2022 Louisiana Early Childhood Association Conference "Destination Early Childhood"

November 3, 2022 to November 5, 2022 Alexandria Riverfront Center 707 2nd St, Alexandria, LA 71302



Dear Vendors:

The 55th Annual Louisiana Early Childhood Association's (LAECA) State Conference is scheduled for Alexandria again this year. LAECA conferences bring together early childhood educators from across the state, and LAECA is working hard after no conference for three years to attach and provide the quality conference we have always had. Those attending include:

Teachers Child Care Center Owners

Administrators Child Care Resource and Referral

Supervisors Agency Personnel

Directors College and University Teachers and Students

from public schools, private and parochial schools, Head Start and Early Head Start, Child Care Centers, Family Child Care Homes, Technical College, Community College and Universities.

The LAECA Conference will be held this year at the Alexandria Riverfront Center in Alexandria, LA on **November 3 to November 5, 2022**. We would love to have your company represented as a vendor!

REGISTRATION FORM: Please see the enclosed Vendor Registration form. Please return your registration form and check (we are unable to process credit cards) by Friday, October 7, 2022. **Vendors may set up on Thursday, November 3 from 3:00 – 7:00 P.M.** The vendor area will be locked at 7:00 P.M. and will re-open at 7:00 A.M. on Friday, **November 4**, 2022. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions.

<u>SPONSORSHIP:</u> On Friday and Saturday mornings, the exhibit area will be open early for all conference participants. A Vendor Sponsored Conference Breakfast of coffee and breakfast bars will be provided in the Vendor Area to encourage conference participants to begin browsing and shopping the exhibit area just as soon as they arrive. Your company will receive a prime location in the Vendor Area, if your company is a Vendor Sponsor for the Conference Breakfast provided on Friday and Saturday. Please designate your willingness to be a Vendor Sponsor for our Conference Breakfast by indicating it on the attached Vendor registration form.

<u>RAFFLE:</u> LAECA provides scholarships and grants to future and present educators in the early childhood field. RAFFLE baskets are provided at the LAECA conference which fund the scholarships and grants. If your company would like to donate items for the LAECA RAFFLE, please indicate your interest on the Vendor Registration Form. Your donated items will be collected at the conference and placed in a RAFFLE basket near the exhibit area with your company name.

<u>PRESENTATIONS:</u> If you are interested in presenting a session at the conference, please email me and I will send you the Call for Proposals. Session content must be instructional and not just a sales pitch for your products.

The Louisiana Early Childhood Association (LAECA) is a non-profit organization that provides training for early childhood professionals working with children from birth through eight years of age. LAECA is the Louisiana state affiliate to the Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA) which has members across the South!

Sincerely, Dr. Janie H. Humphries, LAECA Exhibits Coordinator 2310 Lily Drive, Ruston, LA 71270 318-548-2404