Anti-Bias Early Childhood Films

'<u>Families Embracing Anti-Bias Values</u>' (2024) and its companion film, '<u>Reflecting on Anti-Bias Education in Action: The Early Years</u>' (2021), explore the vital role that families and early childhood educators play in fostering anti-bias values.

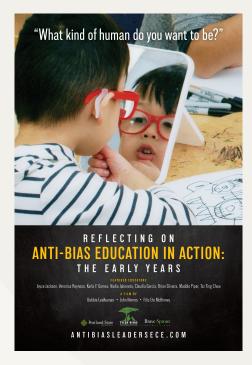


'Families Embracing Anti-Bias Values' highlights families who intentionally parent with an anti-bias lens, focusing on their hopes, fears, and challenges as they help their children develop positive social identities, embrace differences, and form meaningful connections. Despite their unique identities and challenges, these families share a common question: What kind of world do we want to create with our children?

Set against the backdrop of current political pushback on diversity and equity efforts—where discussions in school about race and LGBTQIA+ issues are prohibited under the guise of "parental rights"—the film offers a counter-narrative, portraying families who advocate for their children and all children in the pursuit of building fair and just communities.

'Reflecting on Anti-Bias Education in Action: The Early Years,' which received the Silver Prize for Documentary Feature at the Social Justice Film Festival (2021) and a Northwest Regional Emmy® nomination for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (2022), shifts the focus from experts to early childhood educators who incorporate anti-bias values into their daily work.

Through candid interviews and scenes of everyday interactions with children, the film serves as both a practical resource and a source of inspiration for those dedicated to supporting young children in building a more just world.



Both films are produced by <u>Debbie LeeKeenan</u> and <u>John Nimmo</u>, directed by <u>Filiz Efe McKinney</u> of Brave Sprout Productions, and funded by the <u>Tyler Rigg Foundation</u> with support from <u>Portland State University</u>. The films are available for streaming at <u>antibiasleadersece.com</u> with options for English, Spanish, and Chinese captions.

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