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Greetings NevAEYC Members,

Welcome to the first issue of the new Nevada AEYC newsletter. The newsletter will be published quarterly and will be distributed electronically to members, as well as posted on the NevAEYC website in the Members Only section. The goal of the newsletter is to communicate with members in a timely and effective way.

We hope the newsletter provides accurate and interesting articles and information that recognize the amazing work being done in Nevada's ECE community; and provide connections between our members and the leadership of Nevada's state and local affiliate chapters.

Newsletters will be published on the 15th of the month in November, February, May, and August. If you wish to submit items for the newsletter, the deadline for submission is the 15th of the month prior to publication. There will be some regular features as well as articles from members, agencies and organizations, and NAEYC to keep us all "in the loop". Items should be sent to me, as a simple Word document, via email attachment is best, to cswank@tmcc.edu.

In response to the needs expressed in our annual member survey, NevAEYC is developing more ways to communicate with members and the larger ECE community:

- The NevAEYC website was created more than a year ago and includes a calendar of events, membership information, the T.E.A.C.H. ® Nevada Project, links to local chapters and student member sections, public policy updates, and the annual conference. It's growing all the time, so check back if it's been a while since you logged on.
- In addition, we're currently developing listservs (electronic email lists) so that our members can receive the newsletter via email, as well as participate in discussions online.

It's an exciting time to be a member of NAEYC and to work in this challenging and rewarding field! Thank you for supporting Nevada AEYC with your membership and participation in our professional association!

Crystal Swank
VP of Communication and Technology



NEW CENTRALIZED ECE SUPPORT PROGRAMS in RENO **The Northern Nevada Professional Development Center (PDC) Office of Early Care and Education (OECE) is now officially open!**

The OECE falls under the Welfare Division's Child Care Administrator, focusing on the quality improvement of Early Care and Education (ECE) and professional development of Nevada's early childhood workforce. The OECE offers training and technical assistance for early childhood educators, information regarding what is happening on a statewide basis and an Accreditation Facilitation Project which includes support throughout the process of accreditation, quality improvement grants and a bonus check once your home or center is accredited. Coming early next year our new office will house an extensive early childhood lending library. The library will contain a laminator, a die cut machine, toys and a multitude of early childhood resources available for checkout to Northern Nevada child care providers.

The new PDC also houses three important Early Childhood-related support programs: [The Nevada Registry](#), the [Nevada Child Care Apprenticeship Program](#), and [T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood @ Nevada](#). The Nevada Registry and the Apprenticeship program are both administered through contracts with the Washoe County School District and T.E.A.C.H. is administered by the Nevada Association for the Education for Young Children.



[The Nevada Registry](#) is an integral part of the pathway helping to establish a professional development system in Nevada for the field of Early Care and Education. The program supports professional growth and recognition, strives to raise the status of the profession and collects valuable data on the ECE workforce. In addition to managing the Nevada Early Care and Education Professional Career Ladder for ECE professionals, the Registry is responsible for approving all community based, non-credit bearing training on a statewide basis. The Registry is one of the statewide efforts geared toward reducing staff turnover, increasing wages, heightening professionalism and increasing advancement opportunities for ECE professionals.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood @ Nevada is designed to improve the educational opportunities, compensation, professional recognition, and commitment of Early Care and Education practitioners. This is done by offering scholarships and compensation to professionals working towards AA or BA degrees in Early Childhood. In return, participants agree to remain in the programs where they currently work for up to a year.

Nevada Child Care Apprenticeship Program is designed to improve the quality of childcare. Under the guidelines of the State of Nevada Department of Labor, the Apprenticeship program provides scholarships and on-the-job training to entry-level early childhood teachers working towards a Child Development Specialist Certificate. This Certificate puts providers on the path towards obtaining their AA or AAS degree.



Centralization of these programs allows for a more seamless delivery of services to meet the professional development needs of Early Care and Education professionals on a statewide basis. The Northern Nevada PDC is located at 680 S. Rock Boulevard in the State of Nevada Welfare Division Building.



Local Affiliate News

By Donna Young

Greetings from the Reno Association for the Education of Young Children (R.A.E.Y.C.)! We are Reno's local chapter of the Nevada AEYC and affiliated with the National Association. R.A.E.Y.C. hosts a variety of professional development events and also distributes a quarterly membership newsletter in order to meet the professional development needs of early childhood professionals throughout the Reno/Sparks vicinity. We have an exciting agenda of upcoming events, including the annual Early Childhood Recognition Celebration in February 2007. Be sure to check the events calendar at www.nevaeyc.org for the most current information. We also welcome individuals who are interested in volunteering in various capacities. If you would like to learn more about R.A.E.Y.C., get involved with any of our upcoming events, or attend a Board meeting, please feel free to contact Donna Young, Membership and Recruitment Coordinator, at young@stjohnschurch.org.

