

# SDAEYC Newsletter

## Fall 2010 General Membership

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### Make Plans for the 2011 Annual Conference!



Exciting plans are underway for the **2011 SDAEYC/SDHSA Conference** in Sioux Falls, on **April 14-16**. Be sure to join us and take part in the largest Early Childhood Education conference in the state.

### 2010-2011 SDAEYC Governing Board Members

Here is a list of your 2010-2011 SDAEYC Governing Board Members. If you have ideas or questions regarding SDAEYC, feel free to contact a board member. Contact information is available at [SDAEYC.ORG](http://SDAEYC.ORG)

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Treasurer

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Affiliate Council Representative

Member-at-large

Member-at-large

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Membership Chair

Public Policy Chair

Student Group Chair

Student Chapter Representative

Black Hills Affiliate President

East Central Affiliate President

Dakota Midland Affiliate Co-Presidents

Missouri Valley Affiliate Co-Presidents

Siouxland Affiliate President

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Carol Whalen, BHAIEYC

Ellen Schlosser, DMAIEYC

Steph Lebeda, Capital Connections Chapter

Mary Bowne, ECAIEYC

Joyce Harmon, ECAIEYC

Lynda Venhuizen, ECAIEYC

Dawna Andersen, MVAIEYC

Nicole Osterman, DMAIEYC

Currently Open

Tammy Clark

Rhonda Henschen & Tonya Senger

Dawna Andersen & Sherrie Bosse

Amie Bennett

**THANK YOU to all of our volunteer board members who are sharing their talents and skills with SDAEYC!!**

### Spotlight on SDAEYC Committee Chairs



**Mary Bowne, Accreditation Chair**

Hello fellow SDAEYC members! My name is Mary Bowne and I am your state accreditation chair. I am also an assistant professor in ECE at SDSU---GO JACKS!! My primary role on the state board is to serve as your facilitator and agent for accreditation purposes and questions. If you are in the beginning stages of the accreditation process, please let me know! Myself, along with other affiliate leaders are available to help.

I am married to a farmer and I have three children: Nick (7), Kadence (4), and Kyra (1). I don't have much free time, but when I do, you can find me taking a walk or reading a good book.



**Lynda Venhuizen, Public Policy Chair**

Hello! My name is Lynda Venhuizen and I am your new public policy chairperson. My job is to keep you informed about issues and policies at the state and national level that impact your work with young children and their families. I will also provide you with the tools to be an advocate for the profession. A great place to start...go to <http://www.naeyc.org/policy> and sign up on the Children's Champion email list. By signing up, you will receive state and national legislative updates automatically through email.

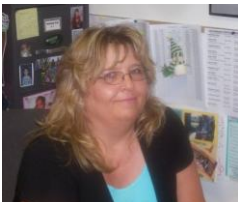
I have had the opportunity to attend the NAEYC Public Policy Forum in Washington, DC for five years. I've learned so much about the power of NAEYC and the value of each of our voices. I hope some of you will join me in March for the next forum!

I teach in the Early Childhood Education program at SDSU. Ten years ago, I started here after working for nine years with Interlakes Community Action Head Start. My early beginnings in the field were in child care centers in Brookings and Vermillion. I live near Brookings with my husband and two sons. I like to ride bike, create things and explore new places.



**Dawna Andersen, Student Group Chair**

I am Dawna Andersen and am serving as the student organizations chair. I am hopeful to connect the student organizations in the state and to assist them with opportunities with SDAEYC. I work with USD Head Start as an Early Head Start center teacher and home visitor. I truly have enjoyed my experiences with SDAEYC and the early childhood profession! I am married to Chad and have 4 children, Britney 21 years, Devin 9 years, Kayla 7 years, and Caitlyn 3 years. I enjoy bowling, singing in choir, watching my children with their activities, reading, learning, and socializing with friends.



**Joyce Harmon, Membership Chair**

Greetings Everyone ~ My name is Joyce Harmon and my role is the Membership Chairperson. I also work for the Inter-lakes Community Action Partnership located in Madison SD as the Head Start Pre-Birth to Five Child Administrative Specialist. As membership chairperson I am responsible to recruit new members, retain current members, and target potential members who reflect a diversity of early childhood and related occupations, cultures, heritage, age, gender and geographic locations. I am available to assist local affiliates in membership outreach strategy to reach new members as well as retaining existing members.

I currently live in Madison with my husband Brad. We have three children and three grandchildren.

Early Childhood has been a passion of mine for many years and I look forward to working with everyone.

