



Cincinnati Association for the Education of Young Children

February 2008 E-News

Welcome new members!

We are very excited that the following individuals have become members of CAEYC in the month of January 2008! In doing so, they are showing a great commitment to Early Childhood Education.

Chandra Ackley
Michele Audia
Diane Blackburn
Deeann Camp
Renee Daniel
Elizabeth Dobrowski
Linda Garrigan
Meghan Gregory
Susan Guckert
Kay Limbach
Sara Overstake
Cynthia Patchell
Crystal Runck
Gina Tierney
Stacia Ward
Adrienne Zurick



A Night of Pampering for Early Childhood Educators

Celebrate Week of the Young Child
with Door Prizes, Networking,
Lesson Ideas, Refreshments,
Preschool Classroom Tours,
Children's Art Display, & More!



FREE!
Date: Wed. April 16, 2008
Come Anytime: 4 - 7 pm
Mount Washington
Presbyterian Preschool
6474 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45230
www.mwpc-church.org
RSVP: Mary Richards
mary.richards@cchmc.org

Infant and Toddler Focus Group

Thank you to the William Mallory Center at Cincinnati State for hosting the January Infant/Toddler Focus Group meeting. The staff of the center shared their experiences with preparing and participating in the reaccreditation process. Others in the focus group also brought their classroom portfolios to share with the group. On February 20, the group will be meeting at the Blue Manatee in Oakley. Gerry Weller will be sharing information on creating "experience plans" for infants and toddlers. If you would like any information on the focus group, please feel free to contact Kelly Bigham at 961-2825 or kdbigham@fuse.net.

Mini Grants

Click here (<http://cinciaeyc.org/minigrants.html>) to see which centers received mini grants for 2007, and check back soon for information regarding upcoming mini grants that will be available in 2008!

Mini Grants Committee Looking for New Members

If you would like to serve on the Mini Grants committee for 2008, please contact Betsy at barrettss@aol.com. You must be a current member of CAEYC, and not be applying for a mini grant this year.



2008 Ohio AEYC Early Childhood Awards

The Ohio AEYC Awards celebrate those dedicated to the field of early childhood education and acknowledge dedicated professionals whose work impacts the quality of care for young children in all settings. The Awards honor not only individual award recipients, but the entire early childhood profession. The Award Winners will be honored at the Celebration of Excellence Luncheon on Saturday, April 5, 2008 during the Ohio Early Care and Education Conference. Please consider attending the luncheon to show your support to these dedicated individuals.

Early Childhood Award
Jamie Gottesman

Teacher of the Year Award
Cynthia Davis Hall (from VISIONS Community Services in Cincinnati)

Teacher of Teachers Award
Tricia May-Woods

Family Child Care Provider Award
Lisa Booze

Program Administrator Award
Jocelyn Shuman

4-C Network Opportunities

Accreditation and Quality Improvement Network
(formerly known as NAEYC Accreditation)

When: 2nd Thursday of every month, beginning March 13

Time: 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: 4C, 1924 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45207

Contact: Kathleen Bryan, 513-221-0033, ext. 1222

The main focus of this network is NAEYC Accreditation, re-accreditation, or SUTQ Star Achievement.

Professional Development Opportunities

SECA Conference - Northern Kentucky Convention Center - March 27 – 29.

Since 1948, SECA has brought together preschool, kindergarten, and primary teachers and administrators, caregivers, program directors, and individuals working with and for families, to promote quality care and education for young children. For more info on the conference, visit <http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/Conference/>

OHIO AEYC UPDATE

by: Melissa Neal, CAEYC's OAEYC Representative

The OHIO AEYC Governing Board met on Friday, January 26, 2008 and Saturday, January, 27, 2008 in Columbus Ohio. The OHIO AEYC governing board has decided on a new mission and vision statement. The conversation went further to discuss how OHIO AEYC and its affiliates will implement the new mission and vision. More discussion will happen on Friday, February, 29, 2008 around this topic. More information on these exciting changes to come soon!

CAEYC Conference Committee

If you are interested in being part of the planning committee for the CAEYC Conference, please contact Tracy Homan (TRACYH3665@aol.com) or Christine Fields (CFields@4cforchildren.org) to find out the next meeting date.