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## INTERNATIONAL LEADERS TO CONVERGE AT GLOBAL SUMMIT TO ADDRESS CRITICAL CHALLENGES FACING CHILDREN

Hundreds of childhood experts from nations around the world will discuss ways to improve child well-being

The Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) will welcome delegates from more than 60 countries to the Global Summit on Childhood, who will examine the challenges facing childhood internationally and explore ways to address them.

The Summit, scheduled for March 28-31 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Crystal City, Va., will bring together individuals and organizations from many child-serving sectors to provide a platform for international, cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary perspectives on topics including education, mental and physical well-being, and other issues that directly impact children.

"Childhood is where we build the foundations of who we are, what we believe and what we will become," said Association for Childhood International Executive Director Diane Whitehead. "There are many aspects of childhood that affect a child's development, from health to education, and the Summit is an opportunity for those from different perspectives to join forces to advocate for a positive childhood experience for children and youth around the world."

Supported by its collaborating organizations, the Alliance for Childhood, the Department of Childhood Studies at Rutgers University, the Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children, and the Gesell Institute of Child Development, the Summit will include over 125 content sessions and 150 poster presentations, featuring international experts in childhood from all continents.

At the Summit, ACEI and the Alliance for Childhood will launch the Decade for Childhood, a 10-year initiative that provides formal opportunities for individuals and organizations to continue to disseminate knowledge, consider best policies and practices, and support a global conversation about childhood.

Registration for the Global Summit for Childhood is still open at <a href="https://www.acei.org/conference-registration.html">https://www.acei.org/conference-registration.html</a>. For more information about the Summit, visit <a href="http://www.acei.org/conferences/annual-conferences.html">http://www.acei.org/conferences/annual-conferences.html</a>.

## About ACEI:

The Association for Childhood Education International is interested in sharing new approaches to the education of children and ensuring that these approaches are delivered in ways that enhance children's individual skills and abilities and provide opportunities for success in life.