### Consider Nominating a Deserving Individual today!



#### **SDAEYC seeks nominations for 2011 Service Awards**

Each year SDAEYC recognizes individuals who have made a contribution to the field of early childhood. The Awards Committee is seeking nominations of individuals who are dedicated to the field of early childhood education and whose work impacts the quality of care and education for children in South Dakota.

Four Awards are given annually in the areas of:

- Professional Service
- Citizens Award
- 1st Year Early Education Teacher Award
- Early Education Student Award

Contact [SDAEYC](#) for more information on each of the Award categories and to obtain a nomination form. Nominations for 2011 are due by March 20, 2011.

### NAEYC's Best Practices for Accreditation Facilitation



NAEYC has created a manual titled "Best Practices of Accreditation Facilitation Projects: A Framework for Program Quality Improvement Using NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria". This manual is designed to extend the work of successful Accreditation Facilitation Projects by defining best practices for motivating and helping programs making lasting improvements in their services to

children and families. The Accreditation Program Support department collected information from current and former AFP staff and other stakeholders. This information was then brought to the Accreditation Facilitation Project Advisory Group which then decided on three key areas that together frame best practices for accreditation facilitation:

- 1-the supports provided to the programs
- 2-the business practices of the facilitation project itself
- 3-the relationships between the AFP's and community organizations that promote early childhood program quality improvement and NAEYC accreditation.

If you are interested in obtaining a manual, please contact Mary Bowne at [mary.bowne@sdstate.edu](mailto:mary.bowne@sdstate.edu) or by calling 605-688-5989.

### Updates from the Local Affiliates

#### **East Central AEYC**

Tammy Clark, President [ttclark2010@gmail.com](mailto:ttclark2010@gmail.com)

This summer has been a time to regroup and gather energy for the upcoming school year. The SDAEYC Board Retreat gave us great ideas on leadership skills and encouragement to move forward.

We are excited for our fall social coming soon: a time to meet and greet current members and newcomers at SDSU. Sarah Brewer is our student chapter representative for 2010-2011. She will be a wonderful addition to our governing board.

Congratulations are in order for two of our affiliate members. Lynda Venhuizen is now the state Public Policy Chair and Joyce Harmon is the state Membership Chair. Way to go East Central AEYC! There are other leadership roles available for those who would like to serve at the affiliate level. Contact me and we can talk.

### Missouri Valley AEYC

Presidents: Dawna Andersen, [Dawna.Andersen@usd.edu](mailto:Dawna.Andersen@usd.edu) Sherrie Bosse, [sherrie.bosse@usd.edu](mailto:sherrie.bosse@usd.edu)

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The Missouri Valley chapter recognized **Faith Tieszen** for her years of involvement in NAEYC and her contributions to the field of Early Childhood at their September 8th meeting at Little Italy's in Vermillion. In her 24 years as a kindergarten teacher at Austin School in Vermillion, Faith mentored 27 student teachers and provided a wonderful foundation for hundreds of young children. As a member of Missouri Valley AEYC she served as secretary, treasurer, and in addition served on the planning committees for state and Midwest conferences.



### Siouxland AEYC

Amie Bennett, President [amie\\_rebecca@hotmail.com](mailto:amie_rebecca@hotmail.com)

Siouxland AEYC is excited to be bringing back **Ooey Goey Part 2 with Lisa Murphy** on Saturday, January 15th from 8:30 - 3:30. Mark your calendar and be sure to join the fun! Look for more information at <http://sdaeyc.org/htm/siouxland.asp>

### Mixing in Math: Free ideas on ways to get children excited about math!

Are you looking for ideas on how to get kids interested in math and ways to introduce new math concepts? **Mixing in Math** is a set of activities and resources for teachers, after-school educators, librarians, parents, and others who spend time with children in grades Pre-K to 6th.

MiM helps you put math into...

- ...story times,
- ...gym games,
- ...cooking,
- ...routines, such as taking attendance,
- ...arts and crafts,
- ...holiday programs, and more.



Visit the MiM website and check out the variety of free resources available:

<http://mixinginmath.terc.edu/aboutMiM/index.cfm>

Mixing in Math is funded by the National Science Foundation

### Share your thoughts on Outdoor Play for Children



Idaho State University is conducting a nationwide survey the current trends in young children's access to and participation in outdoor play and recess. If you are interested in participating and sharing your thoughts, [Click here to take the Survey](#) If you have any questions, feel free to contact the researchers: Shelly Counsell, Ed.D, [counshel@isu.edu](mailto:counshel@isu.edu) (282-5311) or Michael Lester, Ed.D, [lestmich@isu.edu](mailto:lestmich@isu.edu) (282-4563).