



Golden Corridor Association for
the Education of Young Children

MINI GRANT OPPORTUNITY!

GoAEYC CELEBRATION OF WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD 2026

Mini Grant Opportunities for
Local Early Childhood Education Programs



GoAEYC wants to help you celebrate the Week of the Young Child this **April 11-17, 2026**. The Week of the Young Child is about celebrating young children and their families with hands-on, collaborative activities encouraging movement and healthy lifestyles through music, food, and art. In celebration of Week of the Young Child, and NAEYC's goal to reflect excellence in all aspects of organizational health and vitality*, GoAEYC invites area early childhood programs to apply for a one-time mini grant to support projects specific to their child care programs. These funds are for child care centers, or family child care homes. If a program received a grant in the past, please wait one-year before applying again.

Applications should be submitted for a specific themed day, not the entire week. You may improve your chances of being awarded a mini grant by applying for different days. The applicant completing the form must be a member of GoAEYC in good standing with an expiration date of March 1, 2026 or later. There will be only one awarded applicant per center location. You may submit additional information such as flyers (from past events or future), photos, etc. that will help document what your grant intentions are for. As an awarded mini grant participant, you will be required to take a minimum of three photos of your activities so that GoAEYC may feature the awarded mini grant programs on our website, on social media, and in our newsletter. Photo permission forms will be required.

Grants up to \$100 each will be awarded to five different programs, and may be used for a specific themed day as outlined on the attached application. Applications must be received by March 1, 2026 to goaeyc@gmail.com. Applicants will be chosen by GoAEYC's executive board, who will be judging applications based on innovation and creativity. Awarded applicants will be notified by March 9, 2026 and funds released to programs the week of March 16, 2026 after a signed agreement is completed.

Daily Theme:

Music Monday- April 13

Tasty Tuesday- April 14

Work Together Wednesday- April 15

Artsy Thursday- April 16

Family Friday- April 17

For more information about Week of the Young Child please visit: <https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc>

**NAEYC Strategic Priorities: Organizational Excellence*

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