



Greetings to All!

My name is Peggy Pulver and I am your new NevAEYC Board President! I am very honored to have this position and hope that I will be able to continue to serve our members with the same high standards and dedication shown by our previous presidents. Those of you who know our most recent Past President, Christine Matiash, will agree that her high heels will not be easy ones to fill! I'd like to publicly thank Christine for all she has done for our organization both on the local level with SNAEYC and as a board member for many years.

I'd like to share a little bit about myself for those of you that don't know me. I was born and raised in Reno and attended all local schools including UNR. I am definitely a local girl and proud to be a native Nevadan. Like many of you, I've always known that I wanted to work with children. As a young teen, my first experience as a teacher was teaching tap dancing to a small group of kindergarteners; my romper stompers. I continued to earn money as a dance teacher throughout my college career. During college I also worked as a preschool teacher. After graduation I became a third grade teacher until retiring to become a full time mother of three.

Again, like many of you, life didn't go as planned and I found myself divorced and looking for work. I was fortunate to be hired, again, by the Washoe County School District, this time as a kindergarten teacher. After ten years at Libby Booth Elementary School I applied for my current job with Early Childhood Education. This was the best move I could ever make. Kindergarten was no longer the nurturing, learning to socialize experience it used to be. Each year I taught it was becoming more and more like first grade.

Six years ago I was invited to run for secretary of the NevAEYC board. I was elected to a two year term and then, again, for a second term. After serving a short term as a member at large to the board, I was elected to the President-Elect position in 2007.

Working directly with our own WCSD Early Childhood staff as well as observing many classrooms throughout the state has given me a greater appreciation of how desperately we need to stand up for our young children and our profession. As a delegate to the NAEYC Public Policy Conference in Washington D.C. February 10th and 11th, I hope I will be able to do just that. As delegates we will be meeting face to face with our Senators and Representatives in Congress to discuss the issues facing Early Childhood in Nevada. During the pre-conference Day at the Legislature on April 2nd, attendees to the 2009 State Early Childhood Conference will have the opportunity to have this same experience at the state level. I hope you will consider signing up to be a part of this important day. Information about the Day at the Legislature and the conference can be found on our website at: www.nevaeyc.org.

It's always been amazing to me how things that have happened to you throughout your life tend to come full circle in the most unexpected ways. My experience as a preschool teacher, kindergarten teacher, Early Childhood Program Coordinator and NevAEYC Board member have all helped get me to where I am today. I am happily married with three grown children, one son-in-law and three grand dogs. I have the best job ever and am looking forward to putting all of my life experiences to good use supporting young children in Nevada as the NevAEYC President for the next two years.

By the way, last year our WCSD Early Childhood staff put on a children's theater production for the families in our program. Once again I was able to dust off my old tap shoes and dance along with other "Wild Things". No, I'm not planning to do any dancing at the state conference this April, but I do hope I'll see you there!

Wishing you all the best!

Peggy

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2009 Election Results for NevAEYC!

This year NevAEYC made an effort to save time, paper, stamps and money by doing our election on line via survey monkey. We are very pleased to announce that this was our most participated in election so far.

Here is the 2009 NevAEYC Governing Board:

President

Peggy Pulver

Past President/Affiliate Council Representative

Christine Matiash

Treasurer

Shelly Nye

Treasurer-elect

Debbie Tarantino*

Secretary

Jessi Torrero*

Vice President of Communication and Technology

Crystal Swank

Vice President of Educational Development

Catherine Lyons*

Vice President of Membership

Jennifer Kalas*

Vice President of Public Policy

Margot Chappel

Accreditation Chair

Sherry Waugh

Conference Chair

Peggy Pulver/Whitney Leathers

Development Chair

Anna Severens

Nomination Chair

Alice LeDesma

Personnel Chair

Carla Spillman

RAEYC Representative

Margaret Oberg

SNAEYC Representative

Mardene Wright

NevAEYC would like to thank our outgoing board members: Sue Turbo, Heather McNulty, and Teresa Byington for their dedication to improving early childhood in Nevada.

Thank you to the nomination committee: Alice LeDesma, Shelly Nye and Christine Matiash, for developing an innovative and earth friendly voting style.

*newly elected positions



Front row (l-r): Sherry Waugh, Mardene Wright, Debbie Tarantino, Carla Spillman, Peggy Pulver
Back Row (l-r): Jennifer Kalas, Christine Matiash, Crystal Swank, Margaret Oberg, Anna Severens, Jessi Torrero, Catherine Lyons, Alice Le Desma, Shelly Nye

Scholarships Available!

