

The 5th Annual Arizona Early Childhood Public Policy Forum

Advancing Equity for the Child Care Workforce
Saturday, February 11, 2023 | 9-11 a.m. (MST)

Register for this event through Zoom [here](#) to receive the link to the meeting. Portions of this webinar will be recorded. **Resources and Handouts:** www.azaeyc.org/2023ppf.

Before the event: We encourage you to watch the self-paced webinar “5 Easy Ways to Elevate Your Voice for Arizona’s Children, Families, and Educators” (80 minutes). In the webinar, you will hear 5 practical ways to engage in early childhood advocacy, learn how to connect with your elected officials, and explore strategies to elevate your voice as early childhood champions to support the efforts for state and federal investments in early care and education.

The webinar can be viewed on the [AzAEYC YouTube page](#) or through the [Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry](#) by searching Event ID 100134526 (complete the survey link on the Registry event page for professional development credit).

Agenda

- 9-9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction of Collaborating Partners**
Advocating for Early Childhood Education and Our Communities
Eric Bucher, Ed.D., chief executive officer, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children
- 9:15-9:45 a.m. **Reclaiming Your Time: Using Personal Narrative Storytelling for Advocacy**
Pearlette Ramos, Ph.D., J.D., lawyer, coach, inspirational speaker, and author
- Overview and Arizona Town Hall Process**
Pat Norris, Arizona Town Hall Facilitator, and Michael Spivey, Arizona Town Hall recorder
- 9:45-10:15 a.m. **Small Group Breakout Room Discussions**
1) *What does equity mean to you and how does it relate to early care and education?*
2) *What are the most important messages to give our elected leaders about equity with respect to the early care and education workforce?*
- 10:15-11 a.m. **Large Group Share-Out**
Next Steps to Take Action: Report Read-Out and Closing

This professional development event was funded by Voices for Healthy Kids, an initiative of the American Heart Association.

Closed captions will be available: To view closed captions during this event, click the Zoom Rooms controller, then tap the “Captions” (CC) icon. You may need to tap the “more” icon first to see the option. Learn more [through this link](#).

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Certificate and survey: A certificate of professional development for 2 hours is available after completing a brief survey. After the session, please take about 5 minutes to complete the post-workshop survey [here](#). If you'd like to be marked as "Attended" in the Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry, please include your Registry ID number in your survey response. We will mark participants as "Attended" within 10 business days.

This event is a collaboration between the following organizations.

Collaborating partners:



Guest speaker:



Dr. Pearlette J. Ramos is a motivational leader, lawyer, writer, coach and travel influencer. She leads transformational journeys around the world, facilitates empowerment workshops, and coaches others toward living life with passion, purpose and authenticity.

Pearlette is a globetrotter who has visited more than 60 countries and each of the seven continents. Her adventurous spirit has inspired her to scuba dive at the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, parasail in Hawaii, travel down zip lines in the Alaskan wilderness, and snowshoe in the Antarctic region.

She draws on her traumatic childhood experiences and global adventures to help women release fear and doubt, listen to the call of their intuition, and embrace their true nature because she believes, "A woman who speaks her truth, stands up for what she believes is right, and does so using her authentic power is a woman who will change the world!"

When she's not speaking, traveling or coaching, you can find Pearlette hiking, spending time with her two daughters, Dionna and Nailah, and volunteering in her community where she serves on various public and nonprofit boards. For more information, visit www.pearletteramos.com.

Resources and handouts: To learn more about advocacy, find inspiration, and to get involved with your community, we encourage you to check out these resources and handouts.

- [NAEYC "Advancing Equity in Early Childhood Education" Position Statement](#): Outlines steps and recommendations to (1) provide quality early learning programs that build on each child's unique individual and family strengths, cultural background, and experiences; and (2) eliminate differences in educational outcomes and build equitable early care and education systems.
- [Three \(Extra\)Ordinary Women](#) documentary film: *Three (Extra)Ordinary Women* tells the story of three middle-age women of color who were brought together through

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friendship and a desire to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, focused on their determination to push themselves to any extreme necessary to change the mainstream narrative by example.

- [Arizona State Legislature web page](#): Find your state representative and senator, locate contact information, review committee agendas, and give your feedback on bills moving through the legislative process.
- [Child Care Aware of America web page](#): Enter your address in this web page to find out who represents you at the federal, state, and local levels along with their contact information.

Recommended by our guest speaker: Dr. Pearlette Ramos has curated a list of resources and articles that can help you build your personal narrative and engage in effective advocacy.

- [Evaluating Personal Narrative Storytelling for Advocacy](#) (Austin & Connell, 2019)
- [Storytelling for Advocacy: How to Tell Your Story](#) (Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 2017)
- [Telling the Story of Yourself: 6 Steps to Writing Personal Narratives](#) (Xue, 2022)
- [The Mediator Role of Resilience Between Self-Determination and Self-Efficacy](#) (Develos-Sacdalan & Bozkuş, 2018)