

# WECA BUILDING CONNECTIONS

2020 Virtual Conference | October 1-3, 2020



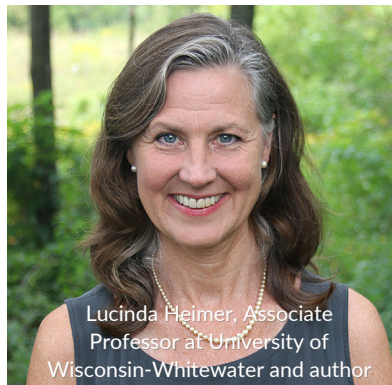
Rachel Giannini, teacher and early childhood specialist



Todd Parr, children's author and illustrator



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Ann Ramming, author and  
Founder of Early Childhood  
Solutions Consulting

**The show must go onLINE!** Wisconsin Early Childhood Association will host its annual conference ONLINE for 2020. This virtual event will provide professional development and training to support the early childhood workforce through rich content and meaningful connections.

Live sessions, including our keynotes, will take place on October 1-3, 2020.

On-Demand Content Accessible: October through December 2020

## Registration Fees:

Conference Registration-Current NAEYC/WECA Members: \$29.00

Conference Registration-Non-Members: \$45.00

Conference Registration and New NAEYC/WECA Membership: \$98.00



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Registration Now Open

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# Join Us!



LIVE Keynotes  
via Zoom!

LIVE and Pre-Recorded  
On-Demand Workshops!

Virtual Tours of Wisconsin  
Child Care Programs

## LIVE SESSIONS: Thursday, October 1

### 10:00 am: Universal Preschool in Extraordinary Times: Reshaping Views of Power, Policy, and Equity

Presenters: Lucinda Hemier, Ph.D, author and Associate Professor at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and Ann Ramminger, MS, author and Founder of Early Childhood Solutions Consulting.

### 1:00 pm: Making Connections: Finding Power in Our Diversity

Presenter: Ann McCmain Terrell, President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

### 4:00 pm: COVID-19 and Early Childhood: How to Approach a Pandemic

Presenter: Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

### 7:00 pm: Easy Music for Tough Times

Presenter: Carole Stephens, music specialist

## LIVE SESSIONS: Friday, October 2

### 10:00 am: Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry: An Opening Discussion about Anti-Black Racism, #BLM, and What Early Childhood Professionals Can Do

Presenter: Janean Dilworth-Bart, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

### 1:00 pm: Intersection Between COVID-19 and the Black Lives Matter Movement: A Panel Discussion on Supporting Students and Educators of Color While They Navigate These Challenging Times.

Presenters: Toshiba L. Adams, Ph.D., Lathisha Spence-Brookens M.A., Rachel Noble, MSM, Xochitl Ortega, Owner, X's and O's Educational Child Care, Michelle Turner, Ph.D.

### 3:00 pm: Early Childhood Inclusion: It is Not Just a Good Thing; It is the Law

Presenter: Michelle Ogorek, State of Early Childhood Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

### 5:00 pm: A Courage and Renewal Mini-Retreat: Working with a Compassionate Heart

Presenter: Mary Peters, facilitator by the Center for Courage & Renewal® and educational consultant

### 7:00 pm: Tiny Tunes for Toddlers

Presenter: Carole Stephens, music specialist

## LIVE SESSIONS: Saturday, October 3

### 10:00 am: Finding Joy with Todd and Rachel

Presenter: Todd Parr, children's author and illustrator and Rachel Giannini, teacher and early childhood specialist

### Noon-2:00 pm: No Small Matter Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion

### 3:00 pm: How Are the Children?

Presenter: Linda Demoe, motivational speaker

### 5:00 pm: Reclaiming Your Time: Getting Back the Leader You Were Meant to be!

Presenter: Delechia Johnson, MS, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education

Questions: Contact Jen Dittrich, Outreach  
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