

November ECAEYC News 2012

Dear ECAEYC members and friends,

Thank you to everyone that attended the November meeting on Thursday the 15th at the United Living Center Child Development Center. There were 35 people there, our biggest ever. With fresh rolls and grapes to munch on, I showed my pictures of Pistoia, Italy and the early childhood schools I visited. Laura Gloege added her insights too.

One great event I hope all of you can attend and please spread the word about is the Autism Mini-conference in March. The SDSU Early Childhood Education program, Family Resource Network, and ECAEYC are hosting a mini-conference on March 16th from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The topic of the event will focus on autism (funded by a private donor). Come find out what autism is, the symptoms and signs, and tips to help children with autism succeed in the world.

It's time to start thinking of officers for the coming year. Nominations are being accepted for President, Vice President, Student Representative, Secretary, Accreditation member, and Membership member. Please contact me if you have any interest or need further information about the positions.

I attended the SDAEYC Governing Board Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Please be aware of the proposed funding cuts by the federal government. Under the Public Policy tab of the NAEYC website is an article on the Fiscal Cliff at http://www.naeyc.org/policy/fiscal_cliff. Did you know that 75% of all funding for early childhood comes from the government? With proposed cuts Head Start will serve 100,000 fewer children; 80,000 from child care services; 5 million cut from maternal and child health services. South Dakota stats are in the report as well. Please contact our state representatives and senator to let them know of your concern.

As members, there is a wonderful site of what other programs around the state are doing in response to reading the book "Inspiring Spaces for Young Children". Go to <http://inspiringsouthdakota.ning.com>. I have a copy of the book for our affiliate if you want to read it.

SDAEYC has board positions open for 2013. They are President, Secretary, Midwest AEYC Representative, Accreditation Chair, Student Representative, and Membership Chair. If any of you are interested or would like to nominate a person, please contact Sherri Bosse at _____

South Dakota Early Childhood Conference is April 18-20, 2013 in Pierre. They are accepting proposals to present at the conference. Check it out on <http://sdaeyc.org/>.

Also it is time to be filling out our student membership scholarship applications for sophomore, junior, and senior students.

Lots of information for you, but I wanted to get this out in a timely manner. I will send out our December news soon.

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