



## **Your Questions Answered:** **AECEO and the College of ECE**

**Q: Are the AECEO and the College of Early Childhood Educators the same organization?**

**A:** No. The AECEO is a professional organization and the College of ECE is a regulatory body. They are two separate organizations.

**Q: Now that there is a College of ECE, why should I be a member of the AECEO?**

**A:** The College of ECE is accountable to the public, not you as an ECE. The AECEO is your professional organization – we speak on behalf of the professional. Membership in the AECEO ensures that you will be kept abreast of current issues, gives you professional development and networking opportunities, and information on upcoming PD events, jobs specific to ECE, and assistance from our staff. You also have access to a members-only area of our website with forums and other resources specific to your needs.

**Q: Do I have to be a member of the AECEO to maintain my Certification?**

**A:** Yes. Currently only the AECEO can grant this professional designation.

**Q: How can I afford to join the AECEO and register with the College of ECE?**

**A:** In recognition of the financial burden ECEs are facing, the AECEO has launched an Electronic Membership Program (EMP) that costs as little as 16 cents a day. For \$60-70 a year, depending on your membership type, you get all the benefits of membership with the AECEO for a greatly reduced fee. Payment can also be made in two installments.

The EMP means you'll receive all communications from the AECEO by email and through our website; you'll save money and help the AECEO reduce its carbon footprint.

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