

naeyc[®]

Week of the **Young Child**[™]

Planning Guidebook

What is the Week of the Young Child®?

The Week of the Young Child® is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and a network of 52 Affiliates.

MaineAEYC has created this guidebook to help you brainstorm and plan activities!

WOYC 2023: April 1st-April 7th



Maine Association for the Education of Young Children

Daily Themes

Engage children, families, and educators in each fun, daily theme:

MUSIC MONDAY

Music is everywhere and doesn't require fancy instruments. This is a perfect way to explore sound through the senses while tapping into children's innate creativity

TASTY TUESDAY

Cooking with children is a fun way to introduce science and math concepts as well as increase language and literacy skills. Talking nutrition with children early increases their understanding about making healthy choices

WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY

Working with others help promote problem solving skills and increase confidence, empathy and teamwork

ARTSY THURSDAY

When children go through the process of art they are open to expressing themselves and interacting with what is around them

FAMILY FRIDAY

Engaging and celebrating families and the essential role they play in their children's learning and development as their child's first and most important teachers is at the heart of support young learners



MaineHealth

JOIN LET'S GO!

Looking to promote healthy practices during the WOYC?
MaineAEYC suggests checking out
LET'S GO 5-2-1-0

[CLICK HERE](#)

CLICK
For More
Information

Plan a Community Event



Planning a community event is a great way to celebrate the The Week of the Young Child! It can rally children, families, educators, business leaders, and community members around the importance of early childhood education.

Types of Events to Consider


- Parades
- Festivals
- Concert
- Library Events
- Museum Events
- Door Decorating



Community Members to Involve

- Child Care Programs
- Public Schools
- Businesses
- Libraries
- Museums
- Legislators
- Families
- Town/City Officials





The Week of the Young Child is a great time to educate the community, business leaders, policy makers, congressional delegates, local officials, etc about the importance of early childhood education.

Check out MaineAEYC's Advocacy Guidebook with ways to advocate!

[Click for Guidebook!](#)


Request a Proclamation for the Week of the Young Child from your municipality

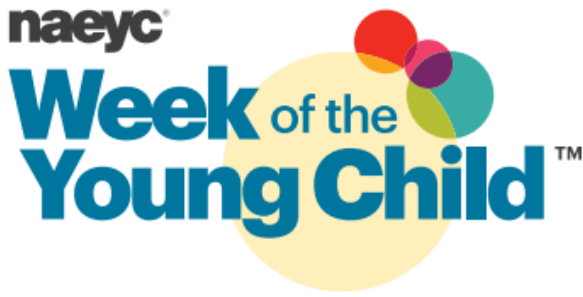
[Click for Template!](#)

SAVE the DATE!

Join Us April 5th from 8am-12pm
for an ECE STATE HOUSE DAY
in Augusta!

**Download and
print next page to
share activities
and info with
families!**





WHEN IS WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD?

APRIL 1ST TO APRIL 7TH 2023

WHAT IS WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD?

THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN. THE PURPOSE OF THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IS TO FOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE NEEDS OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND TO RECOGNIZE THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT MEET THOSE NEEDS.

YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.NAEYC.ORG-EVENT-WOYC

HOW WE ARE CELEBRATING WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD:

MONDAY:

TUESDAY:

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY:



Maine Association for the Education of Young Children

