



Speaker Info

Rae is currently booking **virtual events** only. Speaker fees begin at **\$2500** for a 60-minute workshop. If an organization wishes to have a second presentation, its cost will be \$1750. The fee for a virtual keynote address is typically **\$4000**. Rae will consider a lower rate for groups with smaller budgets.

Key Consulting Areas:

1. The development and education of the whole child
2. Active learning
3. Using our love and knowledge of young children in teaching practices

Bio:

Rae Pica is an early childhood consultant whose mission is ensuring that child development guides all of our practices with the little ones. She is an award-winning author of 21 books, including *What If Everybody Understood Child Development?* and *What If We Taught the Way Children Learn?* A former adjunct instructor with the University of New Hampshire, Rae is known for her engaging and informative presentations and has shared her expertise with such groups as the *Sesame Street* Research Department, Head Start Bureau, Centers for Disease Control, Nike, Bright Horizons, and education professionals and parents throughout the world.

Additionally, Rae is an active [blogger](#) and [online course](#) creator.

Testimonials:

"It was wonderful to have you as our keynote speaker. You are a terrific person, and it certainly was reflected in your presentation and commitment to children and professionals."

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"I learned so much from this training. Rae was so funny and exciting. I wish all trainings were as fun as this one."

"You were fabulous!!!! The staff had nothing but raves about the day....There was positive feedback on the value of the information you shared, but especially, on how knowledgeable you were about your topic."

Popular Keynotes

Educating the Whole – Thinking, Feeling, Moving – Child

Developmentally appropriate practice dictates that we educate the whole child in an integrated fashion. But more than ever the trend is toward the mind and body as separate entities, with children regarded as existing only from the neck up. We have the research that proves how children learn; now we have to implement best practice! Rae's presentation informs, entertains, and empowers as she explores the possibilities for uniting mind and body.

Why Does Sitting Still Equal Learning?

The research is clear: sitting increases fatigue and reduces concentration but physical activity stimulates the brain! This presentation debunks the myth that the mind and body are separate and unrelated and demonstrates why it's vital that active learning and physical activity be part of the classroom and the school day, for the sake of both the body and the mind.

What If Everybody Understood Child Development?

Based on her popular book of the same name, this keynote explores the possibilities for children's lives and education if teachers, parents, and policymakers fully comprehended child development. What changes would occur in schools and homes? How would it affect you? Rae invites you to join her in imagining a brand-new world in which the unique and magical period of childhood is understood and valued.

Popular Workshops

Active Learning Across the Curriculum: Teaching the Way they Learn

The domains of child development -- physical, social/emotional, and cognitive -- are so intertwined in the early years that a child can't learn something in one domain without learning something in the others. To truly educate the whole child, we must recognize children as thinking, feeling, moving human beings who learn through all their senses. In this workshop, participants explore activities that offer children meaningful and long-lasting educational experiences in art, language arts, mathematics, music, science and social studies.

Acting Out! Avoid Behavior Challenges in the Early Childhood Classroom

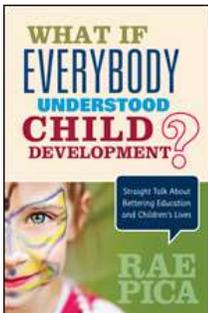
All too often lately, Rae hears early childhood professionals lament that children's behavior has become exceedingly disruptive. Why are we seeing demanding and disrespectful behavior in young children? Rae believes it's due in large part to changes in our education system, a failure of policymakers to understand children and child development, and misinformation parents receive about childhood. In this presentation, you and Rae will explore how *letting children be children* can create a friendly and joyful atmosphere in your setting.

Trouble-Free Transitions: They're Possible If We Understand Child Development

If there were a list of things that young children aren't developmentally ready to do, at the top of that list would be being still and being quiet. Yet those are the two requirements — along with forming an orderly line — we try to impose on young children during most transitions. And rarely does any of it work! But if we handle transitions in imaginative and developmentally appropriate ways — and plan them, as other parts of the program are planned — transitions will be both trouble-free and filled with important learning experiences.

Rae is happy to design her presentation to meet the needs of your organization or conference.

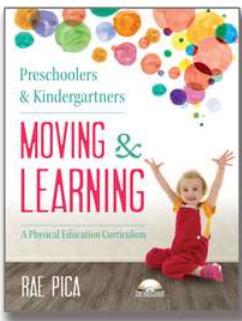
Publications include (click on the book cover to learn more):



Praise for ***What If Everybody Understood Child Development?: Straight Talk About Bettering Education and Children's Lives:***

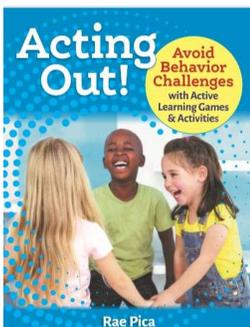
"Rae Pica has a deep understanding of childhood development and she has delved into every facet of it so that educators, parents, and policymakers will come to that understanding too.... This book needs to not just be on everyone's shelves, but open in everyone's hands." (Peter DeWitt, Author/Consultant/Former K-5 Principal)

"This is an amazing book. It does far more than chase down the myths about how to ensure that children are successful. It offers real, research-backed practical strategies every teacher and parent can use quickly and easily. This belongs on every desk for quick and handy use!" (Eric Jensen, Director, Jensen Learning)



Preschoolers & Kindergartners Moving & Learning provides more than 80 developmentally appropriate movement and music activities that contribute to a well-rounded curriculum in any classroom or program. Complete with a CD of original music.

This curriculum is part of the Moving & Learning Series, which also includes ***Toddlers Moving & Learning*** and ***Early Elementary Children Moving & Learning***.



Movement is not misbehavior! Current policies in the early childhood field ask teachers to treat children as though they exist from the neck up—even though research clearly demonstrates that the mind-body connection is vital to development. Rae advocates for active learning, not only because it's developmentally appropriate but because doing so promotes a calmer, friendlier, and less challenging learning environment.

Includes 200 ready-to-use movement activities that can be easily implemented into the day. Most require no materials, and every activity includes "Curriculum Connections," so readers can understand and clearly explain why the children aren't "just playing."