Registration Q&A

Q: Will there be a pre-con day?

A: *This year is a year of changes! Not only are we in a new location, but we have changed the format of the conference. This year's conference will be a 2 ½ day conference that **does not** include a pre-con day. This will give all attendees the opportunity to take advantage of an expanded conference schedule*

Q: What is the conference schedule?

A: *The conference schedule is below:*

- *Day 1 (Tuesday, October 28th)*
    - *Vendor Hall opening – 8:00 am*
    - *Opening session – 10:00 am*
    - *Breakouts 1 & 2 – 1:00 – 4:30 pm*
- *Day 2 (Wednesday, October 29th)*
    - *Plenary session – 8:30 am*
    - *Breakout sessions 3, 4, & 5 – 10:00 am -4:30 pm*
    - *Evening Social Event - TBA*
- *Day 3 (Thursday, October 30th)*
    - *Breakouts 6 & 7 – 8:30 – 11:00 am*
    - *Closing Session 11:30 am – 1:00 pm*

Q: When will registration open for the 2025 Early Childhood Education Conference?

A: *Early Bird Registration will open in Pheedloop (registration system) at 11:00 am on February 28, 2025. Traditional registration will open in Pheedloop in May 2025.*

Q: What is the cost for the conference?

A: *Conference will cost $400 per attendee regardless of when programs register (Early Bird or Traditional registration).*

Q: What is Early Bird Registration?

A: *Early Bird Registration is an opportunity for programs to register their staff before the traditional registration opens. Programs will have the ability to bulk upload their attendee information.*

Q: What is the advantage of using Early Bird Registration?

A: *Programs that take advantage of Early Bird Registration will have the opportunity for their staff to select their sessions before those who register during the traditional registration period. This will allow programs to register their whole staff without selecting the sessions for their staff. Early Bird session selection will open at a later date (see below).*

Q: Will sessions be first come, first served or will attendees be able to pre-select their sessions?

A: *Attendees will be able to pre-select their sessions to ensure reserved seating in the sessions of their choice.*

Q: When will attendees be able to select their sessions?

A: *Programs who take advantage of Early Bird Registration will have approximately 2 weeks (tentatively April 21st-May 2nd) to select sessions before traditional registration opens and session selection is available to everyone.*

Q: How do I register a large group?

A: *Programs should register a **group of 10 or more** participants at one time by completing this **Group Registration Form**, not through Pheedloop. Once the form has been downloaded and completed, please save the form and email it to beth.aspden@ece.alabama.gov.*

Q: How do I make payment for registration?

A: ***Group registration must be paid for by check/PO.*** *For registrations of 9 or less attendees, you may choose to pay with a credit card during the registration process and payment will be accepted immediately (a credit card fee will be applied). Check/PO payments are due by October 28, 2025.*

Q: Will meals be provided for attendees?

A: *Meals will not be provided for attendees during the conference. Programs should make the decision on how they will handle meals for their staff.*

Q: How do I get from my hotel to the BJCC?

A*: All downtown hotel blocks will have a shuttle rotation to and from hotels to the BJCC throughout the day Tuesday-Thursday.*

Q: Where do I stay in Birmingham?

A: *Hotel blocks can be found [here](#).*

*Please continue to check [here](#) for additional information.