Nevada AEYC has a new mailing address:

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UNR Student Member Sections

By Jennifer Reisig

The University of Nevada, Reno, Student Member Section (SMS) has been off to a great Fall Semester! In August, the students held a successful fundraiser at the local Baja Fresh restaurant. The students then focused on recruitment of incoming freshmen students. Efforts included, a booth at the Club Fair, and participation in an evening Friday Festival on the University campus. Information about the NevAEYC was distributed, and the benefits of becoming part of a professional organization were stressed.

This semester the student organization also welcomed our new faculty advisor, Dr. Melissa Burnham. Dr. Burnham specializes in infant development, early childhood development, and early childhood education in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies. The students are grateful that Dr. Burnham has agreed to be the advisor and look forward to the guidance and knowledge she can provide. In addition, the UNR Student Member Section would like to thank Dr. Eva Essa for her complete assistance in creating and developing this student organization.

Currently, a representative of the UNR SMS is serving on the NevAEYC 2007 Conference Planning Committee. The students have been working with other committee members to plan a bus tour of local accredited child care centers in Reno that will take place during the conference. The students have also submitted an proposal to present a session at the conference. Within the community, the UNR SMS has adopted the Preschool program at Veteran's Elementary School here in Reno. The program is designed to provide support for children from low-income families, and give the children exposure to the English language before they reach Kindergarten. Through fundraising and working with other organizations, the students plan to bring materials and supplies to the classroom and volunteer time to work with the children.

As the semester continues, the UNR SMS is hoping to plan some additional events that encourage the importance of professional development and future career advice in the field of early childhood education. Thanks to NevAEYC and RAEYC, the students will also be able to award membership scholarships to new students!

UNLV Student Member Section

The University of Nevada Las Vegas has also established a Student Member Section (SMS). For more information contact the President, Ikaika Regidor, ikaika.regidor@unlv.edu. The Faculty Advisor is Dr. Catherine Lyons. She can be reached at UNLV at catherine.lyons@unlv.edu, or by calling (702) 895-1112.

Membership FAQ's

How do I become a member?

While it is still possible to join NAEYC by mail, the fastest and easiest way to join or renew a membership is online. The [NAEYC website](#) provides a link that allows you to complete the membership forms as well as pay for membership dues using a credit card. There is also a link to download and print the membership forms. Be aware that if you choose the paper and mail-in option, memberships are processed by hand and take up to two months.

Can a center/program join or just individuals?

Currently only individuals can join NAEYC. But NAEYC is also planning to make some changes to their membership options. This might include that centers could join with a group of staff. Stay tuned for updates about membership changes.

How much does it cost?

There are currently three levels of membership:

Regular	\$55.00/year
Student	\$40.00/year
Comprehensive	\$90.00/year

Membership dues are for one year from the date you join. Dues include fees for local, state, and national membership. Comprehensive members receive several books, in addition to the *Young Children* journal.

What are the membership benefits?

- *Young Children* Journal (quarterly)
- Local and State Newsletters (quarterly)
- Interest Forums (on NAEYC website)
- State and National Website
- Local and State Workshops, Annual Conferences, and Special Events
- Support and Technical Assistance
- Networking with other ECE professionals

How do I find my member ID number?

When you become a member, you should receive a membership card and letter from NAEYC. If you joined online, you would also have received an electronic receipt for payment. Both of these included your Member ID number. This number is your key to most of the "Member Only" features of the National website, including the Interest Forums. If you've forgotten or lost your number, you can retrieve your member information on the National website, Member link. NAEYC can also send you your information, but you need an email account to receive it. Finally, if you need help, you can call NAEYC at (800) 424-2460, or contact your local or state Membership Coordinator.

Other helpful info...

- NAEYC will send you reminders when it's time to renew your membership. Even if you don't renew right away, you can still complete the renewal process online.
- When you move or change your contact information, please update your information on the National website. This will assure that you continue to receive your publications and other information from your local and state affiliates. It's also a good idea to log on to the NAEYC website and complete the member registration information. It helps your local and state affiliates by providing information about the work you do, how you want to be involved in the ECE community, and how to contact you.

