

Author Guidelines for LAAEYC Blog

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the LAAEYC blog! We're dedicated to providing valuable insights, resources, and inspiration to our audience of parents, educators, and caregivers. To maintain the quality and relevance of our content, we have established the following guidelines for our authors:

1. **Content Focus:** Our blog focuses on topics related to early childhood development, education, parenting tips, activities for children, and relevant research. We welcome articles that offer practical advice, personal experiences, and evidence-based insights in these areas.
2. **Audience Consideration:** Keep in mind that our audience consists of parents, caregivers, educators, and professionals in the early childhood field. Write in a tone that is informative, engaging, and accessible to this diverse audience.
3. **Originality:** All submissions must be original content created by you. Plagiarism or the use of content that has been previously published elsewhere, including on personal blogs or social media, is not permitted.
4. **Length:** Articles should typically range from 500 to 1,000 words. This range allows for thorough exploration of topics while ensuring readability and engagement. If your submission exceeds this range, please reach out to discuss potential exceptions.
5. **Formatting:** Please format your submission as a double-spaced Microsoft Word document in 12 pt. Calibri font. Use clear headings, subheadings, and bullet points to organize your content for easy readability; use 14 pt. Calibri font for headings. Do not indent paragraphs, and a blank line to separate paragraphs. Include hyperlinks to reputable sources when referencing statistics, studies, or additional resources.
6. **Visual Content:** Whenever possible, include high-quality images, infographics, or videos to complement your written content. Ensure that you have the appropriate rights or permissions to use any visual content you include and include a note in your email submission that you have permission to use any photos you include.
7. **References:** If you reference specific studies, research findings, or expert opinions, provide citations in a consistent format (e.g., APA) at the end of your article.
8. **Editing:** Before submitting your article, carefully proofread and edit for grammar, spelling, and clarity. Run through Grammarly. While our editorial team will review all submissions, polished writing increases the likelihood of acceptance.
9. **Engagement:** We will advertise on our LAAEYC social media outlets and post on the LAAEYC website. We encourage authors to actively engage with readers by responding to comments on their articles for the first week after publication. This fosters a sense of community and allows for further discussion on the topic.
10. **Submission Process:** To submit your article for consideration, please email it to faziom@nsu.edu with the subject line "Blog Submission: [Your Article Title]". Include a brief author bio (50-100 words) and any relevant social media handles or website links.

you would like to be included with your byline. Also include a copy of the completed checklist below.

By adhering to these guidelines, you can help us maintain the quality and integrity of our early childhood blog while contributing valuable insights and perspectives to our community. We look forward to reading your submissions!

Warm regards, [Your Blog Name] Editorial Team

LAAEYC Blog Author Checklist **(Complete this checklist and include with your submission)**

1. **Content Focus:** My submission aligns with the Content Focus in the author guidelines. _____
2. **Audience Consideration:** My submission aligns with the targeted audience in the guidelines. _____
3. **Originality:** My submission is original. _____
4. **Length:** My submission falls in the range of 500 to 1,000 words. _____
5. **Formatting:** My submission is a double-spaced Microsoft Word document in 12 pt. Calibri font. I used clear headings, subheadings, and bullet points to organize your content for easy readability. I used 14 pt. Calibri font for headings. I did not indent paragraphs, and I included a blank line to separate paragraphs. I Included hyperlinks to reputable sources when referencing statistics, studies, or additional resources. _____
6. **Visual Content:** If I included visuals, they are high-quality images, infographics, or videos with no watermarks. I have the appropriate rights or permissions to use them. _____
7. **References:** I included references for all cited work, formatted in APA. _____
8. **Editing:** I carefully proofread my submission. _____
9. **Engagement:** I understand that engaging with the audience is important if my blog submission is published. _____
10. **Submission Process:** I am submitted my file to faziom@nsu.edu with the subject line "Blog Submission: [My Article Title]". I Included a brief author bio (50-100 words) and any relevant social media handles or website links I want to include. I am including a copy of this complete checklist.

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