

Integrating Anti-bias Education into our Thinking and Practice Presented Virtually By: Debbie LeeKeenan

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This day-long virtual workshop will explore steps in creating a more inclusive, welcoming, and equitable program for young children and their families. Participants will learn about a framework and goals for an anti-bias education approach and how these address children's development of social identities and understanding of human diversity and bias. The session will include practical and integrated strategies for responding to children's questions and having honest and brave conversations about challenging topics, creating responsive environments and curriculum experiences, engaging families in anti-bias education, and managing conflict. <u>Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years</u> will be used as a provocation for dialogue and discussion. Break-out groups will examine real-life scenarios and provide opportunities for reflection and application to your own setting.



Debbie LeeKeenan is a lecturer, consultant, and author, currently residing in Seattle, Washington. She was director of the Eliot-Pearson Children's School at Tufts University in Medford, MA from 1996 to 2013. In addition to teaching in the Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Study and Human Development at Tufts University, she has been a member of the early childhood faculty at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA and the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and she is a former preschool, special education and elementary school teacher. She consults and lectures locally, nationally and internationally. Debbie is a co-producer with John Nimmo of the film, <u>Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years</u>, released in April 2021. Debbie was awarded the 2022 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Asian Interest Forum Leadership Award for demonstrating professional excellence, integrity and social responsibility to better the lives of many children, families, the ECE workforce of Asian descent and the ECE field as a whole. Debbie is Chinese-American, the child of first-generation immigrant working-class parents who grew up in New York City, and is part of a multi-racial family.

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