

Actionable Ideas to Connect Students, Faculty, and Affiliates

If you're a student club looking to get involved with your Affiliate, a local/state AEYC Affiliate looking to get involved with a campus community, or a faculty advisor looking for meaningful event ideas for your student club, have we got ideas for you!

Speakers on the College Campus

- Affiliate leaders from both the state and local level have invaluable insights to share with college students!
- Leaders can focus primarily on speaking to one classroom about a specific topic they have expertise in
- Example: A former preschool teacher from an Affiliate organization can discuss separation anxiety in a child development class
- Affiliate members can also broaden their scope and speak to the whole campus!
- Example: Affiliate leaders and faculty members can co-present on similar research or topics
- Several members of the local AEYC can form a panel on professional experience and careers in the early childhood education field
- Affiliate organizations can help a student club sponsor a well-known speaker
- Example: Help pay the speaker honorarium (suggested fee for a speaker to a campus community) if the student club tries to get a well-known author to come speak on campus about her/his book on early childhood education



Student Involvement at Conferences

- **Students Co-Presenting at Local/State Affiliate Conferences with Faculty**
 - Students can co-present on collaborative research, special projects, or course material
 - It doesn't necessarily have to be formal, ongoing research
 - Student can present on special topic of interest to them and faculty can complement it with a paper she/he has published or curriculum for a course she/he has taught
 - Get creative! Faculty can focus on a unit from an early childhood education class – including not only the material but also the teaching techniques – and students could present a paper/project from that class as an example

- **Other Ways to get students involved at local/state affiliate conferences:**

- Organize a session by helping to decide the presenters
- Organize the background conference flow
- Coordinate rooms/set up food
- Direct attendees to locations and introduce speakers
- Take notes, write debriefs, blog, and tweet from conference
- Recruit volunteers to help to market the conference
- Sell goods for the local/state AEYC affiliate
- Take video, pictures for the conference



Faculty: Check out a blog from a faculty adviser! Nancy is a professor at Kingsborough Community College in New York, and blogs regularly about her experiences as the KCC's Early Childhood Education faculty advisor!

Affiliates: Click on the Affiliate Leader Resource page for more information on bringing students from Early Childhood Education clubs to your organization and getting them involved through internships.