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Letter from the President-Sherrie Bosse



Dear Members,

Back to School time is an exciting milestone each year, even for those early childhood teachers who work in year round programs! The start of a new school year brings new students, an urge to re-arrange the classroom for a "new" look, and the motivation to incorporate activities that reflect the transitions that students and families encounter this time of year.

This is also the time of year when our affiliates are planning their meeting agendas for the year and many programs are selecting professional development topics. As NAEYC members, we have an excellent resource for these meetings, and it is only a mouse click away.

NEXT for Young Children is a ready to use training outline that builds of the content from selected Young Children Articles. The outlines provide prompts for discussions and reflection, and can lead to rich discussion about "hot topics" in the early childhood field. By logging into the Members Only section of the website, www.naeyc.org, both the article and training outline are ready for use.

From May 2014, there is the article "Play: Reflecting on Experiences as a Playful K-3 Teacher" by Lisa D. Wood. The discussion about the growth that comes from engaging play could prove inspirational for preschool - Grade 3 teachers, especially when faced with the question, "But, what are they actually learning?"

Other topics from past issues that might be a great focus for an affiliate or chapter meeting or an in-

service include "Developing Young Children's Self-Regulation Through Everyday Experiences" by Ida Rose Florez (July, 2011) or "Moving Bodies, Building Minds: Foster Preschooler's Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Through Movement" by Michelle L. Marigliano and Michelle Russo (September, 2011). There are even some free samples for individuals who might be considering NAEYC membership <http://www.naeyc.org/yc/next> , so feel free to share the link (and invite those new teachers to check out the next affiliate/chapter meeting in your region).

Wishing you the best in the new school year!

Sherrie Bosse
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Spotlight on Membership-Alyssa Erickson

Hello, Members!

My name is Alyssa Erickson, the SDAEYC Membership Chair. Currently, our membership number is at 372. This is an increase in membership from our annual conference in April 2014 where we were at 309. East Central AEYC currently has seen the biggest increase, especially in student memberships. Overall, each affiliate has shown growth since April. We still encourage you to invite any early childhood professionals to join our organization to promote the importance of young children and those crucial first five years. We would also like to thank those who participated in our Membership Survey that went out this summer. We are using the response information to make your membership the best it can possibly be.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Thanks,

Alyssa Erickson
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Spotlight on Accreditation-Laura Gloege



I just want to pass on a few resources and updates for anyone who is interested:

Help with Accreditation and Self-Study

I wanted to take a minute and let everyone know that I would be happy to help programs in any way I can if you are going through the accreditation process or are just doing the self-study in order to improve your program. I know how stressful and overwhelming it can be at times so if you would like to discuss anything, please let me know. I have been through the process both as a classroom teacher and as part of the administrative team so I can hopefully provide some help as needed. Unfortunately I do not have access to a list of programs in South Dakota who are going through the process so I cannot reach out to you. Therefore, please reach out to me and I'd be glad to help!

Laura Gloege - Laura.Gloege@sdstate.edu

Revised Guidance for Assessment: Effective October 1, 2014

Twice a year, the NAEYC Academy revises "Guidance for Assessment," a supplement to NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria. "Guidance" both explains how the criteria are assessed by NAEYC and clarifies the intent of the criteria. "Revised Guidance for Assessment - Effective October 1, 2014," provides programs with advance notice of important upcoming guidance changes.

http://www.naeyc.org/academy/files/academy/file/RevisedGuidance_20141001.pdf

Programs with visits conducted on and after October 1 will be assessed according to this revised guidance.

Updated Fees for NAEYC Accreditation

Effective January 1, 2015, the fees for pursuing and maintaining NAEYC Accreditation will be updated. Please see a chart indicating the new fees at:

<http://www.naeyc.org/academy/primary/updatedfees>

NAEYC For Families: Share This Award-Nominated Resource with Parents

NAEYC For Families is a finalist for the OMMA Awards for Web Site Excellence in the Family/Parenting/Women's Interest category! If you haven't seen this great resource, take a look. And don't forget to sign up to receive the For Families newsletter, which highlights new articles every month. <http://families.naeyc.org/>

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

The Big R and 3 little r's-Mary Bowne



This fall semester, I was fortunate enough to teach the Infants and Toddlers course. As I began the class, the first main point I covered with the students is known as the Big R and 3 little r's: Relationships using respect, responsiveness, and reciprocity. It makes sense...infants and toddlers need those close, intimate, secure attachments with their caregivers which are formed by these types of relationships. Relationships change and develop over time. They are a fundamental source of learning with communication being equally important. What is crucial is how to create a safe, engaging, and caring environment while building relationships involving children, parents, teachers/co-workers, supervisors, community members, and visitors. Consider walking into an unknown

environment with unknown individuals and you're leaving your child with them. How would you feel? Think about the relationships in your life....are you using the 3 r's?

