

Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children

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# **ECE Matters**

#### <u>Wilmington Friends School</u> **Conference**







#### Education of Young Children Early Education Conference June 14-15

Featuring keynote speaker Mr. Chazz (https://www.mrchazz.com/) and concluding with a concert by Laurie Berkner (<u>https://laurieberkner.com/</u>), we are excited to present our upcoming event.

#### Ways to Advocate!

- Send emails or make calls to legislators about concerns, questions, ideas, or suggestions you have
- If you're not sure who your legislator is, check <u>here</u>.
- Share social media posts raising awareness to the causes.
- Start discussions with friends and community members who may not know about the issues.
- Join deaeyc at public events, like the JFC meetings and Advocacy Day.
- Attend public meetings like the Early Childhood Advocacy Coalition and the Delaware Early Childhood Council (DECC) Meetings.



"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence." ~ Robert Frost





#### <u>Understanding Autism and Strategies</u> <u>for Child Care Providers - Spanish</u>

This free, virtual training is designed to develop an understanding of autism and how it impacts children differently. In addition, the training provides strategies to support young children with autism in a childcare setting. The presenter will speak in English with a Spanish interpreter. The slide presentation will be in Spanish.

(Click the heading to register!)

### <u>We care about childcare, but</u> <u>does the state of Delaware?</u>

This article showcases the critical need for accessible childcare and home-care services in Delaware, affecting working families and vulnerable residents alike. With childcare becoming unaffordable for many and a shortage of caregivers for home-care, families are facing significant challenges in balancing care responsibilities. Not only does this impact individual families, but it also has broader economic implications, underscoring the necessity for state support and investment in the care industry to ensure a thriving and sustainable future for Delaware.

## <u>Advocacy Day Recap:</u> <u>Uniting Voices, Inspiring Action</u>





Send a message to your legislator



Advocacy Day Resources <u>here</u>



"Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be." ~ Rita Pierson







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Would You Like to Contribute to this Newsletter?

We are looking for contributors for content in the following areas:

- TEACHER HIGHLIGHTS
- CENTER/PROVIDER HIGHLIGHTS
- EVENTS/TRAINING **OPPORTUNITIES**
- NATIONAL & LOCAL ADVOCACY
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT/ECE RESOURCES

# **Family Resources**

#### New Directions Early Head Start

"New Directions Early Head Start (NDEHS) provides pregnant people, infants, toddlers and their families with quality care and family services. We support families by providing the best services for them and their very young children with the goal to promote children's success and families' self-sufficiency through community collaboration and partnerships. This includes both home-based and center-based services for families."

# deaeyc Resources

The DEAEYC Resource Center, situated at 262 Chapman Road, Suite 104, Newark, Delaware 19702, is now open to serve the early childhood education community. Stocked with activity bins, books, lesson plans, and a wealth of other resources, it's a hub for enhancing educational programs. ECE providers of all kinds are invited to make use of this valuable center to enrich their teaching and learning environments. Come and explore the wealth of tools and materials available to elevate your programs and support the growth of young learners.

Contact Imiller@deaeyc.org with questions or for more information about the Resource Center.

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