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada has scholarship opportunities available for:

- Teachers
- Teachers Aides
- Directors
- Owners
- Home Care Providers



With a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada scholarship, recipients can choose to pursue a State of Nevada Early Childhood Apprenticeship Certificate or one of the many early childhood degree options available at Colleges and Universities throughout the state. Currently scholarship spots are available at the following institutions:

- Great Basin College
- The College of Southern Nevada
- Truckee Meadows Community College
- Western Nevada College

The deadline for Summer 2009 applications is Saturday, April 4th.

Mail in or drop off your completed application to the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood booth at the NevAEYC Annual Early Childhood Conference April 3-4 in Reno, Nevada!

Applications are available at

<http://www.nevaeyc.org/teach/enroll.asp>.

Scholarships awarded on a first come first serve basis*.

For more information please visit our website, <http://www.nevaeyc.org/teach/index.asp>, or contact your local scholarship office to talk to a Project Counselor.

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We look forward to assisting you in reaching your professional and educational goals!

UNR NevAEYC SMS Update

By Heidi Wilhelm/UNR NevAEYC SMS, President

The Fall 08 semester was been a busy one for the University of Nevada Reno's Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children, Student Member Section! The UNR NevAEYC SMS club increased its membership greatly this semester through active member recruitment in the university community. The club also held their annual Portfolio Workshop in the Fall. The turnout was great and involved a guest speaker and graduate students coming and speaking to Early Childhood students about developing their professional portfolios. In addition, the first ever "Phone a Friend" ECE phone tree was created and distributed to help UNR Early Childhood students connect and collaborate with other students and professionals. In November and December the club held a gift drive for Children's Cabinet's "Adopt a Family Program." Donation boxes were placed on campus and around the community. The turnout was the best yet and the organization was able to assist many families in the holiday season.

Investing in Children Will Strengthen Nevada

By: NevAEYC Past President Christine Matiash, M.Ed.

The following article appeared in abbreviated form in the Reno Gazette Journal on January 14, 2009 as a Letter to the Editor.

As the nation and Nevada struggle through an economic crisis, a new Administration and Congress gears up to make choices for our future. The right choice to strengthen our economy is to invest in children. It is imperative that high-quality, affordable, and accessible early childhood education becomes a priority in state and national investments and policy-making. Focusing our efforts on early childhood education both at the grassroots level and on a national stage will ensure the strength of America today and in the future.

James Heckman of the University of Chicago and Arthur Rolnick of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota are among some of our nation's top economists who agree that the investment in early childhood education leads to a significant return. Thomas F. Cooley, a Dean of the New York University – Stern School of Business wrote in Forbes.com, "Education, as we all know, is a cumulative process. Thus, calling for a highly educated workforce implies, almost by definition, that individuals receive both early childhood development and a solid education from kindergarten on up." Cooley also echoed research proving that children who receive proper early childhood development and education in areas like language, motor skills, social skills and emotional support are less likely to drop out of school, commit crimes and require government support later in life.

Simply put, investing in early childhood education lays the foundation for children to succeed in school, work and life.

The Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children strongly believes that our nation cannot wait any longer to make a high-quality, well-financed system of early childhood education a priority in every state and community. Investments in the Child Care & Development Block Grant and for Head Start would help hardworking families, while saving future expenses for them and the nation. For eight years early childhood education has not been adequately funded, yet costs to run and maintain child care facilities and early learning programs have increased at a faster rate than inflation.

Several states have instituted cutbacks in their child care assistance policies since February 2008. Here in Nevada, some of the subsidy services have been frozen, thus limiting childcare options and preventing people from being able to go to work. The economic woes of Nevada can be seen in several other states and will only be countered by a local, state and nationwide commitment to strong, high-quality early childhood education.

Investments in early childhood education would also keep and create jobs in early childhood, which is an economic sector as well. This is also a critical time for investments in human capital and the creation of a vibrant workforce. According to one study, by making it possible for parents to work, the licensed child care sector allows Americans to earn more than \$100 billion annually. A thriving early childhood education field leads to three thriving workforces: families



who depend on child care to work, the early childhood workforce that would continue providing the care and education, and the future workforce of children who are benefiting from the programs.

