



Texas Association for the
Education of Young Children

Learning Community and Networking Committee Considerations:

The Austin Chapter of TXAEEYC is excited to announce a new opportunity for the Austin area early childhood community called learning communities. The general purpose of learning communities are to connect professionals across areas of practice, roles, and interests within the field of early childhood education by facilitating spaces for discussion, networking, and collective action. Facilitators of learning communities must abide by the following.

Reasons to build a learning community:

- Develop enthusiasm and collective action around important issues related to young children
- Connect professionals across areas of practice, roles, and interests
- Support meaningful professional development and professional growth
- Become involved with the Austin Chapter of TXAEEYC, which has stood for quality early childhood education in the Austin area for over 50 years

Ground Rules:

All learning communities should:

- Align to the mission and vision of the Austin Chapter of TXAEEYC
- Support the considerations, principles, and guidelines of Developmentally Appropriate Practice (NAEYC, 2009)
- Embrace NAEYC's Code of Ethics
- Establish a defined structure (book club, discussion group, mentor/mentee relationships, etc) and goals
- Intentionally plan for each meeting or event

Facilitators of Learning Communities:

- Know people who are interested in attending
- Can apply the NAEYC Code of Ethics when leading a group
- Are goal-oriented and solution driven