your Toddler Classroom • Strengthening Bonding and Attachment through Mutual Music Making for At-Risk Infants and Toddlers • Busy Brains: Brains at Work, Brains at Play
Preschool Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing the Assessment Game • A Partnership: Working with Parents of Children with Challenging Behaviors • Using Pretend Play as a Valuable Tool for Children's Learning • Supporting and Fostering Social and Play Skills in Preschoolers with Special Needs
K-3 Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Reach Students on the Autism Spectrum and Their Parents • Powerful, Playful, Poetry • Keeping It Real in the Early Childhood Classroom: Authentic Assessment, Accountability and Achievement in a Common Core Climate
Directors/Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step by Step - Creating an Informative and OCFS Compliant Parent Handbook • New York's Child Care & Development Fund Plan for FY 2016-2018: A Closer Look Into the Impact on Child Care in New York State • Good Leadership: A Prerequisite for High-Quality Programs
Afterschool Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative Games and Activities • Promoting Positive Behavior • Art from the Heart: Hands-On Art that Promotes Critical and Creative Thinking
Family Childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Copeland – Featured Speaker Friday and Saturday • Getting Family Child Care Program Organized • Seven Principles for Guiding Children's Behavior • Creating an Employee Handbook
Trainers/Consultants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A More Effective Independent Early Childhood Mentoring/Coaching/ Consulting Practice • The NYS Training and Technical Assistance Professional Credential

Who comes to the NYSAEYC Annual Conference?

Teacher and staff from preschools, Pre-Kindergartens, and Head Start Centers; infant/toddler caregivers; center directors; family child care providers; PreK-3 teachers; administrators; college educators; trainers; licensors; advocates; researchers; students; consultants; parents; any wanting the latest news information about early childhood education!

Conference Sponsors



Conference Partners



Thursday, April 7

Pre-Conference Events

Conference Registration
1:00pm – 6:00pm

Pre-Conference Events
8:00am – 5:00pm

Higher Education Forum
9:00am – 4:00pm
For Information: Jeanne Galbraith
Jeanne.galbraith@cortland.edu

Pyramid Preschool Module
9:30am – 4:30pm
For Information: Avril Mills
amills@nysaeyc.org

Trainer Institute
9:30am – 5:00pm
For Information: Avril Mills
amills@nysaeyc.org

Good Nutrition is Our Mission
2:00pm – 5:00pm
(A TOT on Complying with the Nutrition Requirements of CACFP and the OCFS Regulations)
For Information: Brooke Ricci
bricci@earlycareandlearning.org
CCR&R staff by invitation only

Opening Conference Events

**“Welcome to Westchester”
Networking Dinner**
6:30pm

**Opening Keynote Speaker
Judy Schachner**
Skippyjon Jones Author / Illustrator
7:30pm
Book signing to immediately follow
(open to all registered attendees)

Friday, April 8

Morning

Conference Registration
6:30am – 5:00pm

Early Bird Workshops
7:00am – 8:00am

**Opening Keynote
Dr. Marcy Guddemi**
National Consultant
8:30am – 9:30am

Networking in the Exhibit Hall
9:30am – 10:30am

Exhibit Hall Open
9:30am – 6:00pm

Workshop Sessions
10:30am – 12:00pm

**Featured Workshop
Judy Schachner**
Skippyjon Jones Author / Illustrator
10:30am – 12:00pm

Afternoon

**Student Poster Sessions and
Exhibitors' Showcase**
12:00pm – 1:30pm

Workshop Sessions
1:30pm – 3:00pm

Workshop Sessions
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Evening

**14th Annual
Champions for Children**

*“Celebrating all who work
in the field of early care
and education!”*

Awards Ceremony & Dinner
6:00pm

Saturday, April 9

Morning

Conference Registration
6:30am – 12:00pm

Early Bird Workshops
7:00am – 8:00am

Exhibit Hall
8:00am – 1:00pm

Workshop Sessions
8:30am – 10:00am

**Featured Session
Keith Pentz, Sponsored by Kaplan**
8:30am – 12:00pm

**Featured Session
Amanda Layton Whiteman**
Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning
Through the Arts
10:30am – 12:00pm

Workshop Sessions
10:30am – 12:00pm

Afternoon

**Student Poster Session and
Exhibitors' Showcase**
12:00pm – 1:30pm

Workshop Sessions
1:30pm – 3:00pm

**Featured Session
Keith Pentz, Sponsored by Kaplan**
1:30pm – 3:00pm

**Closing Keynote
Amanda Layton Whiteman**
Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning
Through the Arts
3:30pm – 4:30pm