As we move forward as a nation in solving our nation's economic troubles and building upon what works, early childhood education must remain a priority. Supporting children is not just the right thing to do; it is one of the smartest investments we can make for our nation's future.

Newsletter deadlines and submissions

The Early Childhood Professional is an *electronic* quarterly publication of the Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children. Newsletters are published according to the following schedule.

DEADLINE

October 15th
January 15th
April 15th
July 15th

PUBLICATION DATE

November 15th
February 15th
May 15th
August 15th

Submissions for the newsletter should be sent as a simple Word document to brandied@nevaeyc.org. The NevAEYC reserves the right to edit contributions for length and content.

John Rosemond is Coming to Reno!



**Saturday, March 21
7 - 8:30pm
Atlantis Casino Resort
Grand Ballroom 5,6,7**

John Rosemond is a family psychologist and parenting expert who promotes a truly traditional approach to raising children. He has a syndicated newspaper column in 200 papers across the nation. He is one of America's most in-demand speakers on parenting and childrearing.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through St. John's Childrens Center, one of the Northern Nevada Childcare Coalition Centers.

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Reno, NV 89509**



SNAEYC

By Mardene Wright M.Ed

Just as we were toasting the new year and welcoming 2009, our

SNAEYC Board remembered and celebrated our 2008 accomplishments. They are:

- Educational Development Mini-Conferences were held in February & October 2008 with high numbers of participants. In fact, we are developing this approach to educational development, rather than monthly events in 2009, as members seem to prefer it and attend in larger numbers.
- Our annual Early Childhood Professional Awards Banquet, held each May, has grown into an exciting and well celebrated event that allows us to honor our outstanding teachers, administrators and community leaders who work on behalf of children every day.
- The annual Family Fun Day Event celebrated the Week of the Young Child at our local mall, with many community early childhood centers providing hands-on activities for children, and local performing art groups provided entertainment for families.
- Our Accreditation support Director's luncheons and center tours gained

momentum and served as a valuable support and networking opportunity for programs seeking accreditation or reaccreditation under the new NAEYC accreditation process.

We again celebrate that many early childhood professionals have been trained in "Best Practices". We salute and thank all who helped in any way to accomplish all that we did, "Job well done!" We are also thankful for the friendships and acquaintances that were formed.

Please visit this website often to find out about plans for 2009 and join us on behalf of children and families in Southern Nevada!

INTRODUCING THE 2009 SNAEYC BOARD MEMBERSHIP ROSTER!

President: Mardene Wright

Past President: Jessi Torrero

Treasurer: Keana Sullivan

Secretary: Nicholle Goldstein

VP of Public Policy: Dianne Farkas

VP of Educational Development: Tina Howell

Membership Chair: Christina Herrera

Accreditation Chair: Jennifer Kalas

Members -At--Large: Leslie Chaney, Carrie Paldi, Sandy Wilson, Linda Bouch, Teresa Byington, Maggie Kershaw, Christine Matiash, Lillian Englund, Eileen Qu

S.N.A.E.Y.C. Presents

The 8th Annual Early Childhood Education Recognition Awards are coming up!

May 31st

**Hosted By S.N.A.E.Y.C. at
The Grove at Silk Purse Ranch**

SAVE THE DATE

**Early Childhood Education Training
Presented by S.N.A.E.Y.C.**

Saturday May 2, 2009

The all day training is being held at:

UNR Cooperative Extensions

8050 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89123

Nevada Registry approved sessions will include various topics such as:

Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect; Signs and

Symptoms of Illness; Brain

Development; and many more.

Please e-mail for further information.

Check your mailbox often! Nomination forms and more details will be coming soon!

Please contact Tina Howell for more information at: (702) 486-1476 or thowell@dwss.nv.gov



RAEYC's 2009 Goals and Achievements

The election process is complete for the RAEYC Board for 2009. Each of the four open positions have been filled with candidates who ran unopposed. Even

though there was very little response to requests for nominations, I feel encouraged that there has been increased interest in joining the board in other capacities, such as committee work. I would like to extend an invitation to all our members to attend any monthly board meetings to find where you may fit in, too.

RAEYC had a very successful 2008. Some highlights were: our annual ECE Celebration held in February, honoring those providers who have gone above and beyond to provide high quality care for children; The 2nd Annual Walk for Children, our main event scheduled during Week of the Young Child in April; Four Directors' lunches, including one in Elko and one in Carson City, and an all day training for Administrators with guest speaker, Bob Seigel, in October.

