



Opening Keynote

Patti Digh

Love, Live, Let Go, and Make a Difference: Four Practices for Transforming Your Life and Work

Thursday, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Both in your personal life and as an educator, you have immense capacity to make a difference with your life. Are you tapping into that creative, brave, generous energy? In this keynote address, Patti will outline four practices for transformation: Loving Well, Living Fully, Letting Go Deeply, and Making a Difference. Her stories and truths will help you reimagine your role as an educator – and as a person.

Patti Digh is the author of eight books, including a Fortune magazine best business book for the year 2000 (Global Literacies), one of five finalists for the prestigious "Books for a Better Life Award" in 2008 (Life is a Verb), and finalists for the Southern Independent Booksellers' Association "Book of the Year" award in both 2008 and 2010 for Life is a Verb and Creative is a Verb. Patti is a Southern-born master storyteller whose stories are full of humor, poignancy, surprise, pain, and knowing. Her award-winning blog, 37days.com, brings together readers from ages 12 through 95 across the globe.



Friday Keynote

Dr. Rebecca Isbell

Author, Speaker, Consultant

Putting the Pieces Back Together: Nurturing the Whole Child and the Creative Thinker

Friday, 8:30am – 10:00am

Today's headlines scream that creativity is declining in the United States. This is happening as we are focusing on the separate parts of the young child: learning, language, social, emotional, and physical development. Although each domain is important, it is time to put the pieces back together and recognize that young children develop holistically while participating in integrated experiences. Discover how the skills needed in the 21st Century can be supported in young children. Gain insight into ways to design a classroom for young children that will inspire their learning in holistic ways while encouraging creative thinkers.

Getting to the Core of Literacy: "Speaking", "Reading", and "Writing"

Friday, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Common Core has provided renewed attention to ensuring children are participating in meaningful literacy experiences. Investigate how young children develop language and express their thinking in both speaking and writing. Discover how to encourage positive interest in books and reading that can also support the comprehension of the story. Collect many ideas, books, and experiences that can be used in your classroom to nurture literacy.

Dr. Rebecca Isbell is a professor and consultant in early childhood education. She served as Director of the Center of Excellence in Early Childhood Learning at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN where she was honored as a "Distinguished Teacher". Isbell has been a director of a lab school, teacher of young children, supervisor of early childhood students, and team leader. She is the author of twelve books and numerous articles related to: environments, play, literacy, creativity, music, and child development. Dr. Isbell has presented keynotes and professional development throughout the United States and internationally including Denmark, Singapore, Beijing, and Canada. View her Website: drisbell.com



Closing Keynote

Gigi Schweikert

Author, Speaker, Mother

The Power of One Positive Person

Saturday, 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Have you ever thought about the incredible power you have to make a positive difference in the lives of those around you? The positive choices you make each day, the ways in which you help others, and even your smile can change the course of a day, and in some situations, the course of a life. Join us for this informational and humorous keynote session that will renew your spirit and affirm your commitment to working with young children and their families. One positive person does make a difference. Is that positive person you? It can be.

"Good Enough Never Is": The Benefits of Challenge and Change

Saturday, 10:00am – 11:30am

Are you open to change? Most of us say we are, but the reality is, even good change can be hard. Think about it, we like our routine and the comfort of knowing what to expect. Most of us aren't really willing to even sit in another section of the movie theater. Join us for this humorous keynote full of practical ways to "do things a little differently." Let's develop more positive relationships with parents, provide better customer service, and just do things better. Laugh, and learn that even change can be fun and rewarding.

With 18 published books, in three languages, and 30 years of experience, Gigi Schweikert is an international thought leader in the early years. Her best-selling book series, Winning Ways for Early Childhood Professionals, has changed the field through innovative ideas about leadership, child development, and professionalism.

Gigi is a contributor to Child Care Information Exchange, former Director of the United Nations Child Care Centre in NYC, consultant to Fortune 100 companies on workplace child care, and COO of Lightbridge Academy.

As the working mother of four, Gigi's practical ideas and realistic perspective will have you laughing and learning. www.gigischweikert.com



Featured Speaker

Kevin Carnes, President of Lakeshore

Successful Outdoor Classrooms in Both Urban & Rural Environments

Saturday, 10:00am – 11:30am

Kevin Carnes will demonstrate how bringing an organic outdoor play area into your environment is not only desirable but very achievable, and can be a positive experience for children, teachers, and parents; and regardless of the current state of your outdoor area, whether in the midst of a concrete jungle, or seemingly settled on a vast and desolate prairie, or in a simply bland suburban play space, you can achieve a nurturing and stimulating natural outdoor classroom.

