



It's all about...

# The little things

JULY 13, 14, & 15, 2016

THE ISLAND HOUSE HOTEL  
ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA

# Special friends MAKE GOOD TIMES EVEN BETTER...

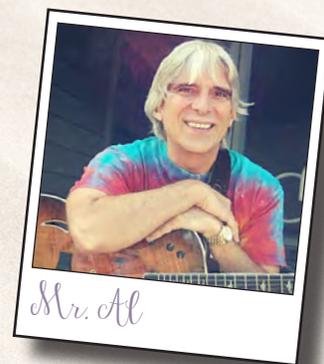
Featured Presenters & Special Guests



Holly Elissa

**Holly Elissa Bruno**, MA, JD, is a best-selling author, international keynote speaker, ground-breaking radio host and seasoned team builder. As a “recovering attorney” and alumna of Harvard University’s Institute for Educational Management, she teaches leadership courses for The McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership and Wheelock College. Holly Elissa’s books include the best-selling, *What You Need to Lead an Early Childhood Program: Emotional Intelligence in Practice* (NAEYC, 2012), *Managing Legal Risks in Early Childhood Programs* (Columbia University’s Teachers College Press, November 2012) and *Learning from the Bumps in the Road* (Redleaf Press, 2013). Her latest book, *The Comfort of Little Things: An Educator’s Guide to Second Chances*, was released in June to rave reviews from both within and outside the early childhood field. It is also the inspiration for the workshop she is presenting here at AALECE! Learn more about Holly Elissa and her outstanding work at [www.hollyelissabruno.com](http://www.hollyelissabruno.com)!

**Al Rasso**, better known as “Mr. Al”, has been traveling throughout the country presenting workshops, consulting with schools, performing conference keynotes and entertaining children, families & educator since 1988. His Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education and his Master of Instruction Degree in Early Childhood, paired together with his musical background and talents, make him a versatile entertainer and educator. Mr. Al has written, produced and recorded twenty children’s albums, along with videos and teacher resource books. He has over ten years of classroom teaching experience working with children from infancy through elementary level and is a long-time friend of AALECE! You can check out Mr. Al’s music, videos & books on his website – [www.mralmusic.com](http://www.mralmusic.com)!



Mr. Al



Patty V.

**Patricia A. Vanderpool**, MS, LPC, CEAP is a Supervising Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Employee Assistance Professional. She is the CEO of EAP Lifestyle Management, LLC in Mobile, Alabama. EAP Lifestyle Management provides global EAP and work/life services, including counseling services, workplace seminars and training, and work/life benefits such as legal and financial assessments & referrals.

**Kara Welch**, M.A.Ed., is from Los Angeles, California and completed her graduate degree at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Health Education. For the past ten years she has worked in various fields serving individuals with disabilities, including implementing behavioral plans for children with Autism spectrum disorder. Currently, she works as a developmental specialist for the DHR-funded Child Care Enhancement with a Purpose program through United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile.



Kara



Emily

**Emily Sheets** is the Program Coordinator for United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile’s Child Care Enhancement with a Purpose program, which is funded by DHR and works to support childcare providers and parents as they create an inclusive classroom environment for children with special needs. Emily has served children with special needs in a variety of capacities, including implementing ABA (applied behavior analysis) plans for children with Autism spectrum disorder, and providing early intervention services to families with children with developmental delays and other disabilities.

# THE lessons we learn ALONG THE WAY...

## Training Sessions

Wednesday, July 13th

### POSITIVE DISCIPLINE & BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR THE INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM

(Emily Sheets & Kara Welch) - During this training, participants will learn practical strategies for addressing challenging behaviors in young children, with a focus on identifying the function of a behavior and determining an appropriate replacement behavior. We will also discuss key classroom management components that can help to stop challenging behaviors before they start. (2 hr / 0.2 CEU)



### CREATING A SAFE SPACE

(Patricia Vanderpool) - Creating a healthy, enjoyable workplace is everyone's responsibility. In this informative session, we'll examine the reasons for increased violence in our society along with strategies for diffusing a potentially violent situation. You'll also learn how each staff person can help to ensure a safe workplace and recognize warning signs, both organizational & lifestyle, of potential violence. (2 hr / 0.2 CEU)

Thursday, July 14th

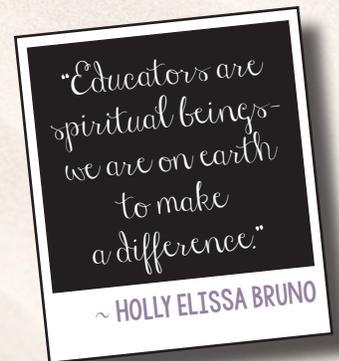
### THE COMFORT OF LITTLE THINGS

(Holly Elissa Bruno) - Do you offer yourself enough comfort, encouragement, and freedom? In *The Comfort of Little Things*, Holly Elissa shares her personal narrative, the advice from experts in the field of neuroscience, and personal anecdotes from fellow educators to share that "Every day is an opportunity for a second chance." In this session, you will be invited to transform stumbling blocks into stepping stones, and claim your birthright of joy. (3 hr / 0.3 CEU)



### HATS OFF TO YOU: EVERYDAY MIRACLE WORKERS IN CHILDREN'S LIVES

(Holly Elissa Bruno) - Do you give yourself credit for the difference you are making? Or, do you keep up the hard work without taking a quiet moment to appreciate the good that you do? We educators are so expert at putting everyone else's needs first that we rarely have time left over for ourselves. Let's instead step back to acknowledge our contributions, take better care of ourselves, and reclaim the joy that is rightfully ours. After all, each time you change the life of a child, you are changing the world. (2 hr / 0.2 CEU)