For 2009, RAEYC plans to continue to offer opportunities for networking and training. Members will be able to stay informed on upcoming events through our quarterly newsletters, as well as our new RAEYC MySpace. The Sparks Marina has already been reserved for our 3rd Annual Walk for Children on April 18th to kick off the activities scheduled for this year's Week of the Young Child. Plans are also well underway for the ECE Celebration that will take place a little later this year on May 7th to coincide with Provider Appreciation Day. We are excited to have the NevAEYC State Conference in Reno this year, April 2-4, including the pre-conference Day at the Legislature and keynote speakers - Greg and Steve, who will also be featured at a free community concert on Friday evening, April 3rd.

RAEYC's main goal is to strive to increase the quality of care available for children through the support of child care providers and teachers in our community. Your ideas and suggestions for how we can best achieve this goal are always welcome.

President: Margaret Oberg

Vice President: Tiffany Jackson

Treasurer: Sharon Mohr

Secretary: Whitney Leathers

Member at Large: Erin Baerwaldt

Membership Coordinator: Kimber Craig

Accreditation Chair: Martie Fine

Public Policy Chair: Danielle Harris

Professional Development Coordinator: Cindy Johnson

ECE Celebration Chair: Kayelynn Savage

Public Policy Consultant: Debbie Smith

Resource Development Coordinator: Mariah Wedemeyer

UNRStudent Membership President: Heidi Wilhelm

News from TMCC's ECE Program

By Crystal Swank, Professor, Truckee Meadows Community College
Early Childhood Education Program



The ECE Program at Truckee Meadows Community College has been engaged in self-study for NAEYC Accreditation of Two-Year Degree Programs in ECE for the past two years or so. As with the accreditation of children's programs by NAEYC, we have undergone reflection and hard work to align our program with the Standards and Supportive Skills for NAEYC Accreditation. This has included curriculum mapping, a lot of work on assessment and data collection, and the addition and revision of courses and degrees within the program. We are excited that with much support from the college, our adjunct faculty, and NAEYC our site visit is scheduled for early March! A team of peer reviewers will spend three days at TMCC reviewing artifacts, talking to students, faculty and others, and visiting classrooms and practicum sites before writing a report of their findings for the commission. The commission will make an accreditation decision in the fall semester of 2009.

We have also just finished our new ECE teaching lab on the main Dandini campus at TMCC. We were successful in getting a large classroom (Sierra 117) approved and converted as our ECE lab, which we share with the HDFS and EDU programs. We are especially grateful for the grant funding we received to make this possible - from Carl Perkins funds and from the Clo-rox Company/HV Mfg. The room now includes beautiful new furniture and equipment, including learning centers typically found in early childhood programs, so that students and faculty have a dedicated space to demonstrate and practice developmentally appropriate techniques for teaching young children. Six rectangle tables and comfortable, adjustable chairs will provide opportunities for students to work together in small groups for projects and hands-on learning. Learning centers include dramatic play, blocks, manipulatives, group time, art/sensory, and books. In addition, a new Student Resource Center will feature two computer stations, a printer and scanner, a digital camera, as well as books, journals, and other professional resources to support student success. The new lab will celebrate with an open house on Feb. 4th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come by and see the new lab and do some ECE networking!

It's an exciting time in the life of the ECE Program at TMCC! For more information about the ECE Program at TMCC, see our website at <http://www.tmcc.edu/ece>.

What Was I Thinking?

My experience with the reinvented NAEYC Accreditation system.

By Diane Nicolet, Director, E.L. Cord Child Care Center-Truckee Meadows Community College

I have given birth to three beautiful children; stayed married to the same wonderful man for 36-years and have spent 46 of my 56-years in formal educational settings. From room mom to PTA president, from student to teacher, from child care center director to PhD candidate, I have tried to enjoy all of my educational experiences. So, when I considered undertaking the reinvented NAEYC Accreditation system it seemed to me that the experience would be just another commitment to my educational endeavors. Especially given that our child care program has been NAEYC Accredited since 1999. Well, the undertaking was considerably more than educational endeavor. Very few human experiences will prepare you for delving into the bowels of your organization using the new system, no pun intended.

