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2026 MNAFEE Conference | April 22–24, 2026 | St. Cloud, MN

Theme: Making an Impact Together: Shaping Early Childhood Culture

The MNAFEE Family & Early Childhood Education Conference is the premier professional development event for Minnesota’s early childhood workforce. Attending the full three-day program provides critical updates, evidence-based strategies, and leadership tools that directly impact program quality and family outcomes.

Core Learning Objectives & Benefits:

- Systemic Innovation: Move beyond outdated policy myths to optimize child development windows, potentially saving long-term program costs and improving student readiness.
- Culture & Retention: Learn "Culture Captain" strategies to improve workplace morale, reduce staff burnout, and foster an environment of dignity and belonging.
- Advanced Family Engagement: Master the "Connection Model" to handle high-stakes conversations regarding challenging behaviors, reducing parent defensiveness and increasing home-school collaboration.
- Evidence-Based Breakouts: Access over 40 breakout sessions covering the latest in trauma-informed care, parent education, and instructional leadership.

Why the Full 3-Day Attendance Matters:

Day	Keynote Focus	Outcome for Our Program
Wednesday, April 22	Systems & Science	Strategic alignment with modern neurodevelopmental research.
Thursday, April 23	Culture & Leadership	Actionable tools to improve team communication and climate.
Friday, April 24	Parent Partnerships	Mastery of difficult conversations to ensure family follow-through.

The Bottom Line:

An investment in MNAFEE is an investment in the stability and excellence of our program. Staff will return with a "Monday-Ready" toolkit of strategies to improve classroom management, family satisfaction, and organizational health.

Registration Opens: Early March 2026 - mnafee.org/2026-annual-conference.html