Have We Embraced DAP in Texas Policy?

Texas AEYC Annual Conference

Session Speaker: Dr. Josh Thompson Session Date: **11-02-2023**

Session Room: **Acacia**  Session Time: **8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

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Agenda

Developmentally Appropriate Practice DAP

Texas Policy

Action Steps

Discussion Questions – that’s what I like about Texas!

DQ1: How and when did you first come across DAP?

DQ2: How does your use of technology enhance children’s development and well-being?

DQ3: Do you see DAP show up in Texas classrooms, schools, and learning spaces? Have we embraced DAP in Texas policy? If so, how?

DQ4: Are you an advocate for DAP in Texas classrooms, schools, and learning spaces? How will you show up for the child?

NAEYC. (2020, 2022). *Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Settings Serving Children from Birth Through Age 8*. National Association for the Education of Young Children.



Three Core Considerations to Inform Decision Making

I. Commonality
II. Individuality
III. Context

Nine Principles of Child Development and Learning

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| **1. Nature AND Nurture** |
| 2. Domains | 3. Play |
| 4. Variations  | 5. Constructivist  |
| 6. Motivation  | 7. Integrated  |
| 8. ZPD | 9. Tech |

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Please take our Survey: What Educators Know about DAP

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