

Join us at the

2021 SCCEC Conference

It's **VIRTUAL & FREE!**



We've put together a mini-strand of sessions for early childhood professionals!

What's Happening in Early Childhood Education?

Join us for a "big picture policy overview" of federal & state activities that impact young children and their families in South Carolina. A panel of representatives from early care & education initiatives in South Carolina will provide updates on current issues in the field.

Using the Itinerant Model to Support Preschool Inclusion

Join Dr. Kate Ascetta, Assistant Professor at the University of South Carolina, to learn more about using an itinerant model to support inclusive opportunities for preschool children with disabilities. You'll also learn about an exciting new opportunity to participate in the Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) Academy! SEIT will provide a series of intensive professional development offerings to prepare participants to be successful itinerant teachers.

Tier 1 Universal Strategies for Early Childhood Learners

The Early Childhood Team for the South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Special Education Services will discuss universal strategies for early childhood learners. Created specifically for educators, this session will focus on the definition & purpose of Universal Strategies for Early Childhood, describe & model specific strategies, and provide resources to locate strategies that are needed for educators in the classroom. Participants will also be provided an introduction to the Pyramid Model framework for early childhood learners. Specifically focused on the needs of the teacher, this session will provide virtual, hands-on application, and address the most relevant concerns educators have in the classroom for early childhood learners.

Meet Your aRPy Ambassador & Learn about the DEC Recommended Practices!

As the professional association for early childhood special education, DEC provides guidance on early intervention & early childhood special education practices related to better outcomes for young children with disabilities and/or developmental delays, their families, and the personnel who serve them. During this session, you'll learn about the DEC Recommended Practices (RPs) and how they support children's access and participation in inclusive settings & natural environments. Stephanie Moss, TA Specialist with the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), will also share resources & tools to help you use the RPs in your work! And you'll meet South Carolina's aRPy Ambassador, Amy Holbert, Executive Director of Family Connection SC, and learn more about her role with the DEC and ECTA, as well as initiatives in our state connected to this work to support young children & families.

All sessions will be available on the conference drive starting 2/20/21!

For more information, visit:

<https://community.cec.sped.org/sc/conference>