Kevin Carnes, President of Lakeshore Learning Materials, has been with Lakeshore for over 30 years, beginning in Northern California when Lakeshore was strictly a small, California-based company. Kevin has been actively involved in helping Lakeshore expand nationwide, and in promoting Lakeshore's unique brand to educators around the world. He has also been instrumental in helping a growing company of 1500+ employees use appropriate technology to communicate their message to increasingly tech savvy followers and employees. Kevin has helped guide Lakeshore's use of technology to enhance their message and product lines without forgetting their main purpose of "hands on" learning, including their recently certified on-site Nature Explore® preschool classroom for their employees' children.

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/91096.com. Make sure to visit often for periodic updates!

Infant/Toddler Teachers	Texture Table/Sensory Activities for Infants and Toddlers Promoting Healthy Attachment and Trust: Primary Caregiving and Continuity of Care with Infants and Toddlers in the Child Care Setting Playing with a Purpose
Preschool Teachers	Developing STEM Learning Experiences Through Cooking Creating a Culture of Collaboration in Early Childcare Settings Building Stronger Transition Practices
K-3 Teachers	Keeping Children First! A Trip Through the Looking Glass: Helping Children and Teachers Become Better Observers Building Better Brains by Learning On the Move
Directors/Administrators	Loving Leadership: Key Practices of the Intentional Director Making a Difference: A DIY Approach to Marketing, Community Building, and Transforming Environments Lead with Purpose and Poise!
Afterschool Staff	Discipline and the School Age Child Strategies for Including Youth with Disabilities in Youth Development Programs Expanding Social Emotional Learning with Community Partnerships: Oh My, Oh How? Oh Wow!
Trainers	Ethics: Navigating the Gray Area The Collaborative Community: Working Together to Promote High Quality Care for Children Leadership in a Child Care Setting
Family Child Care	Put it in Writing How to be Your Own Best Friend You Know That Parent Who You Just Don't Like?

Who comes to the NYSAEYC Annual Conference?

Child Care Center and Head Start Teachers, Assistant Teachers and Administrators; Prekindergarten – 3rd Grade Teachers and Administrators; Family Child Care Providers; Higher Education Faculty; Students; Trainers; Licensors; Advocates; Early Childhood Researchers and Consultants; Parents; anyone who wants to learn more about current early childhood practice and policy.

Conference Sponsors



Conference Partners



Thursday, April 9

Pre-Conference Events

Conference Registration
1:00pm – 6:00pm

Pre-Registered Events
Accreditation Facilitation Program Forum
8:00am – 9:15am
For Information: Avril Mills
amills@nysaeyc.org

Trainer Institute
9:30am – 5:00pm
For Information: Avril Mills
amills@nysaeyc.org
Registration Opens January 15

Using the Environmental Rating Scales as a Tool for Quality Improvement
ECERS-R - 9:30am-12:30pm
ITERS-R – 2:00pm-5:00pm
For Information: contactus@nysaeyc.org

By Invitation
Higher Education Forum
9:00am – 4:00pm
For Information: Nancy Gabriel
gabrieln@sunyocc.edu

Professional Development Provider
Networking Event
5:00pm – 6:00pm
For Information: Karen Harkness
kharkness@earlycareandlearning.org

I send staff members from our Center to the NYSAEC Conference every year. They come back renewed with fresh ideas for their classrooms as well as having had the opportunity to network with other teachers. It is one of those conferences that staff compete to attend.
Deirdre Greco, Director, Samaritan-Rensselaer Children's Center

Opening Conference Events

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

Opening Keynote Speaker
Patti Digh
7:30pm
(open to all registered attendees)

Friday, April 10

Conference Registration
6:30am – 5:00pm

Rise and Shine Networking Session
7:00am – 8:15am By Invitation
For Information: Abbe Hahn
ahahn@earlycareandlearning.org

Early Bird Workshops
7:00am – 8:00am

Exhibit Hall
10:00am – 6:00pm

Plenary Session
Keynote Dr. Rebecca Isbell
8:30am – 10:00am

By Invitation
Infant Toddler Symposium and Lunch
10:00am – 1:00pm
For Information: Karen Harkness
kharkness@earlycareandlearning.org

Workshop Sessions
10:30 pm – 12:00pm

Morning

Conference Registration
6:30am – 12:00pm

Early Bird Workshops
6:45am – 7:45am

Exhibit Hall
8:00am – 1:00pm

Workshop Sessions
8:00am – 9:30am

Workshop Sessions
10:00am – 11:30am
Featured Speaker Kevin Carnes
Featured Session with Gigi Schweikert

Exhibitors' Showcase
11:30am – 1:00pm

Attending the NYSAEC Conference has always been the highlight of my teaching year. The workshops give me new ideas and insights into teaching young children!

