

SOUTHERN EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION CALL FOR PROPOSALS

76th Annual Conference – Houston, Texas

March 19-22, 2025

Thursday-Friday, Full day • Saturday, Half day

Proposals are due July 10, 2024

Theme: *Shoot for the Moon: To SECA and Beyond*

Are you an engaging speaker who is looking for a platform to inspire change and innovation in early childhood professionals? We need your insight and knowledge! SECA is seeking concurrent session presenters for our 2025 Annual Conference March 19-22nd, 2025 in Houston, Texas. The Theme for 2025 is “Shoot for the Moon: To SECA and Beyond”.

If you can craft a session that will actively engage participants, deliver a solid message about a key issue facing the Early Child care profession, and send attendees away with several identifiable new skills, we invite you to submit your proposal and be a part of this incredible experience!

SECA Conference brings together over 400 ECE professionals for three days of idea sharing, best practices, engaging dialogue, and networking. We invite you to share your experiences and knowledge during one of our interactive concurrent sessions.

Southern Early Childhood Association's Annual Conference, the premiere three-day professional development and networking event, is an incredible event where our 13 southern states come together to inspire Early Childhood Education professionals.

In its 76-year history, the Conference has provided amazing opportunities where ECE professionals come together to inspire others, as well as become inspired. Over 400 ECE professionals join together to discuss ideas, concepts, research and solutions to strengthen their work in the communities they serve. We are interested in hearing a multitude of perspectives to enrich our attendees' experience and dialogue.

About the SECA 76th Annual Conference

Theme: “Shoot for the Moon: To SECA and Beyond”

When: March 19-22nd, 2025

Where: Royal Sonesta Houston, Houston, TX

Submit: Submissions are received online [here](#).

Please Note: Because this conference is produced by a nonprofit association with the goal of keeping costs as low as possible for attendees, we are unable to provide stipends, complimentary lodging, or reimburse travel expenses.

Audio Visual: We do not provide any audio visual equipment. Wi-Fi signal may not be available in the conference area, so presenters should not rely on presentations that require an internet connection.

General Registration Fee: In appreciation of being a presenter, the following discounts apply for up to two (2) presenters.

If your proposal is received no later than:

- July 10th: you receive 60% off the 3-day general registration fee.
- August 19th: you receive 40% off the 3-day general registration fee.

Audience: Our Conference attracts ECE professionals (directors, teachers, aides, trainers, and child care staff) representing ages birth to 8, fields and missions, as well as government staff, consultants, and vendors working with ECE professionals.

Concurrent Session Specifics:

Length: 1 hour or 2 hour sessions can be requested, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Timeline for RFP

RFP process opens: May 24, 2024

Proposal deadline: July 10, 2024

Notification of acceptance in September 2024

Criteria for the evaluation of submitted proposals:

- Is the presenter knowledgeable about the topic?
- How important and/or relevant is the topic to the ECE profession?
- Does the session represent a diverse experience, point of view, or somehow draw on the perspectives of ECE communities?
- Will the presentation deliver learning takeaways to participants?
- Does the proposal include relevant information for a session?
- Does the presenter avoid self-promotion?

[Submit Proposal Here](#)

Your proposal should cover three main areas:

- 1. About the Presenter(s):** Name, contact information, and brief (5-6 sentences) biography. There is space for additional co-presenters.
- 2. About the Session:** Title, description of session (250 words or less), target audience, level of session, key take-away and/or learning objectives, age of children focused on, and description of how the session will be interactive.

3. Uniqueness of Presentation: Description of your unique point of view or unusual subject and/or diversity of personal experiences of the presenter(s).

The 2025 SECA Conference is seeking proposals which will help provide all early childhood educators information and skills that will help promote diversity, development, and value and/or celebrate dedication. With this broad scope, potential presenters can be creative with how their topic will achieve this goal.

The 2025 SECA Conference seeks to offer a variety of speakers and workshops; content may focus on a wide variety of topics. **Proposals should include evidence and research-supported practices.**

Workshop topics may include, but are not restricted to the following:

- Advocacy
- Physical Health and Development
- Emotional Health and Development
- Cognitive Development
- Creativity
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- Professionalism
- Instructional Leadership

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