



Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children

2026 Annual Conference Frequently Asked Questions

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Registration & Tickets

Q: When do tickets go on sale?

- VTAIEYC Member tickets on sale Monday 08/03/26 and Non-Member tickets go on sale Monday 08/10/26.
- To become a NAEYC+VTAIEYC member, please visit:
<https://www.vtaieyc.org/membership/>.

Q: What are the costs of tickets?

Ticket Type	Price (\$)
Member	
2-day Thurs/Fri Combo	\$395.00
1-day Wednesday (Leadership Day)	\$175.00
1-day Thursday	\$285.00
1-day Friday	\$285.00
Virtual Keynote Pass	\$49
Non-Member	
2-day Thurs/Fri Combo	\$495.00
1-day Wednesday (Leadership Day)	\$225.00
1-day Thursday	\$385.00
1-day Friday	\$385.00
Virtual Keynote Pass	\$79

Q: How do I register my staff or multiple people?

- You can purchase multiple tickets by completing an order of 10 tickets per email address.
- We recommend prepping your information ahead of time so that you are not searching for information while you are trying to book your tickets.
- We created a [Pre-Registration Guide](#) that is helpful for gathering your info.
- Please note: this form is for your reference only. Filling it out does not register you or your staff. It is simply a tool to help you gather the necessary information to complete registration in a timely manner.

Q: Do I really need to purchase my tickets that quickly?

- YES! Historically, we have sold out within a few weeks of opening ticket sales.
- To ensure you get the days you desire, we recommend marking your calendar and gathering the information you will need to book your tickets, ahead of time.

Q: Can I pay by purchase order or check?

- We do not accept purchase orders or checks for payment. You can register up to 10 people per email address via credit/debit card.

Q: The Conference is sold out, what do I do?

- You can register for our waitlist which will be linked on our [Annual Conference website](#) if tickets do sell out.

Q: Either my staff members or I can no longer attend. Can I get a refund?

- Refunds are considered on a case-by-case basis.
- If a replacement is found from our waitlist, the original buyer may receive a full or partial refund.
- Refunds are only available if your ticket is successfully transferred to another attendee.
- Refunds can not be considered after October 14, 2026.

Q: Either my staff members or I can no longer attend. Can their ticket be transferred?

- Yes. Tickets may be transferred through October 14, 2026. After this date, transfers can no longer be accommodated due to conference name tag production.
- To request a transfer, please email conference@vtaeyc.org with the first name, last name, and email address of the original attendee who can no longer attend.
- We will then send a transfer link to you and/or the new attendee. The form mirrors our waitlist process and includes the same registration questions.
- Once completed, the new attendee will receive a confirmation email and be able to select workshop sessions.

Membership & Discounts

Q: How do I find my NAEYC Membership Number?

- Login to your [NAEYC account](#) and on your profile page, you will see the expiration date, and "Customer ID" number (which is your NAEYC member number) in a blue banner.
- If you are purchasing a membership as part of registration, please write Purchased Add-On.
- If you need assistance, please email us at conference@vtaeyc.org and we can find out if you're a current member and/or your membership number.

Q: How do I find my BFIS Number?

- Your BFIS Number is listed in your BFIS Quality-Credential Account. You can log in here: [BFIS Login](#) to view it in your profile.

- If you don't have an account or can't find your number, contact the BFIS Help Desk at 1-800-649-2642 or bfis.help@state.vt.us.
- If you do not need professional development credit due to your role, you can write 0 into the BFIS field.

Q: How do I add a membership, so I can get the Membership Rate?

- Select the membership ticket you plan to purchase. Before clicking Checkout, scroll down to Add-Ons and select the Membership option.
- Please note that each member rate ticket must have a valid NAEYC + VTAEYC individual membership. Group or program memberships are not currently available.
- When prompted for a membership number during registration enter: Purchased Add-On.

Q: Are there any scholarships available?

- Yes, we will offer a very limited number of scholarships covering 50% of the registration fee. Scholarships are first-come, first-served and open to Vermont early childhood educators who demonstrate financial need.
- The application will open on July 27, 2026 and be available on our [Annual Conference website](#).
- We ask that you apply for a scholarship before making your ticket purchase as it is difficult to process refunds.

Q: How do I sign up to be a volunteer?

- VTAEYC will be seeking volunteers for the 2026 Annual Conference. Volunteers will receive a 50% discount on their registration fee in exchange for helping with tasks before keynotes and between sessions.
- The application will open on July 27, 2026 and be available on our [Annual Conference website](#).
- We ask that you apply to be a volunteer before making your ticket purchase as it is difficult to process refunds.

Q: Are there grants or discounts available to help my program send multiple staff to the conference?