Debra Mahusky, Universal Pre-K Teacher, Newburgh School District

Afternoon

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

Workshop Sessions
1:30 pm – 3:00pm
Featured Session with Dr. Rebecca Isbell

Workshop Sessions
3:30 pm – 5:00pm

Workshop Sessions
1:00pm – 2:30pm

Closing Keynote
Gigi Schweikert
3:00pm – 4:30pm

Evening

Networking Reception
5:00pm – 6:00pm
Exhibit Hall

**13th Annual
Champions for Children**

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

Awards Ceremony & Dinner
6:00pm

A sampling of exhibitors:

Barefoot Books
Community Playthings
Kaplan Early Learning Company
Lakeshore Early Learning Materials
Scholastic
Walden Books

4 Registration Information

Pre-order Lunch Option

Pick up your box lunch, quickly and easily on both Friday and Saturday. \$18.00 Selections below.

Turkey Wrap - Smoked Turkey Breast, Provolone Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato in Spinach Tortilla

The "Veggiesaurus" - Grilled Eggplant, Zucchini, Tomatoes, Bermuda Onion, Portabella Mushrooms and Provolone Cheese on Ciabatta Bread

Honey Roasted Ham - Honey Ham and Swiss Cheese with Lettuce and Tomato on Marble Rye Bread

All Box Lunches include Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookie, Kettle Chips, Whole Fruit and Bottled Water.

Win Overnight Accommodations

Register online prior to February 15, and you are automatically entered into a drawing for a two-night stay during this year's conference! There will be TWO winners!

For detailed registration information on...

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Discounts Group Registration
Payments Membership Verifications

Go to www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/91096.com

For questions & additional information
email Contactus@nysaeyc.org

Registration Package Descriptions

Package A

Thursday: Dinner and Opening Keynote with Patti Digh
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 Patti Digh
Friday & Saturday: All Keynote and Workshop Sessions

Package C

Thursday: Opening Keynote with Patti Digh
ONE Day of Keynote and Workshop Sessions -
Choose *Either* Friday or Saturday

Register online at

www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/91096.com

Member Only Benefit USB Drive

All NYSAEYC members who attend the conference will receive a complimentary USB drive containing presentation materials, the Core Body of Knowledge and the Early Learning Guidelines. USB drives will be available for purchase by non-member conference attendees for \$15.00. (There will be a limit of 1 USB drive per attendee.)

Pre-Conference Opportunity

Using the Environmental Rating Scales as a Tool for Quality Improvement

Suzanne Dohm, M.S.

ERS Assessment Coordinator, Center for Assessment and Policy Development

Thursday, April 9

ECERS-R – 9:30am – 12:30pm \$50 for Conference Attendee; \$70 for Non-Conference Attendee (Cost inclusive of ECERS-R Assessment Tool)

ITERS-R – 2:00pm – 5:00pm \$50 for Conference Attendee; \$70 for Non-Conference Attendee (Cost inclusive of ITERS-R Assessment Tool)

ECERS-R and ITERS-R are widely utilized quality assessment instruments. ECERS-R is used as an instrument to assess quality in classrooms for children 2.5 to 5 years old. ITERS-R defines its use for children who are infants up to 11 months and toddlers from 12 to 30 months. Another way to use these instruments is as a guide for development and supervision of classrooms. Using the indicators in each of the items is a way to clearly specify the expectation of what materials should be in the room and what should be occurring in that classroom. The tool can be a guide to assist teaching staff to meet the developmental needs of all their children.

Additional References Available (Purchase Optional)

The "All About the ECERS-R" and "All About the ITERS-R" will be referenced and used during their respective trainings. If you already have these books you are encouraged to bring them with you.

The books will be available for pre-purchase during registration (on-site sales will not be available) for \$49.95 each. You will receive the book(s) at the event.

Lunch will be available for those who selected it at pre-registration. A Supreme Salad Bar of mixed greens, various vegetables, dressings, tortellini pasta salad, tuna, chicken, and egg salad, sliced, fresh fruit, two dessert options and much more will be provided.

Lunch Cost - Conference Attendees - \$25

Non-Conference Attendees - \$30



2015 Annual Conference
April 9-11, 2015

TO REGISTER: SAVE TIME & REGISTER ONLINE: eiseverywhere.com/ehome/90196
MAIL TO: NYSAEYC, 230 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12203
FAX TO: 518-867-3520 (with payment)

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE
SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 15, 2015!

Individual registration form only, please print clearly. If you would like a group registration form please contact us.