Friday, July 15th

### THE KINESTHETIC CLASSROOM

(Mr. AI) - The kinesthetic classroom is one in which movement adds to the learning environment instead of detracting from it. The classroom is designed to help prepare the brain for better retention and retrieval of information. This workshop will help participants to learn, teach and use controlled movements with children for many purposes. (2 hours / 0.2 CEUs)

### "DO WHAH DIDDY" & OTHER DIDDYS TO DO WITH KIDS

(Mr. AI) - Music is a very important part of any early childhood program. Its ability to nurture all aspects of the developing child make it of the most important play experiences that children have. Children are drawn to the rhythm, repetition and melody that music offers. They are also drawn to the dynamics of the singing voice. Any and all kinds of music can work in the classroom, even your favorites can find their place in the hearts of the kids! This is an enjoyable workshop full of music and movement that will help attendees discover new ways to use music with the children throughout their day. (2 hours / 0.2 CEUs)



# MAKE every minute COUNT...

Conference-at-a-Glance

## Wednesday, July 13th

- 11:30AM - 12:30PM** Registration Open
- 12:30PM - 2:30PM** Positive Discipline & Behavior Management Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom
- 3:00PM - 5:00PM** Creating a Safe Space

## Thursday, July 14th

- 8:30AM - 9:00AM** Registration Open
- 9:00AM - 12:00PM** The Comfort of Little Things
- 12:00PM - 1:30PM** Lunch & Learn!
- 1:30PM - 3:30PM** Hat's Off to You! Everyday Miracle Workers in Children's Lives

## Friday, July 15th

- 8:00AM - 9:00AM** Registration / Breakfast
- 9:00AM - 11:00AM** The Kinesthetic Classroom
- 11:30AM - 1:30PM** "Do Whah Diddy" & Other Diddys to Do With Kids



# welcome TO THE BEACH!

Our host for AALECE 2016 is The Island House Hotel in beautiful Orange Beach, Alabama. While there are many options for accommodations in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, The Island House Hotel is one of the few locations that can boast that each room offers a view of the white sandy beaches along the Gulf of Mexico.



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Orange Beach, Alabama 36561  
800.264.2642 | 251.981.6100  
information@islandhousehotel.com

## Leave only footprints.

We love our beaches! Alabama's Gulf Coast is a beautiful place to work, play and live. The "Leave Only Footprints" program exists to ensure it stays that way for generations to come. Learn more at [cleanisland.org](http://cleanisland.org).

# TAKE A WALK DOWN *memory lane...*

For more than 20 years, AALECE has been advocating for Alabama's children and bringing together educators from across the state. Here are a few cherished memories from past conferences...



# It's All About The Little Things

## AALECE 2016 Registration Form

### Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **IMPORTANT Information!**

The conference will have special activities designed to meet the specific needs of differing provider types. Tell us more about your professional role so that we can best prepare! **Check all that apply:**

Family Child Care Home       Child Care Center Director       Assistant Director  
 Infant / Toddler Teacher       Preschool Teacher       School-Age Teacher  
 Support Staff       Administration

**Registration Fee: Wednesday - Friday \$115**

(Wednesday only: \$50; Thursday only: \$75; Friday only: \$50)

### **Method of Payment:**

Check payable to AALECE

**Credit Card:**  MasterCard     Visa     Discover     American Express

(You can register online with your credit or debit card! Visit [www.alabamachildcare.org](http://www.alabamachildcare.org) for details!)

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed registration form and payment to:**

AALECE 2016 Conference

P.O. Box 16211

Mobile, AL 36616

**Please contact us if you have questions!**

251-473-1060 ext. 107

[events@grecs.org](mailto:events@grecs.org)

### **Accessibility Needs:**

Do you have any disability that requires special services?

Do you have any medical condition that requires special dietary consideration?

**Registration Deadline is Monday, July 1, 2016!**

# THE BENEFITS OF *belonging...* AALECE Membership Application

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Center Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_, AL Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Capacity: _____
Number of Full-time Staff: _____
Number of Part-time Staff: _____
Center Type (check all that apply):
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Small Business <input type="checkbox"/> Private Non-Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Licensed <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Exempt
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Entity or School
Accredited: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Accrediting Body: _____

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership in AALECE is renewed on an annual basis, based on when you apply. According to AALECE-bylaws, membership will expire annually based on the date of your original membership application. Please indicate the type of membership for which you are applying.

A. AALECE Center Membership - \$40	A. Total _____
B. Multi-Site Center Membership - \$40 + \$15 per additional Center	B. Total _____
C. Individual Membership - \$15	C. Total _____
D. Vendors / Business Interests - \$15	D. Total _____
<b>Total Due</b> _____	

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Thank you for joining AALECE! Payment for your membership can be made by cash, check, money order, and debit or credit card.

- **CASH** - Please only pay with cash if you are paying on-site at AALECE event. Be sure to get a receipt for your records.
- **CHECK or MONEY ORDER** - Please make payments payable to AALECE. You can pay with check or money order by mail or on-site at an AALECE event.
- **DEBIT or CREDIT CARD** - Please make debit or credit card payments online at [www.alabamachildcare.org](http://www.alabamachildcare.org). If you are attending an AALECE event and would like on-site assistance with this process, one of our volunteer staff would be happy to assist you.

*Once your payment and membership application have been received and processed, you will receive a letter verifying your membership. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding membership or upcoming events, visit us online or email us at [aalece@gmail.com](mailto:aalece@gmail.com).*