Accreditation in Nevada

There are currently 36 NAEYC Accredited programs in Nevada. NevAEYC is proud to acknowledge these programs for their commitment to quality, and to the children and families they serve.

In Elko

Mark H. Dawson Great Basin College Child and Family Center

In Fallon

NAS Fallon Child Development Program
St. John's Room To Grow Child Care Center

In Henderson

Children's Choice Learning Centers, Sunset
Children's World Learning Center
Joy School & Home Day Care

In Incline Village

Incline Village Nursery School
Lake Tahoe School Pre-K Program

In Las Vegas

CCSN Campus Child Care-Charleston
Children's Choice (4 Locations)
Children's World Learning Centers (3 Locations)
Citibank Family Center
HSBC Family Center
Imprints Day School
McCarran CDC/Bright Horizons Family Solutions
Nellis Child Development Center II
UNLV/CSUN Preschool, Lynn Bennett ECEC
Variety Early Learning Center

In North Las Vegas

CCSN Campus Child Care Cheyenne
CCSN Early Childhood Education Lab School

In Lovelock

Lovelock Developmental Preschool and Early Childhood Special Education

In Reno

Child & Family Research Center (3 Locations)
Children's World Learning Center
E. L. Cord Foundation Child Care Center
Heart to Hand Preschool
MunchkinLand PreSchool
Saint Mary's Child Care Center

In Spring Creek

Creative Kids Co-Op

In Stateline

Roots And Wings Children's Center at Kahle Park

For more information about these programs or how to become NAEYC Accredited, visit the [NAEYC Accreditation website](#).

2006 Governing Board NevAEYC 2006 Governing Board Elections

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The NevAEYC Board is pleased to introduce the following new governing board members. Each board member will begin serving a two-year term starting January 1, 2007. We are very fortunate to find such enthusiastic and experienced early childhood professionals to serve on the state board. Please help us congratulate:

Heather McEnulty, Secretary

Heather is currently a school administrator at the Calvary Christian Learning Academy in Las Vegas. She received her M.Ed. in Educational Management from the University of LaVerne. Heather states, "As secretary, it is my intention to promote accuracy and consistency in the meetings. I have high expectations of myself as well as others in the field of early childhood. I am committed to improving the quality of early childhood education."

Debra Tarantino, Treasurer-Elect

Debra is currently employed at Classroom on Wheels in Las Vegas as Finance Director. She has a wealth of experience working with non-profit agencies and has an associate's degree in Accounting. Debra states, "I would like to be able to share my skills with an organization that promotes the educational needs of the children in Nevada. I envision a future for Nevada's young children in which we are able to meet or exceed the standards of best practice for the education of the young child."

Sue Turbow, Vice President of Professional Development

Sue is currently an Early Childhood Professor and Coordinator of the ECE Program at Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno. This will be her second term as VP of Professional Development. She is a long time NAEYC member and past RAEYC board member. Sue states, "In the past 3 years I have been instrumental in developing workshops for early care and education teachers in the rural areas; developed an evaluation to be used at these workshops; and currently I am working on the development of a statewide system to coordinate efforts to provide training in rural areas so there are not overlaps in services/workshops."

Teresa Byington, Vice President of Membership

Teresa is currently employed at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension in Las Vegas as an Early Care and Education Specialist. She is a long time NAEYC member and in the past has served as the conference chair in Utah. She has served on numerous boards at the national, state, and local level. Teresa states, "As the Early Care and Education Specialist for the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension I am committed to improving the quality of child care in Nevada through developing research-based curriculum, providing quality informal education workshops and conducting research in the field of early care and education. Through active involvement with NevAEYC as Vice President of Membership I will work to increase membership and improve professionalism of members in the state of Nevada."

Please Note: The elections for the Governing Board are held in the fall of each year. Nominations are accepted and ballots are usually distributed to members by mail. This year, each candidate was running unopposed so ballots were not mailed as in previous years. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the election process, please contact Patti Oya at (702) 486-1432.

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Develops New Curriculum

By Teresa Byington

The [University of Nevada Cooperative Extension](#) (UNCE) has developed a new curriculum entitled, "Unlocking the Mysteries of Positive Guidance". The development of this training was funded by a grant from the Nevada State Bureau of Services for Child Care with Child Care Development Quality dollars. It was written by Area and State Extension specialists and staff. The writers include: Jackie Reilly, Sally Martin, Teresa Byington, JoAnne Kock and Vicki Agao.

