Welcome
At ACSI CA/HI, we’re excited to offer early educators a conference specifically designed to meet the needs of those working with young children. Join us for an outstanding general session followed by your choice of seminar topics in four 1 hour sessions. Lunch is included.

Schedule (Saturday)
7:15 Registration and Visit Exhibits
8:00 General Session: Chase Gymnasium
10:00 Break/Exhibitors ** Coffee and snacks provided
10:30 Seminar Session 1
11:45 Seminar Session 2
12:45 Lunch/Exhibitors (Lunch provided)
1:30 Seminar Session 3
2:45 Seminar Session 4
3:45-4:15 Exhibitors

Friday Directors’ Day
(per Director or Asst. Director; lunch is included)
ACSI Member — $68
Non-member — $94
$76 after March 20th
$104 after March 20th

Saturday EE Conference
(per person; lunch is included)
ACSI Member School — $60
Non-member School — $90
$70 after March 20th
$99 after March 20th

Registration - Opens February 7th
1. Go to www.acsi.org/region/californiahawaii/ee-ca and select the conference near you.

If you need assistance with registration, please contact our office at 714-256-1287.

Download the ACSI App
There’s OUR app for that!

Download from iTunes or Google Play NOW. You can also use the mobile web version of the app from any mobile device.

NOTE: The first time you open the app, enter the event ID - “ACSIACA” CA/HI will become your app homepage. Your email allows you to receive push notices from us with event reminders and notices during the EE Conference. Customize your EE Conference experience by selecting the seminar sessions YOU want to attend and create your own agenda under My Schedule. Find maps, seminar locations, and speaker notes on the app too.

Conference Lodging
Doubletree by Hilton
Whittier, CA
Ask for ACSI Rate: $129/night + tax

Block price guaranteed through March 15th and is based on room availability thereafter. Register online at http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/L/LAXWIDT-ACS-20170320/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG and use Group Code: ACS.

Questions?
Contact us at the
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Melissa McKinzie
"Through God's Eyes"

As Early Educators, we are called to be attuned and responsive to the unique attributes of the children in our care, embracing the God-given qualities that make every child special. There are days - sometimes weeks or even months - when this is easier said than done. Thankfully, we are not alone in this race. God has handpicked each one of us, invited us to partner with Him, as we teach His children. See yourself through God's eyes and see yourself as significant in the life of a child.

Melissa is an Early Childhood Professional who is committed to making learning a joyful journey. Melissa has begun a new journey as she assumed the position of FCS Child Guidance/Administrator. Her role is to partner with Him, as we teach His children. See yourself through God's eyes and see yourself as significant in the life of a child.

Keynote Speaker

Mary Rice Hopkins

Mary Rice Hopkins is a noted Christian musician who has written hundreds of songs for children and adults. Mary has been in the music ministry for over 30 years and has over twenty albums. She has recorded numerous albums and has also written several children's books, as well as curriculum books that accompany her albums. Mary uses her music and ministry to share God's love and spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In 1997, she received a lifetime achievement award from Point Loma Nazarene University, where she studied communications and Christian education. In 2005, Mary teamed up with puppeteer Darcie Maze. Together they travel the country doing concerts. They also have a television show on the TBN network - Mary Rice Hopkins and Puppets with a Heart. Don't miss Mary's seminar sessions too. You'll be blessed and encouraged.

Guest Musician

Michele Smith

Michele Smith is a training and conference coordinator for Cypress Ranch Preschool. Michele holds a Master's Degree in Early Childhood from Stephen F. Austin University. She also is a member of the Texas Trainer Registry and currently is responsible for writing the faith-based curriculum for Nabor House Centers.

Conference Location

BIOLA University, 13800 Biola Avenue, La Mirada, CA 90639
Main Session: Gymnasium

Early-Bird Pickup

Early-bird pickup is available Wednesday, March 22, 9:00–5:00 PM at the ACSI Regional Office (910 E. Birch Street, Suite 260, Brea, CA) for those who wish to pick up their group's conference materials in advance.

Seminar Sessions

Seminar sessions are presented in one-hour formats with many concurrent sessions.

Some seminar topics include:
• Making God Real to Young Children (2 hr.)
• Building Brainpower in the Classroom
• Circle Time Fun
• Transitions Tips and Tricks
• Cooking in the EE Classroom
• STEM and STEAM in EE: Ramps and Pathways
• Social/Emotional Intervention Strategies
• 4-1-1 and 9-1-1 for New Directors
• The Spiritual Lives of Teachers
• Barriers and Bridges to Spirit-led Classrooms
• Stress, Rest, and Retreat for the Early Childhood Educator
• In the Beginning…God (Science and Creation)
• Licensing Update
• Routines & Systems = Success in Preschool Classrooms
• Technology in Preschool: Yes!
• Are We Legal? Wage/Hour Laws, ObamaCare Requirements, and more. Q/A time too.
• Positive Discipline
• Infant-Toddler Success
• Recycled, Reused & Repurposed
• Addressing Multiple Intelligences in Preschool
• Supporting Special Needs in Preschool
• Classroom Management
• Bible Class: 4 one-hour bible studies that meet accreditation requirements.
• Circle Time Fun

Areas of Focus Include:
• Making a Connection using Play as a Positive Intervention
• Why do children do what they do?
• How to Use the Family Routine Guide for Young Children with Challenging Behavior
• Reflecting and Reframing
• Friendship, Feelings, and Fun
• Strong Emotions and Solutions

Join Michele Smith as she shares her passion for children and those who serve them. Her experience and well-rounded background equips her to share with fellow educators through high quality early childhood professional development seminars and leadership workshops. Michele also teaches early childhood courses in the Bay Area of Northern CA.

Early Education Directors’ Day

When: Friday, March 24, 8:30 AM–3:30 PM
Who: For all early education directors and assistant directors (ACSI member and nonmember schools)
Cost: $68 per member/$94 non-member (lunch included)

Working with Families of Children with Challenging Behavior

Are you looking for ideas on how to address challenging behavior programmatically, how to work directly with parents for buy-in, and really taking a closer look at shifting our own perspectives of challenging behaviors as a starting point?
Then, this is just what you need!
Children engage in challenging behavior for a variety of reasons, but all children use challenging behavior to communicate messages. Challenging behavior, typically, expresses emotions, communicates aneed to escape or avoid a person/activity, or communicates a desire to obtain someone/thing. Once teachers and parents understand the purpose or meaning of the behavior, they can begin to select strategies to change the behavior. They can do this by selecting prevention strategies, teaching new skills, and changing the way they respond in an effort to eliminate or minimize the challenging behavior. Learn strategies from Michele Smith that helped her see immediate positive changes at her center.

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