



October 19-21, 2025 | Early Childhood Education Summit  
Pennsylvania Child Care Association | 20 Erford Road, Suite 302 | Lemoyne, PA 17043

Since 2008, the [Early Childhood Education Summit](#) has provided an opportunity for educators and other professionals to share innovative strategies, research, and best practices that enhance early learning experiences. We invite passionate presenters to submit workshop proposals that engage, educate, and inspire attendees committed to the development and well-being of young children. This is an opportunity to contribute valuable insights, foster professional growth, and shape the future of early childhood education in Pennsylvania.

This year's theme is ***Elevating Early Learning: Innovations for the Next Generation***. Our focus is on groundbreaking policy and program strategies that improve outcomes for children, families, and educators.

We invite workshop proposals that align with key areas of early childhood education, including but not limited to:

- Child development and learning strategies
- Fair and respectful classroom practices
- Social-emotional learning and mental health
- Family and community engagement
- Leadership and advocacy in early childhood education

The Summit bridges the gap between Pennsylvania's early learning programs by bringing together Child Care, Head Start/Early Head Start, Pre-K, Home Visitation, and Early Intervention. Past presenters have frequently commented on the richness that this diversity brings to the conversations that take place in their workshops.

Workshops should be engaging, interactive, and designed to provide attendees with practical takeaways they can implement in their daily work. Proposals are encouraged from educators, researchers, policymakers, and industry experts who bring fresh perspectives and evidence-based insights.

### **Workshop Proposals**

- Summit will be held at the Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center in State College, PA.
- Workshops are 90 minutes in length. You may submit multiple proposals, clearly labeled "Part 1 of 2," "Part 2 of 2," etc. in the description if your topic requires additional time. Presenters may also submit multiple proposals that are not part of a series.
- If you are interested in submitting multiple proposals (either a 2-part series or independent workshops), please contact us at [info@earlychildhoodsummit.org](mailto:info@earlychildhoodsummit.org) for guidance.

- To submit a proposal, you will need to have or create a free **Whova account**. You will be prompted to sign in to **Whova** or create an account when you click on "Start proposal" below. Information needed to create an account: First Name, Last Name, Password.
- The Conference website is <https://earlychildhoodsummit.org>

Please add [danielle.olson@pacca.org](mailto:danielle.olson@pacca.org) and [event-noreply@whova.io](mailto:event-noreply@whova.io) and [info@earlychildhoodsummit.org](mailto:info@earlychildhoodsummit.org) to your address book to ensure that Summit-related messages are not diverted to spam.

**Deadline for submissions: May 30, 2025.**

**Considerations for selection:**

- Proposed workshop contributes to the depth and breadth of sessions being offered
- Relevant learning objectives. The **PA Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators** (PA PSCECE) provide preferred learning objectives; they are available [HERE](#)
- Best practices for adult learning
- Clarity, completeness, and accuracy of proposal. Please review carefully for spelling, grammar, and punctuation before submitting.

**In addition:**

- Accepted speakers receive free registration on the day(s) they present. There is no additional compensation.
- The Summit **DOES NOT** provide projectors in the break out rooms. Project can be rented from the Penn Stater.

We look forward to receiving your proposals and welcoming you as a speaker at the **Pennsylvania Early Childhood Education Summit 2025!**

**For questions or inquiries, please contact us at [info@earlychildhoodsummit.org](mailto:info@earlychildhoodsummit.org).**

The workshop proposal asks for the following information:

Name

Email Address

Affiliation/Company

Job Title

Biography

Previous speaking experience (include links to slides, videos, or talks)

Personal website link

LinkedIn profile link

Phone Number

Profile Picture

Workshop Track (select)

Child Development and Learning in Context

Social-Emotional Learning and Mental Health

- Family–Teacher Partnerships and Community Connections
- Child Observation, Documentation, and Assessment
- Developmentally Appropriate, Fair and Respectful Teaching Practices
- Knowledge, Application, & Integration of Academic Content in ECE Curriculum
- Professionalism as an Early Childhood Educator
- Leadership and Advocacy
- Health and Safety
- Infant/Toddler
- Preschool
- School-Age
- Adult Learners
- Home-Based Providers
- Home Visiting
- Early Intervention

Workshop Title

Workshop Summary (maximum 1500 characters)

3-5 Keywords that Summarize your Topic

Target Audience

Learning Objectives

Co-Speakers/Presents