



**Cayman Islands
Early Childhood Association**
“Working TogetherBuilding a Strong Foundation”

PRESS RELEASE

EARLY YEARS ARE LEARNING YEARS® Cayman Islands Celebrates ANNUAL Week of the Young Child™

7 April, 2015 – The Cayman Islands Early Childhood Association asks the residents of the Islands to join together for children during the Week of the Young Child™ (April 12-18, 2015). As part of the national Week of the Young Child™ which is celebrated annually, the Association along with the support of the local government is honoring young children and all those who make a difference in children’s lives.

“All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life, and the Cayman Islands has a great opportunity and responsibility to do our part to help young children,” said Mrs. Reina Jefferson , President of the Cayman Islands Early Childhood Association. She stated that the “Week of the Young Child™ is a time for the Cayman Islands to recognize that the Early Years are Learning Years® for all young children.” The Theme of this year’s Week of the Young Child™ is “Celebrating Our Youngest Learners.”

The Association’s events include the following:

Sunday, 12th April

Church Service to Launch the Week of the Young Child; Elmslie Memorial Church, 4:00 P.M.

Monday, 13th April

Annual Pajama Party, Camana Bay; 6:00 P.M.– 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, 14th April

H.E. The Governor’s Appreciation Early Childhood Staff and Practitioners Reception Event – by invitation only

Wednesday, 15th April

Teens/Special Guests “Read-to-Tots Reading Day”

Thursday, 16th April

“Artsy (Art) Drawings, crafts and projects”

Friday, 17th April

Fun and Celebration Day at all Early Childhood programmes/centres
and

Saturday, 16th April

**18th Anniversary Celebration of the Cayman Islands Early Childhood Association -
Brunch for Members; Special Guest Speaker**

Young children and their families depend on high-quality education and care, which help children get a great start and bring lasting benefits to the Cayman Islands. The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to recognize the importance of early learning, play, and early enrichment experiences in language, literacy, math and science.

It is also a time to celebrate with parents, teachers, caregivers, early intervention specialists, health and social services and the Ministry of Education and its policies that bring early childhood care and education to young children.

The Cayman Islands Early Childhood Association was established in 1997 to “promote and advance the education and well-being of the young child and to bring into active cooperation all stakeholders to raise the standard of early childhood education in the Cayman Islands.”

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