A sampling of exhibitors:

- Community Playthings
- Kaplan Early Learning Company
- Lakeshore Early Learning Materials
- Discount School Supply

Registration Package Descriptions

Package A

Thursday:.....Welcome Dinner and Opening Keynote with Judy Schachner
Friday:All Keynote and Workshop Sessions and “Champions for Children” Awards Ceremony and Dinner
Saturday:.....All Keynote and Workshop Sessions

Package B

Thursday:.....Opening Keynote with Judy Schachner
Friday & Saturday:All Keynotes and Workshop Sessions

Package C

Thursday:.....Opening Keynote with Judy Schachner
Friday OR Saturday:ONE Day of Workshop Sessions

Register online at www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/128512

"This was one definitely one of the most informative and motivating conferences I have attended, in every aspect - presenters, topics, venue, networking, closing keynote speaker, etc. - Excellent all the way around!"

-2015 Conference Attendee

Educational Incentive Program (EIP)

Are you applying for or have you been awarded EIP funding? You can apply online by going to www.tsg.suny.edu. Please note the following instructions:

- When requesting EIP funding, please request the full rate (add \$15 to package listed on registration form). The Early Bird rate will be applied at the time of payment if applicable.
- **Original** EIP awards **must** accompany registration forms. If you are awaiting notification from EIP, you may either send personal payment and be reimbursed upon receipt of payment of your award or wait for award notification and register on-site. Please note: Package A is not available on-site.

EIP Proof of Attendance: You must have your completed Certificate of Participation as proof of workshop attendance (will be in Final Program).

EIP Cancellation Policy: If you have been issued an EIP award and do not attend the conference (and have not canceled by March 13th), you are responsible for payment of your registration fees.

For detailed registration information on...

Refund Policy	Student Discounts
Discounts	Group Registration
Payments	Membership Verifications

Go to <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/128512>

For questions & additional information
email Contactus@nysaeyc.org

Pre-Conference Opportunities

Trainer Institute

What Would You Do?: A Collaborative Response to Ethical Professional Needs

Participants in the New York State Core Body of Knowledge Trainer Institute Series have identified real-life ethical dilemmas they encounter in their work as professional development providers. This one-day trainer institute has been developed specifically to assist professional development providers in managing such ethical dilemmas. Together, we will examine these real-life dilemmas, create a decision making guide and identify helpful tools and resources. Participants will be given strategies to avoid and address ethical dilemmas, and gain a deeper understanding of their ethical responsibilities and role in shifting the culture of professional development.

Attendance Eligibility Requirements:

- Active Trainer Aspire Profile
- Hold the NYSELTC Level 1, 2 or 3 Credential or Attended Parts 1-4 of the New York State Core Body of Knowledge Trainer Institute Series

Registration Fee: \$200

The Center on the Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) Preschool MODULE 1

Promoting Children's Success: Building Relationships and Creating Supportive Environments

This one day training on the first of 4 Pyramid Model Preschool Modules is a must for preschool teachers and those supporting preschool teachers working with children ages 2-5 years. Topics addressed in this module: Building positive relationships with children and families; designing environments, schedules, and routines and establishing classroom rules; implementing activities that promote child engagement; modifying and adapting materials and activities to meet the individual needs of all children, including those with disabilities; providing encouragement..

Registration Fee (if not attending the conference): \$250

Registration Fee (if attending the conference): \$200

a NYSAEYC Member!

Save up to \$50 on your conference registration, and enjoy the benefits of your 3-in-1 membership today! By joining NAEYC, you also become a member of NYSAEYC as well as your local affiliate! We fulfill our mission by offering resources for networking, teaching practices, accreditation and advocacy!

at our Annual Conference!