- At this time, VTAEYC does not offer program based grant funding or bulk discounts for conference registration.
- Current Vermont professional development funding is generally tied to individual credentials, coursework, or other career advancement opportunities rather than conference attendance.
- If your program receives funding through Head Start, grants, workforce initiatives, or other professional development budgets, we encourage you to check with your fiscal or administrative team about allowable uses.

Hotel & Travel

Q: How do I book a hotel room?

- Use [this link](#) to book your room
- If you are having trouble with the links, please call the hotel directly or email us conference@vtaeyc.org.

Q: How do I get there?

The Killington Grand Resort Hotel is located at 228 E Mountain Rd, Killington, VT 05751.

Q: Is there parking available?

All base lodge parking lots offer free public parking and convenient drop-off and pick-up areas, so you can drop off your passengers and gear before parking the car.

Q: What else is there to do in Killington?

- Killington offers plenty to enjoy beyond conference sessions. The area features scenic hiking trails, gondola rides, mountain biking, golf, adventure activities, shopping, and seasonal events. You'll also find a variety of on resort and nearby dining options, perfect for connecting with colleagues after a full day of learning.
- Explore local activities at Killington Resort:
<https://www.killington.com/things-to-do/activities/explore-killington/>

Schedule & Sessions

NEW: Virtual Keynote Pass

- This pilot offering includes livestream access to the Opening Keynote, Thursday morning's keynote workshop session, and Closing Keynote. It does not include additional workshop sessions, meals, exhibits, or other conference activities.
- Earn professional development hours by attending the live keynote sessions.
- Available at a reduced rate compared to full conference registration.
 - Member Virtual Keynote Pass: \$49
 - Non-Member Virtual Keynote Pass: \$79
- A great option for educators who are unable to travel to Killington but still want to engage with conference content.
- Programs may choose to gather staff together before or after the livestreamed keynotes for additional professional development, reflection, discussion, or team planning.

Q: What are the start and end times of the Conference Days?

- Wednesday 10/21/2026 Leadership Day:
 - Conference Check-In & Welcome Coffee: 8:00-9:00 AM
 - Opening Plenary: 9:00 AM
 - End Time: 4:30 PM
- Thursday 10/22/2026:
 - Breakfast 8:00-9:00 AM
 - Opening Plenary: 9:00 AM
 - End Time: 5:00 PM
- Friday 10/23/2026:
 - General and Member Breakfast 7:15-8:30 AM
 - First Session: 8:45 AM
 - Closing Plenary: 3:45 PM
 - End Time: 5:00 PM

Q: Are there any Networking Events Taking Place?

- On Wednesday, October 21, VTAEYC and the Let's Grow Kids Action Network will co-host the Early Childhood Educator and Candidate Mix and Mingle. This special networking event provides an opportunity to connect with Vermont's candidates and fellow early childhood educators while engaging in meaningful conversations.
- On Thursday, October 22, attendees staying on-site or local to the area are invited to join us at the outdoor fire pit for a casual S'mores Party, an opportunity to relax, connect, and continue conversations with fellow early childhood professionals.
- On Friday, October 23 current and prospective VTAEYC members are invited to join us for a Member Breakfast celebrating highlights from the past year, sharing updates from VTAEYC, and looking ahead to what's next. Attendees will also have a chance to learn more about membership and pick up some VTAEYC swag.

Q: How do I sign up for sessions?

- Once you register, you will get a confirmation email and within that email will be instructions for signing up for sessions via the Whova app.
- Once ticket sales go live, the instructions and a how-to video will be available on our [Annual Conference website](#).
- If you are struggling or need assistance, please contact us at conference@vtaeyc.org.

Day of Information

Q: I'm attending with a group from my program. Is there anything we should know ahead of time?

- We're so glad you're attending as a team. To help create a positive learning experience for everyone, we ask groups to spread out across a variety of sessions whenever possible rather than attending every session together.
- During keynotes and workshops, please keep side conversations to a minimum and save program-specific discussions for breaks, meals, or after the session. Even quiet table conversations can be distracting to presenters and other attendees who are trying to listen and engage.
- We also encourage program leaders to review conference expectations with staff ahead of time, including respectful participation, minimizing disruptions, and supporting a professional learning environment for all.

Q: Where can I purchase raffle tickets?

- Raffle tickets can be purchased during the Conference at the VTAEYC Exhibitor Booth.
- Both cash and card are accepted forms of payment.

Q: Is there a lactation room on site?

- Yes, VTAEYC ensures there is a private space available.
- Please ask the VTAEYC Help Desk or Exhibitor Booth if you need to use the room.

Q: Can I bring my child(ren)?

- As much as we adore children, we ask that you do not bring children to the event to ensure that all of our attendees and presenters can have focused time to get the most out of our event.
- Exceptions may be made for non-mobile infants. To inquire, please contact us at conference@vtaeyc.org.

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