When faced with undertaking the reinvented NAEYC Accreditation system the first and foremost question I asked was, "Why Bother?" The answer was two-fold. First, as a community college child care center director, I believe that I need to do everything I can to understand the business of child care. An important business component in the early care and education (ECE) profession is an ability to find and utilize available resources, especially resources that guide the development of programs for children, families, and employees that support safety, fun, and education. I also want to be able to work with other ECE professionals to help answer their questions, address their concerns, and to provide the support necessary to move our profession forward. Second, I believe that undertaking the NAEYC Accreditation process, when taken seriously and systematically, will improve an ECE program's practice. I know for a fact that providing high-quality care is a signal to the consumer that the program is committed to continuous improvement and developmentally appropriate practice. The bottom line here is that quality programs typically attract the best teachers, have a steady revenue stream, and can pay the bills. My co-workers will tell you there is a third answer to "Why Bother;" I enjoy a formidable challenge, a.k.a., a little nuts!

The reinvented NAEYC Accreditation system consists of 10-Standards and 411-Criteria and is substantially more involved than the old system. The process is costly. If your business is adhering to best practice, the facility is up-to-date, and educational programming is responsive to your customers the cost could be \$5000, if not it could cost tens-of-thousands of dollars. The process is time consuming. As a group of 8-full time employees we spent a total of approximately 900-hours from September 2006 to August 2007, understanding the system, utilizing self-study tools, compiling documents, implementing and reviewing improvements, and figuring out ways to maintain daily operations while taking on accreditation responsibilities. I was fortunate to work with teachers and support staff that were dedicated to the process and believe in continually improving our practice. Having said that, I will tell you that my team had a question of their own, "now tell us why we are doing this?" The question is a good one and needs to be reviewed on a regular basis.

The final result of our hard work continues to be an integral part of our organization. When asked, each one of us is able to familiarize others with the reinvented accreditation system and have the ability to provide technical support. We continue to

reflect on the NAEYC Standards and Criteria in order to help us maintain quality programming. More importantly, because of the collective experience, we have a reinvented understanding of what high-quality ECE means and a deeper commitment to ensuring that we work hard to provide a safe, fun, and educational environment for children, families, and employees.

If you are considering undertaking the reinvented system, be prepared to take a close look at what you do and do not do, who you are and who you are not, and what you want to be and what you do not want to be. Be ready to make discoveries that scare you and excite you, make you mad and make you happy, embarrass you and make you proud. Be willing to hold the mirror up very close and at a distance, so that you do not miss a thing. Be comfortable with moving at a snail's pace and ready to break the sound barrier. Above all be committed to the process of learning, sharing, and improving. Finally, if you want help, have questions, or just want to test the waters of NAEYC Accreditation, I am just a phone call away, 775-674-7515.

EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to be an Exhibitor at the 2009 NevAEYC Conference in Reno, or know someone that would be?

For more information regarding exhibits, please contact Carol Hamilton by email at carolh@nevaeyc.org or by phone at **(866) 927-3601**.



TOUCH-A-TRUCK Las Vegas

By Carolyn Wheeler,
TOUCH-A-TRUCK Chairman



We are pleased to announce our fifth annual TOUCH-A-TRUCK® which will return to our host location, the Orleans Arena, on Saturday, March 28, 2009. And this year we will be expanding the hours of the event from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm so that we can offer an early horn-free hour for children with special needs so that all Las Vegas families can enjoy this unique event.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK is Las Vegas' original family-oriented event that encourages children to get up close and personal with the vehicles they see every day on the road – fire trucks, police cars, school buses, sanitation vehicles and more. Kids have the opportunity to rub elbows with Las Vegas' every day heroes and have the chance to sit in the driver's seat– it is truly an event not to be missed!

Last year's TOUCH-A-TRUCK was an overwhelming success with more than 85 unique trucks and vehicles and an attendance of over 4,400 people. This event continues to grow in popularity and has become a major community event, thanks to partners like you. This year we are counting on approximately 5,000 attendees to enjoy this fun-filled event.

We understand that everyone across the nation and especially in our community has been touched by the downturn in our economy. We are also keeping the admission prices the same, \$6 for age 2 and over, so that families in our community can continue to enjoy TOUCH-A-TRUCK. (Dollar off coupon on www.touchatruck.com)

100% of the proceeds of this unique, family-oriented event go directly to Family to Family Connection, Las Vegas West, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, to help support their invaluable program. Since 1998, Family to Family has empowered families and improved the lives of children in the community and currently provides more than 600 services per month in the form of classes, hospital visits, and one-on-one parenting consultations. Your support of TOUCH-A-TRUCK will help ensure the continued success of this very important organization.