Updates from the Local Affiliates

Missouri Valley AEYC

Dawna Andersen, President

We kicked off with our first board meeting to discuss the upcoming year. We discussed the budget and our plans for the year. We planned for this year to complete two service projects, to help local child care centers become NAEYC accredited, to increase local membership, to start a MVAEYC Facebook group, to have make and take training meetings, and to elect officers of president, vice-president, and treasurer.

The two service projects we decided to complete this year are serving the Vermillion Welcome Table and having a preschool area at the Vermillion PTA annual carnival. For the Vermillion Welcome Table, the MVAEYC local affiliate members and the USD student members come together to serve about 100 people at a weekly community meal. The PTA Carnival is a fundraiser with activities for school aged children to raise money to support the Vermillion PTA. Our group helps families of preschoolers to give these little ones activities away from the chaos of the carnival.

Currently the MVAEYC service area does not have an NAEYC Accredited child care facility. Our group has decided to pick a child care center in our area to assist with the monetary portion of the self-study to start the process of the accreditation. Our affiliate members and the USD student chapter will again team up to do a bake sale on the USD campus to raise funds to help support the accreditation endeavor. Our group will also ask other agencies for grant money to assist to make the accreditation process possible.

After our first board meeting the membership committee got together to discuss increasing our local membership and trying to get lapsed members back into our group. In our quest for lapsed members, we found that most had moved from our area or had taken other jobs that did not involve young children

so we only had a handful of lapsed members to discuss rejoining with. For recruitment of new members, we will be personally inviting individuals to meetings and if the person joins MVAEYC, we will be offering Walmart gift cards as an incentive.

We started a MVAEYC Facebook group for members to share ideas, fun things, post items from meetings for members who could not attend, etc. We had a little contest for members that if they joined within the first 24 hours, they would receive a surprise. We had around 18 people join our Facebook group in the 24 hours and more have joined since then.

At our first make and take meeting, we made a real life pinterest board on behaviors of young children. We posted the behavior and people put ideas of how they deal with the behaviors underneath. We also had some positive support ideas to help with preventing the behaviors to help the children learn to self-regulate.

We elected the officers of president, vice-president, and treasurer. We are excited to start the year with electing Co-Presidents Dawna Andersen and Sarah Sherlock, Vice-President Angie Haas, and Treasurer Kathy Crowley. They will join our current officers of Secretary Jessica Schulte and Member at Large Megan Hertz.

MVAEYC wishes all a wonderful and successful school year!

East Central AEYC

Tammy Clark, President

Our school year has begun in full swing. We had two activities in September. East Central officers met with the SDSU AEYC student chapter with over fifty people in attendance. It was great to see so many interested in our organization and what we are all about. Then we had an East Central AEYC kick-off event at the Dakota Nature Park and Nature Center on a lovely sunny Saturday morning. It's a great place to walk, fish, kayak, bike, picnic, and more.

Our upcoming plans include:

- *Support the SDSU AEYC with their fundraising projects. We can't wait for the Cherry Berry night.
- *Networking opportunities hosted at different early childhood sites.
- *Discuss topics of interest such as making family connections and classroom management.
- *Service projects-Brookings Backpack Project is in the works.

Please join us for our next meeting on October 22, 2014 at the Peace Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center from 7:00-8:00pm in Brookings.

Siouxland AEYC

Loretta Leloux, President

Happy Fall! Siouxland has been busy planning and discussing some upcoming events for 2015.

There are some plans to add a Facebook page and twitter account so be watching for more information to come. There will also be a planned event this spring for members to attend, along with our on-going support of the SF WOW event occurring January 17 at the Washington Pavilion, where Lisa Murphy (Ooey Gooley) will share her talents once again.

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

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Sincerely,