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in *Rapid City, SD, April 9-11.*

Be sure to join us at the largest Early
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Letter from the President-Sherrie Bosse



Dear Members,

The early childhood profession is a field full of mini celebrations. We celebrate first steps, the first attempts of writing one's name, lost baby teeth, family additions, new puppies and a host of other milestones on a daily basis. We have the advantage of seeing these events through the eyes of the children in our homes, centers, and programs.

Each April, we are encouraged to take our celebrations to a new level. Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize the roles and contributions of caregivers, teachers, administrators, support staff, parents, families and especially young children. It is a platform to celebrate the learning that takes place during play, and the importance of the early years of development.

This year, Week of the Young Child will be kicked off with Music Monday on April 13th. What could be more fun than creating your own music video? NAEYC is encouraging programs and individuals to put their own spin on the song "Thingamajig" by Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam and to then share their video renditions on the NAEYC Facebook page or on Twitter using #woyc15.

April 14th has been designated "Taco Tuesday," a day for healthy cooking and reinforcing all of the learning skills associated with following a recipe, measuring ingredients, and sharing stories about the experience.

Work Together Wednesday (April 15th) is the day to break out the building materials and your imaginations! Share a photo of your creation on the NAEYC Facebook page or on Twitter at #woyc15.

Artsy Thursday, well the name says it all! I am sure you have some fun ideas at the ready, but be sure

to check out the open ended resource list at <http://www.naeyc.org/woyc> .

Wrap up the week with Family Friday. Create a photo booth for family photos at pick up and drop off, invite families for a special snack or to join their children in the creation of an art project or a homemade book. Then share photos or stories on the NAEYC Facebook page or on Twitter at #woyc15.

I hope you will join me (and the rest of NAEYC) in celebrating Week of the Young Child!

Sherrie Bosse
SDAEYC President

Week of the Young Child 2015

Celebrate NAEYC's Week of the Young Child™ April 12 -18, 2015!

This year we are Celebrating our Youngest Learners during NAEYC's Week of the Young Child. Further information and resources are available [here!](#)



Spotlight on Accreditation-Laura Gloege



Accreditation Session at SDECE Conference

I wanted to let everyone know that I am planning on presenting a session on Accreditation at the SDECE Conference this April. I will provide some general information about the process and then keep it open to anyone with questions. I hope to see some of you then.

Attention Accredited Programs in SD

If you are one of SD's NAEYC Accredited programs, I will be contacting you to see if you have any pictures of your programs we can share at the conference booth. If you have some, please email me at laura.gloege@sdstate.edu. Thank you! I would also like to honor staff members from accredited programs at the registration table with some accreditation ribbons to celebrate your hard work. Don't forget to pick one up!

Scholarship Opportunity

SDAEYC is putting together an application for all programs who are either already going through the accreditation process or are thinking about becoming accredited. We know that the process is expensive so we want to help out with some of the cost. Please look for an application coming soon (hopefully at the conference table).

Redacting Information from the 72 Hour Notification Form

Beginning April 1st, programs submitting a 72-Hour Notification Form to NAEYC will be required to redact (i.e., remove or obscure) confidential or sensitive information, such as the names of children and teaching staff. 72-Hour Notification Forms are reviewed by staff and then sent to the Academy's Scope and Severity Committee. Redaction of sensitive information is the best way to ensure confidentiality of persons and organizations.

NAEYC Website Accreditation Resources

www.naeyc.org/academy

} Overview of the steps, email updates, scholarships, newsletters, videos on benefits of being accredited and on the self-study process, how to enroll, etc.

www.naeyc.org/torch

} Offers support and information related to the process overall, criteria searches, resource library, discussions, helpful links, help desk, and online seminars

www.naeyc.org/accreditation

} Links to accredited programs for children, links to accredited associate degree programs, and links to accredited baccalaureate and graduate degree programs

Seeking Silent Auction Items

Do you knit scarves, sew blankets or make handmade jewelry?

We are currently seeking items for the silent auction held at the 2015 SDECE Conference. Handmade items are a great way to contribute!

If you are interested in donating, please contact Tara at SDAAYC@gmail.com.

Money raised at this event goes toward the SDAEYC Student Scholarship Fund & the SDHSA Endowment Fund.

Pictured is Devin Kurtz, 2014 Student Scholarship Winner.



Nutrition Fitness-Mary Bowne



The theme in the most recent Young Children journal related to nutrition and fitness for all young children. I want to focus on one particular article within this journal titled "Healthy Choices Start Early" by Byington, Lindsay, & Sigman-Grant.

The first five years of a child's life is a period of incredible growth in all developmental areas including cognitive, physical, social-emotional, and language domains. Since three-fourths of preschool-aged children spend the majority of their waking hours in care outside the home it is crucial to incorporate various learning activities within this type of care that support healthy choices (Children's Defense Fund, 2011). How can providers do this? As the authors in this article point out, there are several:

- *Utilize physical activities children will enjoy (such as dancing, games, music)
- *Include the families, inform them of what is occurring within the classroom and encourage them to get active and eat healthy themselves
- *Be active, role model and ensure children engage in 60 minutes of daily structured physical activity and 60 minutes of unstructured physical activity
- *Eat and drink smart and know when to say, "I'm done" (especially when the children are watching)
- *Accept all body sizes and shapes the same as children are taught acceptance of others
- *Incorporate healthy habit activities into other classroom activities (i.e. create a matching game of healthy food/drink pictures, count out loud the number of jumping jacks completed, read books about visiting the doctor, etc.)

The more providers role model and encourage healthy habits with young children, the more likely the children will follow through and better understand what is needed to maintain healthy lifestyles themselves.

Save the Date-'Purple Up' for Military Kids Day

'Purple Up' for Military Kids Day

April 15, 2015

April is also 'Month of the Military Child' - a great time of year to plan activities to honor and celebrate the children of parents in the military.

Will YOUR program be a 'Purple Up' program this year?

One way to participate is to plan a special activity or program on 'Purple Up' Day, and encourage everyone to wear purple!

Updates from the Local Affiliates

East Central AEYC

Tammy Clark, President

Greetings to our fellow state members,

East Central AEYC is looking forward to several upcoming events. On February 18th, we will be filling bags of food for the "Brookings Backpack Program" that distributes extra food to qualifying children over the weekends. It is nice to be of service to others.

Our big event is the Autism Awareness 2015 Conference on March 28th. This will be our third year co-sponsoring. Experts in the field will discuss understanding the spectrum, dealing with challenging issues, and the use of sign language. [Click here for more information.](#)
We also have added several new members to our ranks and warmly welcome them.

Siouxland AEYC
Loretta Leloux, President

Siouxland has been busy planning and discussing some upcoming events for 2015. Be sure to "Like" our page on Facebook to find out the details! Search for us as "Siouxland Association for the Education of Young Children."

January 17, Siouxland Co-Hosted the SF WOW event Washington Pavilion, where Lisa Murphy (The Oeey Goey Lady) shared her talents again. Thank you to all who attended!

If you have any questions about SAEYC or want to learn more about our upcoming events, please email siouxlandaeyc@gmail.com.