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Celebrating our diversity and strengthening connections in our community

4th Annual San Joaquin County ECE Conference

Community Forum: The Importance of Early Childhood in Ensuring all Children Are Honored, Celebrated, & Connected with Dr. Rosemarie Allen

Friday, January 22, 2021 from 6:00 pm —7:30 pm

Dr. Allen will highlight the importance of early childhood as a critical factor in creating a more just and equitable society. Research on the economic benefits as well as the social and civic benefits of early childhood will be discussed. Key social justice issues impacting children and families including colorblind and culture-blind ideology will be discussed as barriers to achieving racial equity in early childhood spaces. Strategies will be provided to reduce implicit bias and develop comfort in discussing equity, race, and racial issues.

To RSVP for the free Community Forum: <https://conta.cc/2XhzgiM>

Breakout Sessions for Early Learning and Care Providers
Saturday, January 23, 2021 from 9:00 am—12:30 pm

\$25 Registration Fee (includes resource materials)

Join us for the opportunity to dive deeper into the themes highlighted by Dr. Allen, particularly in the context of early care and education.

Session 1—Sandy Avzaradel
Understanding the Science and Best Practices to Support the Mental Health and Wellness of All Children

Session 2—Kathy Wahl
Inclusion Strategies to Build a Culture of Welcoming and Belonging in Your Classroom and School

To register and pay for the Saturday sessions: <https://conta.cc/3opDf8S>

If not paying by credit card, your check or journal payment must be sent at least 10 days prior to the event. If the event is canceled by SJCOE, participants will be notified and will obtain a full refund. No refunds or credit will be given to participants who cancel or for no-shows.

New Format for 2021!

This year, we will host an evening Community Forum featuring a keynote presentation designed to engage and inform the broader community followed by morning breakout sessions for early learning and care providers across San Joaquin County.



Dr. Rosemarie Allen

Who Should Attend the Community Forum?

- Business Leaders
- Law Enforcement
- Medical Professionals
- Faith-Based Community Leaders
- Mental Health Professionals
- K-12 Educators & Administrators
- Early Learning and Care Providers

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