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## SECC Early Childhood Community of Practice E-Newsletter

Greetings! Thank you for participating in the [Community of Practice \(CoP\)](#). If you have forgotten your password for the website, please email [Kat.Theodore](mailto:Kat.Theodore) to request that it be resent to you.

### Resource Spotlight

The Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes (CEELO) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) developed a resource to help state education agencies and their early childhood education partners advance new policies designed to improve early learning opportunities for dual and English language learners. The [Practical Guide for State Educational Agencies to Promote Success of English Language Learners PreK-Grade 3](#) focuses on 6 of 13 key areas identified in a 2017 report by the [National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine](#) to include when making policy for this group of early learners.

[Read more](#)

### Research Spotlight

A recent article in the online journal Edutopia describes a research study from Northwestern University designed to examine bias among 4-year-olds as it relates to both race and gender. Previous research has established that young children demonstrate bias in terms of race and in terms of gender. But this study sought to determine how bias played out in this age group when target images differed in both race and gender.

[Read more](#)

### Professional Development

It is never too early to mark your calendars for upcoming conferences. Below are two fall events that are currently featured on the Early Childhood CoP calendar. Continue to watch for postings of additional events as they become available.

The Division for Early Childhood's 35th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families will be held October 1–4, 2019, in Dallas, Texas. This year's theme is "Dreaming of a Bigger Tomorrow: Building Our Future Through Collaboration and Partnership." To learn more and to register, visit the conference [website](#).

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) will be holding its Annual Conference on November 20–23, 2019, at the Music City Center in Nashville, Tennessee. For more information and to register, visit NAEYC's [website](#).

For more early childhood news and information, please visit the [CoP website](#). We appreciate your continued collaboration.

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