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Position/Title Years of Experience

Organization NAEYC Accredited/Other

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIRED)

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CONFERENCE FEES:

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION—If postmarked or faxed by February 15, 2015

CONFERENCE PACKAGES	Member	Non-Member	Student*
Conference Pkg "A"	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$185
Conference Pkg "B"	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105
Conference Pkg "C"	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85
Pkg "C" please indicate which day:	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	

*Student registrations must include copy of student ID

PRE-ORDER LUNCH OPTION

Friday Lunch Box	<input type="checkbox"/> \$18	<input type="checkbox"/> \$18	<input type="checkbox"/> \$18
Please choose one	<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/> Ham	<input type="checkbox"/> Veg
Saturday Lunch Box	<input type="checkbox"/> \$18	<input type="checkbox"/> \$18	<input type="checkbox"/> \$18
Please choose one	<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/> Ham	<input type="checkbox"/> Veg

MEAL EVENTS—Available for a la carte purchase with Packages B or C.

Thursday Dinner and Keynote	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45
Friday Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55

ERS: SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT, THURSDAY 4/09/15

	ECERS	ITERS	LUNCH
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Conference Attendee Rate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Non-Conference Attendee Rate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Pre-Purchase Book (no onsite sales)	All About ECERS-R All About ITERS-R		
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$49.95	<input type="checkbox"/> \$49.95	

GRAND TOTAL OF REGISTRATION FEES: \$

SPECIAL NEEDS: (Please list or call 518-867-3517 if you are in need of special services) _____

Hotel Registration is separate: www.turningstone.com/stay/ 800-771-7711

NEW YORK STATE CREDENTIALS

(Please check all that you have received)

- Children's Program Administrator Credential (CPAC)
 Family Child Care Credential (FCCC)
 Infant Toddler Care and Education Credential (ITCEC)
 Level 1, 2 or 3 Early Learning Trainer Credential (NYSELTC)

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
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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

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Mail bottom portion with registration form to NYSAEYC, 230 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203
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Final Program Pick-up

Upon arriving at Turning Stone Resort, come to the Registration Area (atrium area) to get your Final Conference Program. After receiving your program, make sure to check the workshops that you have selected, as schedules may have changed. All efforts are made to keep schedule changes to a minimum, but some are unavoidable.

On-site Registration is available.

Registration Hours:

Thursday, 1:00pm – 6:00pm
Friday, 6:30am – 5:00pm
Saturday, 6:30am – 12:00pm

"I came to this conference as a way to share a common interest with my daughter, who is a recent early childhood graduate. I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the workshops and that I walked away having learned something that I could apply in my work."

2014 Conference Attendee

Student Events

Student Hospitality Room

Open Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday, 7:30am – 12:30pm

Student Hospitality is closed during the Student Poster Session and the Graduate Student Presentation.

Student/First Timers Welcome & Orientation

(before workshops begin)
Friday, 8:00am – 9:00am
Saturday, 7:30am – 8:30am

This is the place to meet other students, share tips for navigating the Conference, plan how to transfer what you learn in Verona to what you are studying, and connect with NYSAEYC – your state professional association!

Student Poster Display Session

Friday, 12:00noon – 1:00pm
Saturday, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Graduate Student Presentation

Saturday, 10:00am – 11:30am

Student Hospitality Room & Events sponsored in part by:

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-Networking!
-Goody Bags!



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For reservations (315) 361-7711 or (800) 771-7711. Mention the NYS Association for the Education of Young Children Conference to get discount.

*Includes \$10 which helps underwrite cost of keynote speakers.

Parking:

Parking is free to all conference participants and hotel guests.

Hotel Service:

Hotel Service: Limo/Town Car Transportation (max limo - 8 people/ max car - 3 people)
The following transportation services are provided by Turning Stone Resort and Conference Center. Please contact the resort at (315) 361-7711 or (800) 771-7711 for detailed pricing information: Transportation from Rome Train Station (Closest to Turning Stone) & Griffiss Airport; Syracuse Airport (SAP) & Train/Bus Station; Utica Train Station. Please call to schedule your reservations ahead of time, and if you can plan with others, you can split the cost!

Transportation

Arriving by Rail



Amtrak offers a 10% discount off the lowest available rail fare to **Rome, NY** between **April 7, 2015 and April 15, 2015**. Includes travel up to three days prior to the convention start date and three days following the last day of the meeting. To book your reservation call Amtrak at 1 (800) 872-7245 or contract your local travel agent. Please refer to Convention Fare code **X59V-922** when making your reservation a 10% discount has been approved. Conventions cannot be booked via Internet. This offer is not valid on the Auto Train and Acela service. Offer valid with Sleepers, Business Class or First Class seats with payment of the full applicable accommodation charges. Fare is valid on Amtrak Regional all departures seven days a week, except for holiday blackouts. FYI, the train station is 30 minutes away from the Turning Stone Resort & Conference Center.



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Preliminary Program

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