

## CaIECSE 4th Annual Symposium

# Tiny Steps to Golden Futures

For the first time, CaIECSE's annual Symposium is heading to Northern California! Join early childhood leaders, educators, service providers, and family partners for two inspiring days of learning, connection, and collaboration in the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area. *Tiny Steps to Golden Futures* centers California's youngest learners with disabilities and the adults who support them—honoring the small, intentional steps that lead to meaningful, lifelong outcomes.

OCT. 20-21, 2026  
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*Tiny Steps to  
Golden Futures*



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**CALECSE**  
Symposium

## Keynote Speakers

### Madison Marilla – October 20

Madison Marilla is an autism advocate, educator, and entrepreneur who gained national recognition as a cast member on Netflix's Emmy Award-winning docuseries *Love on the Spectrum*. Diagnosed with autism at a young age, Madison shares her lived experience—including being nonspeaking until age four—alongside her professional work as the first autistic educator in her school district, where she used art therapy to support students with disabilities.



### Terrence Davis – October 21

Terrence Davis is a nationally recognized superintendent, leadership keynote speaker, and author of the book *Courageous Fire*. A four-time Superintendent of the Year, he is known for a people-first approach centered on trust, resilience, and human connection. He speaks nationally on courageous leadership, wellness, and leading well under pressure.



## Target Audience

Early Childhood Teachers; Education Specialists; Related Service Providers; Special Education Administrators; School Psychologists; Regional Center Staff and Administrators; Family Empowerment Center Staff; Low Incidence Providers

## Topics

- ✓ Best Practices in Assessment
- ✓ Early Childhood Legal and Policy Updates
- ✓ Universal Design for Learning in Early Childhood Settings
- ✓ Innovative and Inclusive Preschool Practices
- ✓ Zero-to-Three Therapies and Coordination
- ✓ Data Governance
- ✓ Evidence-Based Practices and Instructional Strategies
- ✓ Neurodiversity - Affirming Practices
- ✓ Family Engagement

### DATES

October 20-21, 2026  
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport  
Burlingame, CA

[BOOK HOTEL >>](#)

### REGISTER

Early Bird Registration  
(through June 30, 2026): \$649  
Regular Registration  
(beginning July 1, 2026): \$699

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Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee and will be provided on-site on October 20–21.

## Call for Participation

“Be the One” Award – Nominations due April 14, 2026.  
“Spotlight on Excellence” Award – Nominations due April 14, 2026.  
Call for Proposals – Submit a Presentation Proposal by June 1, 2026