432A Proposed Regulations

The Board for Child Care held an Adoption Hearing for 432A proposed regulations on November 7, 2008. All proposals excluding changes in the Errata were approved by the board. Proposals included 2 documents with file numbers R032-07 and R112-06:

LCB Document File Number R032-07 contains proposed regulatory language changes to many areas including but not limited to:

- defining early care and education;
- applying with the Nevada Registry, transition period;
- volunteer requirements;
- initial training;
- professional development; and
- defined space.

LCB Document File Number R112-06 contains proposed regulatory language changes to many areas including but not limited to:

- defining educational, shelter child care and residential child care institutions;
- defining substitute care;
- revising child-staff ratios for child care institutions;
- prohibitions on smoking and chewing tobacco;
- clarifying hand washing and diapering requirements; and
- supervision requirements during nap times.

The next steps will include putting together an information packet and the Errata for the Legislative Commission to review. If there are no objections, the proposed regulation documents will be signed by the Secretary of State, which usually takes 2 months, however it could take up to a year to get the revised document back. Once signed by the Secretary of State the new regulations can be put into effect, and The Bureau will allow facilities an efficient amount of time to come into compliance if passed. Training will be offered by The Bureau, but not until the proposed regulations are signed by the Secretary of State. If you have any questions regarding clarification or concerns, please call 775-684-4463.

If you would like to view the proposed regulations and other documents pertaining to the proposed changes, please visit this website. http://www.dcf.state.nv.us/DCFS_ChildCare_Pro-RegDocs.htm.

GREAT NEWS!

The Nevada Pre-K Standards and Virtual Pre-K Programs are providing free training for early childhood programs. These programs will come out to your center and provide free training on the Nevada Pre-K Content standards and Parent Involvement; how to implement parent involvement activities in your programs. Rechelle and Tina have been working together to provide training to Nevada's rural areas. They will be scheduling training in Southern Nevada later this spring. For more information about the Nevada Pre-K Standards Program please contact Tina Springmeyer at (775) 448-5273 and for more information about the Virtual Pre-K Parent Involvement Program please contact Rechelle Murillo at (775) 327-5632.





**REGISTER
TODAY!**

The Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC) is excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2009 Early Childhood Conference, "Planting the Seeds to Grow a Green Future." Join us April 2-4, 2009 in Reno, Nevada at the Grand Sierra Resort for an exciting and educational training and networking opportunity.

Some of what you will find at this year's conference includes:

- Preconference activities:
 - o DEC (Division of Early Childhood) preconference day with Dr. Gail Joseph
 - o NevAEYC Day at the Legislature
- Over 70 training sessions
- Opportunity to earn up to 16 Registry approved training hours
- Sessions and special events incorporating the conference "green theme" with 3 or more "green" trainings available each session
- Interest areas including: Reggio, Professional Development, Trainers, and Infant Toddler
- Keynote speakers: early childhood musical favorites Greg & Steve, and Rusty Keeler of Planet Earth Playscapes
- Half day willow hut community build with Rusty Keeler
- Free Community Concert featuring Greg & Steve
- Featured presenters: Patricia McGrath internationally known atelierista (studio teacher) Director of the Reggio inspired Blueberry Preschool in Santa Monica, and Danielle Lipparelli Founder and International Director of Transformed International
- The "Green Room" – learn more about how you can keep our environment clean and green in this special workshop
- New and improved exhibit hall with extended shopping time
- Swag bags for all attendees
- Delicious lunches and snacks included
- And much more!

To download the registration form, applications for conference scholarships, view the preliminary program, and read about conference updates, visit our website at:

<http://www.nevaeyc.org/conferences.asp>

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

FAMILY CONCERT



WHEN

Friday, April 3
7 - 8 pm
Doors open at 6

CUÁNDO:

Viernes 3 de Abril
De 7 – 8 pm
Las puertas se abriran
a las 6:00 p.m.

WHERE

Reno, NV
The Grand Ballroom
in the Grand Sierra Resort
Seating limited to 2500
and available on a first come,
first serve basis.

DÓNDE:

Reno, NV
Grand Ballroom adentro del
Grand Sierra Resort
Asientos limitaron a 2500 y
disponible en un primer viene,
sirve primero base.



Come early and check out the exhibitor room.

Learn about the latest information and products for young children.



Vengan temprano par aver el salon de vendedores.

Aprenda acerca lo ultimo en productos y informacion para niños pequenos.

