



Hello!

Registration for the Alabama Early Childhood Education Virtual Conference is now open. **The cost per teacher is \$200.** The conference will begin **Thursday, October 21, 2021** and will include an exciting new feature! Conference attendees will have the opportunity to sign up for a live, interactive 3-hour session with some of the best names in Early Childhood Education. Each 3-hour session will come with a kit of materials to be used during the live session selected. These sessions are limited to **ONE** 3-hour session per person. Signups for the live sessions will be held in Eventbrite (see links below) and will be first come, first served. Please ensure the registration form is filled out completely, as this is where your kit of materials will be delivered. Use the steps below to first register for the conference, then follow the Eventbrite links to sign up for **ONE** live 3-hour session of your choice! In addition to the live 3-hour sessions, there will be other live 90 minute sessions for teachers and live one hour sessions for teachers to participate in with their children. All sessions will be available on-demand through **Friday, January 7, 2022.**

**Please keep in mind, registration payments by credit card can only be completed as single-person transactions. We do not have a credit card feature for multi-person registration. If you need to make a single payment for a group of participants, please follow the Purchase Order/Check payment option.**

1. Click on the conference link: [www.alabamaececonference.com](http://www.alabamaececonference.com) to access the conference site then click the "Register Now" banner.
2. Add the conference to your cart and proceed to checkout.
3. You will be asked to sign into your Blue Sky/Path LMS account. **If you already have an account from participating in ADECE Connect 2020 Conference, please use your existing log in.** If you have not set up your account, please click "Sign Up".

*\*When setting up your account, all First Class Pre-K teachers and directors must select:*

- **FCPK DECE Funded Program** (All First-Class Pre-K teachers and administrators, regardless of the program with which you are employed)

*\*If your program has classrooms that do not receive funds from ADECE, please select the group that best describes the classroom or program in which you work:*

- **Non-DECE Funded Head Start** (All Head Start employees that are not assigned as a First-Class Pre-K teacher or administrator)
- **Non-DECE Funded Childcare** (All childcare employees that are not assigned as a First Class Pre-K or Foundation Site teacher or administrator)
- **Non-DECE Funded P-3** (All school system employees outside of the First Class Pre-K and P-3 funded classrooms)
- **First Class Foundation Site** (All First Class Foundation Site teachers and administrators)
- **DECE Funded P-3** (All DECE funded P-3 teachers and administrators)
- **Post-Secondary Staff** (All college and university staff)

4. Once you are signed up, you will be taken back to the shopping cart to proceed with checkout.

**Purchase Order/Check Payments:** Enter **21ECEPO** in the "Promo Code" box.

- This code will allow you to complete registration while your school/program processes the purchase order payment.
- Schools/Programs using the purchase order payment option must send Beth Aspden [beth.aspden@ece.alabama.gov](mailto:beth.aspden@ece.alabama.gov) a list of teachers' names and their classroom/school name to be included in their total purchase order.

- An invoice will be emailed back to the school/program.
- Payment must be received by December 1, 2021.
- All payments should be sent to:
  - Alabama Early Childhood Education Conference**
  - P.O. Box 39**
  - Montgomery, AL 36101**

#### Credit Card Payments:

- Enter credit card information and select purchase.  
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### Live 3-hour Sessions

Space and materials are limited! Sessions will be filled on a first come-first served basis. Participants should select **ONE** 3-hour live session of your choice. You must sign up using the Eventbrite links below to secure your place in the session of your choice and receive the kit of materials to be used during the presentation.

Sign up must be completed by September 24, 2021. **If you sign up for more than one session, ADECE reserves the right to choose one of your selected sessions and remove you from any additional sessions selected.** All live 3-hour sessions will be recorded and available to view on-demand after the session date. A list of materials included in the kit will be provided under the session resources for those who were not able to secure a place in the live session.

- **Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-3:00 pm, Steve Spangler**  
[STEM for Little Sprouts-Connecting Science with Children's Literature](#)  
*Get ready for Steve Spangler to turbo-charge your sense of wonder, and get your creative ideas flowing, as he shares his best practices from classroom-tested activities that teach and motivate children to really do science.*
- **Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-11:00 am, Cate Heroman**  
[Tinkering with Lights and Shadows](#)  
*During this highly interactive session, you will be immersed in hands-on, playful engagement with light, color, shadows, and reflection. You'll find out how to get started creating your own light and shadow "playground" that just begs for children to investigate, solve problems creatively, and think critically.*
- **Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-3:00 pm, The Book Vine for Children, various authors & illustrators**  
[Who's Behind the Books](#)  
*Take a behind the scenes look at the world of authors and illustrators. The session will feature several well-known authors and illustrators of children's books.*
- **Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-11:00 am, Dr. Jean Feldman**  
[Playing Makes You Smarter](#)  
*Play is a child's work and how they learn best! In this workshop Dr. Jean will demonstrate songs, dances, and movement activities that will nurture children's brains as they develop social skills, learn to follow directions, and PLAY and have FUN! You'll also explore how to create learning centers where children can engage in hands-on activities, discover at their own level, use language, and solve problems.*
- **Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-3:00 pm, Beth VanMeeteren**  
[Creating Wisdom Seekers: Exploring Light and Shadow Investigations](#)  
*Participants will explore materials that engage young children in intellectually rigorous STEM experiences involving light. Using light sources and materials gathered from their homes and/or classrooms, participants will explore how young children can use these materials to investigate light and shadow.*

- **Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00-11:00 am, Lauren Stringer and Ruby Josephine Smith**  
[Nurturing Language and Emotional Literacy Through Creative Art and Movement](#)  
*Join Lauren Stringer and Ruby Josephine Smith, in a hands-on art experience using various art materials and techniques, to support children's discovery of emotional literacy.*
- **Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-3:00 pm, NeuroKinetic Solutions**  
[Brain Pump!](#)  
*Learn fun activities for music and movement, and gross motor skill development that pump up the brain! The activities are based on research that suggests they can help with learning, behavior, and social emotional development, while also developing physical fitness and motor skills.*
- **Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-11:00 am, Steve Spangler**  
[STEM for Little Sprouts-Connecting Science with Children's Literature](#)  
*Get ready for Steve Spangler to turbo-charge your sense of wonder, and get your creative ideas flowing, as he shares his best practices from classroom-tested activities that teach and motivate children to really do science.*
- **Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-3:00 pm, Delyne Hicks and Dr. Lynn Kirkland**  
[What's Your Game Plan? Engaging Young Children in Math Games](#)  
*Playing games is a rich and meaningful context for learning to take turns, consider another's perspective, negotiate, and develop logical thinking as children reason about strategies. Participants will have an opportunity to play games that can be introduced to the children in their settings.*
- **Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-11:00 am, Dr. Jean Feldman**  
[Read, Rhyme, Write, and Roll](#)  
*Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and catch the reading beat! Dr. Jean will demonstrate how to develop language skills through songs, poems, finger plays, stories, and talking to children.*

We are excited about the professional development opportunities offered to you through the Alabama Early Childhood Education Conference. Should you have any questions feel free to contact Beth Aspden at [beth.aspden@ece.alabama.gov](mailto:beth.aspden@ece.alabama.gov).