The three-hour training is designed for child care providers to learn ways to help children be socially and emotionally healthy through positive guidance. Topics include:

- Pre-kindergarten Standards for Social and Emotional Development,
- Understanding Children,
- Creating Environments That Prevent Guidance Problems, and
- Twelve Guidance Skills that promote positive behavior.

The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension will begin presenting this training throughout the state of Nevada, starting the end of November. If you would like more information, please contact:

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The Children's Cabinet, Child Care Resource & Referral Dept. Is Now Quality Assured

By Marty Elquist, CCR&R Coordinator



The [Children's Cabinet](#) Child Care Resource & Referral Department (formally the Early Education & Care Department) is very proud to announce that we have recently achieved Quality Assured status with Child Care Aware®, a program of the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA). The Quality Assurance Program of Child Care Aware® is designed to ensure that families across the country have access to consistent, high quality, child care education and referral services.

To become Quality Assured, agencies must meet outcome-based national standards of service delivery. We have always strived to provide excellent child care consumer education services. These services are essential to our community and include:

- Helping parents find child care
- Supporting families to raise healthy children
- Building the supply of child care
- Improving the quality of child care
- Bridging child care and education for parent and providers
- Documenting child care needs and trends
- Engaging new community partners in becoming aware & involved in child care
- Telling the child care story in our community to a local, state and national audience

The above service areas define child care resource and referral agencies throughout our nation. At the Children's Cabinet we address these service areas through a variety of programs including Child Care Subsidy, Caregiver's Support Network, Respite Care, Addressing Behavior Challenges (ABC), Kith & Kin Provider Support, Apprenticeship Scholarships, Provider Improvement Grants, Provider Start-up Grants, Provider Workshops & Training, Early Childhood Event Grants, Parenting Classes, Quarterly *Partnering with Parents & Providers* Newsletter, and Monthly *Tip of the Month* mailings to subsidy providers.

We are very proud that we have reached this level of achievement and look forward to continuing quality child care resource and referral services throughout Northern Nevada.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

NevAEYC ECE Conference, 2007

We would like to extend a cordial invitation to all early childhood professionals to join us on March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Reno, NV, at the Grand Sierra Resort for the 2007 Nevada Early Childhood Conference. There will be something for everyone!

TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND THE 2007 Nevada Early Childhood Conference!

1. **Pam Schiller** our nationally known keynote speaker will explain how to nurture the whole child.
2. **Jose-Luis Orozco**, nationally known speaker and performer, will get you moving and singing followed by a book signing.
3. **DEC (Division of Early Childhood) pre-conference day** will focus on the important topic of working with children with significant challenging behaviors.
4. **A Day at the Nevada Legislature** pre-conference day. Learn how to advocate for Nevada's children.
5. **Tour accredited centers** in the Reno-Sparks community.
6. **Welcome Reception**-enjoy entertainment, beverages, appetizers, and extra time to shop in the Exhibitor's Hall.
7. **Attend a wide variety of sessions** with the latest information on early childhood. Choose a Track or try some of each!
8. **Delicious Lunch and Snacks** are provided each day!
9. **Network** with old friends and make new ones.
10. **The Conference Goodie Bag!**

Hope to see all of you in Reno!

*Peggy Pulver, Terry Randolph, and Tina Springmeyer, Co-chairs
2007 NevAEYC Conference Planning Committee*

For more information go to www.nevaeyc.org and click "Conference"

"Families First—Preparing for the Future"

A Conference For Families Of Children And Youth With Disabilities Or Special Health Care Needs, And The Professionals Who Support Them

This Conference will provide information useful to families, administrators, professionals, advocates, caregivers, policymakers, and others providing support and care for children with disabilities or special health care needs.

- ☒ Learn from national and local speakers on various topics of interest, such as early intervention, special education, health care, community, transition, law, and advocacy.
- ☒ Participate in an exchange of information by policymakers, administrators, educators, service providers, parents and others.
- ☒ Examine the products and services offered by various organizations and businesses in the exhibit hall.

Learn How To:

- ❖ Be More Inclusive
- ❖ Plan For The Future

Learn Basic Principles:

- ❖ Developing Leadership
- ❖ Community Organizing

Develop Practical Skills:

- ❖ Building Relationships
- ❖ Identifying Strengths

For more information call Project Assist at (800) 522-0066.



