



59th Annual Louisiana Early Childhood Association 2025 State Conference

Friday, November 7, 2025: Conference-At-a-Glance

We are offering a few breakout sessions dedicated to our amazing administrators!

Time	Room A	Room B-C ECE Jubilee!	Room D-E Ballroom	Room F-G	Room H-I	Room K
7:30-7:55	Introduction- Greetings from LAECA President Jason McGee and President-Elect Katy Loftin/Housekeeping Room D-E/Ballroom, Following-Coffee with the LAECA Presidents in the exhibit area					
Session 1 8:00-9:00	Dacia Dumas "Music, Movement, and Moods"	"Notice and Wonder: A Science Walking Museum" Wildlife and Fisheries, TREEhouse Museum, Cenla Family Collective, Dr. Hailey's Science Fun		Latasha Holt & Tarrah Davis "Future-Ready Educators: Leveraging AI to Elevate Professionalism and Practice"	Krystle Johnson & Jasmine Harris "Empowered to Thrive: Self-Advocacy as Self-Care"	Mary Lou Maples "Art is More Than Paint"
9:10-10:10	General Session- Keynote Speaker, Shawn Brown: "Being EXTRA on Purpose!" Room D-E/Ballroom					
Session 2 10:20-11:20	Susan Myrick, Krista Redmond, Emily Weeks "Words Matter!"	"Notice and Wonder: A Science Walking Museum" Wildlife and Fisheries, TREEhouse Museum, Cenla Family Collective, Dr. Hailey's Science Fun	Annette Bazile "Throw Me Something, MISTER!" (Maximize Instructional Support Through Effective Resources)	Pheriche Perkins "Am I a Literacy Leader? Administration's role in kindergarten readiness"	Tammy Jones "Foundations First: The Science of Reading in Pre-K"	Tammy DiBartolo & Karla Kirby "Laugh, Leap, and Learn at LAECA"
11:30-12:50	Luncheon/Awards/Recognition and Greetings from SECA/Meet the Board/Visit the Vendors and Raffle-Room D-E/Ballroom					
Session 3 1:00-2:00	Rodney Blackman, Tish Walters, & Lacy Hitt "Put a Little Play in Your Day"	"Notice and Wonder: A Science Walking Museum" Wildlife and Fisheries, TREEhouse Museum, Cenla Family Collective, Dr. Hailey's Science Fun	Shawn Brown "Classroom Mastery"	Yolonda Gayden "Playful Foundations- Setting the Stage for Lifelong Learning"	Krystle Johnson & Jasmine Harris "Empowered to Thrive: Self-Advocacy as Self-Care"	Tammy DiBartolo & Karla Kirby "Laugh, Leap, and Learn at LAECA"
Session 4 2:10-3:10	Sandra Hutson Brighter Beginnings: Nurturing Young Readers with Dyslexia	"Notice and Wonder: A Science Walking Museum" Wildlife and Fisheries, TREEhouse Museum, Cenla Family Collective, Dr. Hailey's Science Fun	Annette Bazile "MARDI GRAS the Observation!"	Katy Loftin "Social-Emotional Learning Through Children's Literature"	Sheryl Brown "Mental Wellness for All"	Judy Whitesell "Tell it Once, Tell it Again"
Session 5 3:20-4:20	Judy Whitesell "Workplace Utopia: Let's Make It Happen!"	"Notice and Wonder: A Science Walking Museum" Wildlife and Fisheries, TREEhouse Museum, Cenla Family Collective, Dr. Hailey's Science Fun	Annette Bazile "Throw Me Something, MISTER!" (Maximize Instructional Support Through Effective Resources)	Katy Loftin "Play-Based Learning in Kindergarten? Yes, you can!"	Latasha Holt & Tarrah Davis "Future-Ready Educators: Leveraging AI to Elevate Professionalism and Practice"	Dr. Katrina Jordan "Health is Wealth: Embracing Wellness in Early Childhood Environments"
4:30-5:30	Collaborative Concepts- Join us in Room D-E/Ballroom for a great collaborative hour where you can chat with the LAECA Board and other experts on your favorite topics!					



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Saturday, November 8, 2025: Conference-At-a-Glance



Time	Room A	Room B-C	Room D-E Ballroom	Room F-G	Room H-I	Room K
7:30-7:40	Introduction- Greetings from LAECA President Jason McGee and President-Elect Katy Loftin/Housekeeping Room D-E/Ballroom					
7:45-8:45	General Session- Keynote Speaker, Shawn Brown: “More Fun, Less Problems!” Room D-E/Ballroom					
8:45-9:00	Coffee with the Presidents in the exhibit area!					
Session 6 9:00-10:00	Rodney Blackman, Tish Walters, & Lacy Hitt "Put a Little Play in Your Day"			Dacia Dumas "Music, Movement, and Moods"	Jason McGee "Transitioning into a CLASSroom"	
Session 7 10:10-11:10	Gilen Meibaum- Norwood "Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo- I Love Reading, Too!"			Krystle Johnson & Jasmine Harris "Empowered to Thrive: Self-Advocacy as Self- Care"	Jason McGee "Transitioning into a CLASSroom"	
Session 8 11:20-12:20	Mary Lou Maples "Making the Most of Your Day with Infants and Toddlers"			Sandra Hutson "Brighter Beginnings: Nurturing Young Readers with Dyslexia"		
12:25-12:45	Installation of Officers/Basket Raffle/Conference Closing					