Reap the benefits of attending:

120+ Diverse Educational Workshops

40+ Exciting Early Childhood Exhibitors

**Up to 14 Training Hours
(Thurs. 7:30pm – Sat. 4:30pm)**

Special Events

Nationally Known Speakers

Networking Opportunities

NYSAEYC MEMBERSHIP

Albany/Rensselaer/Schenectady/Schoharie/Columbia/Greene	045	Genesee/Livingston/Monroe/Ontario/Orleans/ Seneca/Wayne/Wyoming/Yates	052
Broome/Tioga	116	Nassau	047
Cayuga/Herkimer/Madison/Oneida/ Onondaga/Oswego	054	New York City	048
Chautauqua	120	New York State At-large (counties w/out affiliate)	55000
Chenango/Delaware/Otsego	225	Rockland	423
Clinton/Franklin	365	Saratoga/Warren/Washington	163
Cortland	193	Suffolk	554
Dutchess/Orange/Ulster	051	Tompkins	050
Erie/Niagara	049	Westchester/Putnam	055

NYSAEYC Annual Membership Dues (Select membership type):

___ *Student \$40.00 ___ Regular \$70.00 ___ Comprehensive \$120.00

*Students - please attach copy of your student ID

Membership includes five issues of a NAEYC publication. Please select one of the following options:

___ Teaching Young Children ___ Young Children ___ Both (additional cost \$20.00)

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____ DAY PHONE: _____

EVENING PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

COUNTY YOU LIVE IN: _____ AMOUNT ENC: _____

Indicate your payment option: ___ Check/Money Order (make check payable to NAEYC)

___ VISA ___ MC Card # _____ CVV# _____ Zip Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder's Name _____ Cardholder's Signature _____

Mail bottom portion with registration form to NYSAEYC, 230 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203
Phone (518) 867-3517 * Fax (518) 867-3520

Final Program Pick-up

Upon arriving at the Hilton Westchester, please come to the registration area (directly outside the Westchester Ballroom on the second floor) in order to pick up your Final Conference Program. After receiving your program, make sure to check the workshops that you have made note to attend, as schedules may have changed. All efforts are made to keep schedule changes to a minimum, but some are unavoidable.

Space permitting, on-site registration will be available.

Registration Hours:

Thursday, 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Friday, 6:30am – 5:00pm

Saturday, 6:30am – 12:00pm

"I enjoyed every workshop I took. I found them very informative and was offered a wide variety of ideas to use in my classrooms."

-2015 Conference Attendee

Student Events

Student Hospitality Room

Friday, 7:30am – 4:00pm

Saturday, 7:30am – 12:00pm

Student Hospitality is closed during the Student Poster Sessions as well as the Graduate Student Presentation.

Student Welcome & Orientation

Friday, 7:30am – 8:30am

Saturday, 7:30am – 8:30am

This is the place to meet other students, share tips for navigating conference, plan how to transfer what you learn in Westchester to what you are studying, and make a valuable connection with NYSAEYC!

Student Poster Display Session

Friday, 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Saturday, 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Graduate Student Presentation

Saturday, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Student Hospitality and Events provided by:

NYC AEYC and Mid-Hudson AEYC

Conference Hotel

Hilton Westchester

699 Westchester Avenue, Rye Brook, NY 10573

Special Conference Rates

\$175 per single or double; \$185 per triple; \$195 per quad*

To make a reservation online, please visit <https://goo.gl/nWY9b4>. If placing a reservation by phone, call (914) 939-6300 and be sure to mention the NYSAEYC in order to receive the discounted room rates.

**Price includes \$10 which helps to underwrite the cost of the keynote speakers.*

Parking

Parking is free to all conference attendees in the hotel lot.

Hotel Services

Hilton Westchester offers every guest easy access to the surrounding areas. With scheduled routes as well as on-demand service, getting to and from local attractions is never difficult. The complimentary shuttles travel within a 5-mile radius of the hotel and run daily from 6 am to 10 pm. For more information about the hotel's services, please visit their website: <https://goo.gl/nWY9b4>

Transportation

Complimentary shuttles from the hotel to the Westchester County Airport (HPN) as well as the Port Chester & Rye Train Stations have set departure times and can be arranged through the front desk.

Westchester County Airport

The shuttle departs every 30 minutes from 4:45am - 10:45am and every 30 minutes from 3:45pm - 9:45pm. For shuttle service between 11:00am - 3:30pm, you will have to speak with the front desk to make arrangements.

Port Chester & Rye Train Stations

The shuttle departs every 30 minutes between 5:00pm - 9:00pm. For shuttle service between 6:00am - 4:30pm, please call the front desk at (914) 939-6300 to make arrangements.



230 Washington Ave. Ext.
Albany, NY 12203
(518) 867-3517

Nonprofit Org.
US Postage
PAID
Albany, NY
Permit #164



Like us on Facebook! Follow us on Twitter
and Instagram! @NYSAEYC



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 7-9, 2016

Hilton Westchester
Rye Brook, New York

Preliminary Program

www.nysaeyc.org



Register before February 14 and SAVE with
our Early Bird Registration Rates!