



EARLY CHILDHOOD STEM CONFERENCE

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH

The Children's Center at Caltech (CCC) is hosting the *Early Childhood Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (ECSTEM) Conference* to promote and increase awareness of the importance of introducing STEM education in early childhood (birth through eight years). This year, we are celebrating our home, **Planet Earth**. As temperatures rise, we are seeing environmental impacts on the weather, plant and animal life, and rising sea levels. The long reaching effects will have an impact on food, water and natural resources. Topics of interest for our theme can include earth sciences, weather, drought tolerant gardens, stars and planets, earthquakes, the water cycle, watershed, reusing and recycling.

The Children's Center at Caltech is a non-profit organization providing high quality early education and care for children ages six months through five years since 1972. Using a constructivist approach, the CCC implements a science-based curriculum. The philosophy of the CCC has its basis in a humanistic view of the child as an individual learner within a community of learners. The aim of the program is to respond to the needs of every child as s/he develops awareness of the world and readiness for learning.

We have made many adjustments in response to COVID-19 as a center in order to continually best serve our community. We feel that it is essential and of best interest to STEM education to continue our annual STEM conference in the coming year. In order to hold this conference in the safest way for all participants, the ECSTEM conference 2022 is going **VIRTUAL!**

The ECSTEM committee is seeking proposals for presentations for its conference February 18-19, 2022.

Please complete and return the attached presenter form no later than Friday, **November 19, 2021**. A confirmation agreement will be sent to presenters who are chosen to present.

We aim to bring together renowned researchers and educators to inform and inspire early childhood professionals. We hope you will take part in this movement. Thank you for your dedication.

Sincerely,

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