



The Georgia Association on Young Children (GAYC) "Together for Children" Conference



Bright from the Start again joins their conference with the GAYC Annual Conference

This year's conference demonstrates exactly what "Together for Children" means. Again this year Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is joining their annual conference, typically held in April, with the GAYC Conference, held annually the second weekend in October. This collaboration will continue to help streamline efforts in providing professionals with relevant resources and best practices.

Sponsors of this year's conference include (partial list): Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning; Smart Start Georgia, the Early Learning Division of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta; Georgia Department of Education Divisions for Special Education Services and Supports; Babies Can't Wait; Bright Horizons Family Solutions; Legacy Academy for Children; Kaplan Early Learning Companies; and Sheltering Arms for Children and Families.

WHAT: GAYC's statewide annual "Together for Children" conference provides opportunities for 3,000 early care and education professionals to increase their knowledge and experience by taking part in over 150 state approved workshops, networking and professional learning opportunities. Sessions range from brain development to science to public policy.

- Accreditation
- Advocacy
- Assessment
- Families
- Health, Safety, and Nutrition
- Social-Emotional Development
- Special Needs/Inclusion
- Developmentally Appropriate Practices
- Administration
- Licensing
- Infant/Toddler/Preschool/School Age
- Family Child Care/Family, Friend and Neighbor Care



This conference provides a platform to inform professionals about the latest information affecting young children and those responsible for their education, care, and well-being. Pre-conference sessions and a number of meetings will also be held at the conference including the *Georgia Parents as Teachers Network*, *GAYC Board Meeting*, *GAYC Town Hall Meeting*, *Georgia Family Child Care Association*, and the *Georgia Child Care Training Network*.

A complimentary reception and the Annual Awards Banquet will be held Friday evening. And don't forget to enjoy the student demos, the Bright from the Start Round Table, the model classroom, and visit the College Fair and the Exhibit Hall with over 75 vendors!

WHEN: October 9 – 10, 2009
Pre-Conference Sessions, October 8, 2009

WHERE: Gwinnett Civic Center
(Atlanta area)

For more information, visit www.gayconline.org

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The Georgia Association on Young Children (GAYC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the education, health and welfare of Georgia's young children, ages birth through eight. GAYC is the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA).