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By Janice Jones

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Dallas is an exciting city. Not only does my daughter's family live there but it was also the site of the NAEYC Conference this year. It was a tough decision to make whether to attend the conference

and see my 9-month-old and 2-year-old grandchildren as an added bonus or stay home. Of course it didn't take long to decide that the Dallas Conference would be one I would attend!

On the first day of the conference, I attended the Leadership Day activities. Cynthia D'Amour was a dynamic speaker and gave those of us from Rivers Bend a lot to think about regarding our marketing strategies for this year and into the future. The needs of our members change and the way they access information has changed.

As your professional organization we want to offer you the information you need and the opportunity to network with others in the field. Our Coffee Talks in January will give you time to network and receive training. You can find information about these in this newsletter and on our website.

One of the hats I wear is to provide technical assistance for facilities providing Infant/Toddler care. So, I attended several sessions during the conference on Infant/Toddler care. Quality care for this age group is an enormous need throughout our nation. We have learned so much about brain development and the importance of the early years in recent years. I heard about high quality care being provided in programs and I saw the creative ways young children are exposed to science, nature, and literacy. The emphasis on social-emotional development as well as physical development encourages me to continue to share with caregivers the importance of their role and to offer new ideas to try with the children in their care.

The new Developmentally Appropriate Practice book was introduced at the NAEYC conference. NAEYC has updated this book to keep it current with what we have learned through the years about how young children learn and what is best practice. If you have a comprehensive membership you will receive a copy of the new DAP book soon.

On the state level, I recently attended a Chapter President's Council meeting in Columbia, MO. Presidents from the local chapters came together to discuss what we are doing, issues of concern and how the state affiliate can support our work. Mike Abel, President of AEYC-MO, is working to connect chapters in our state and strengthen our organization.

AEYC-MO is one of the sponsors of Child Advocacy Day in Jefferson City January 27, 2009. Make plans to attend and to share with your legislators the importance of early childhood programs. To find out who your state legislators are, go to [www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov), enter your nine-digit zip code under "Legislator Lookup," and click "Go."

Recently, I had a conversation with a young early childhood professional in my community. I ask her if she was a member of NAEYC and she told me she had been thinking about joining. We discussed how the organization could benefit her and when I spoke with her later that day, she had sent in her membership. That was a reminder to me that often we just need to ask friends and co-workers if they are NAEYC members. There is strength in numbers and as we advocate for children, families and quality programs, we need to come together and speak with one strong voice.

Unbelievably the holidays are here! As you travel to be with family and friends, I wish for you safety in travel, joyful sharing with those you love, and a New Year filled with exciting opportunities to touch the lives of children and their families.

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## Spring Curriculum Conference

By Nancy Dees & Kathy Drews, Conference Co-chairs

Save the date! RBAEYC Spring Curriculum Conference is April 18, 2009, at St. Charles Community College. Presenters are sending in proposals. Vendors are contracting to showcase their products and organizations.

The committee has some new ideas based on your requests for hand-on opportunities. Several committee members attended the NAEYC national conference in Dallas and will be sharing information and ideas they got there. The committee is also work-

ing to address some other issues that came up in the evaluations such as the flow at lunch, accessibility of the raffle drawings, and signs to indicate when sessions are full. We are excited about improvements at this year's conference and look forward to seeing you there.

Send in your registration forms as soon as they arrive in January !

Bring a friend ... or three or four!

## Coffee Talk Updates

By Sally Halfaker, Program Committee Chair

We are happy to report that our October 4 Coffee Talks were a success. Participants enjoyed many opportunities to get new ideas to use in their classrooms. We wish to thank our hosts, Nancy Ebert of Elm Point Child Development Center and Mary Kampschroeder of the Four Rivers Area YWCA along with presenters Michelle Mason, Melinda Emge and Sally Halfaker. We very much appreciate their willingness to participate in our Coffee Talk series.

Mark your calendars to save the dates of these upcoming Coffee Talks

**Saturday, January 17, 2009**

**Saturday, March 7, 2009**

**Saturday, May 2, 2009**

Coffee talks are open to any interested party, and are not limited to NAEYC/RBAEYC members.

**There is no charge to attend.** Pre registration is not generally required, but may be requested at the discretion of the host/presenter. Be sure to check the RBAEYC newsletter and/or website for specific up-to-date details on each Coffee Talk. Generally, Coffee Talks run from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on a Saturday, but there are exceptions. Light refreshments are usually served.

**The next Coffee Talk in our series will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.**

One session will be held in the Student Center private dining room at St. Charles Community College, 4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, Cottleville, MO 63376, where Janelle Meyers will present on the topic "Fostering Children's Awareness in Print". Janelle will explore ways that poetry, shared reading, and interactive writing can be used to enhance literacy in the classroom.

Our second session that day will be held at the Sikeston Public Library, 121 East North Street, Sikeston, MO 63801. Presenters Janice Jones and Diane Miesner will be "Cooking Up Some Fun", as they share all kinds of engaging ways cooking can be incorporated into your early childhood curriculum.

Your Rivers Bend program committee welcomes any suggestions you might have for future Coffee Talk host sites and/or topics you'd be interested in. You can contact us through the website at [www.rbaeyc.org](http://www.rbaeyc.org) We're always glad to receive feedback as we grow our Coffee Talk program to meet your needs.



*Rivers Bend Association for the Education of Young Children*

# Spring Curriculum Conference



**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009**  
DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATORS, PRE-CONFERENCE  
AND

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009**  
GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

**ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
4601 MID RIVERS MALL DR.  
ST. CHARLES, MO 63376

Children's Opportunities, Our Responsibilities

800-210-2602

Check the website for registration information

[www.RBAEYC.org](http://www.RBAEYC.org)

## Directors/ Administrators Pre-Conference Day: “Stepping Up to Leadership”

As announced in the last newsletter, Rivers Bend is planning an addition to the Spring Curriculum Conference; a Pre-Conference day for program directors/managers and administrators on April 17, 2009 at the St. Charles Community College.

This will be an excellent opportunity for directors and administrators to gather data pertinent to the many aspects of overseeing a child care program.

Right now we have commitments from many presenters addressing topics like:

- Leadership Survival
- Getting New Hires and Substitutes Ready for the Job
- Accreditation Steps

- Internet Resources for Early Childhood Program Directors
- Introduction to Missouri's Director Credential
- Staff Moral
- Diversity
- Resources for CPR and First Aid Requirements
- Ethics in the Workplace
- CDA Process
- TEACH
- First Steps
- Project Construct
- NAEYC Resources
- PAT
- Week of the Young Child
- And more

Continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks and beverages will be provided.

Educational vendors will be onsite during lunch and after the sessions to display the latest materials and provide opportunities to answer your questions.

The registration brochure will be mailed out mid January, and will be posted on the homepage of the RBAEYC website at that time.

So mark you calendar now and make plans to attend this fun filled day. You will have opportunities to collaborate with colleagues from across the area, on issues that affect your daily responsibilities.

We look forward to seeing you there!

# Program Meeting “Coffee Talks”

*You are invited to attend these Rivers Bend AEYC meetings:*

**Saturday, January 17, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. –12:00 noon**

*Everyone is welcome. Reservations are not required, although appreciated by the host sites.  
In-service hours will be awarded for attendance.*

## St. Charles

**Site:** St. Charles Community College  
4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive  
Cottleville, MO 63376  
  
Student Center Private Dining Room

**Time:** 10:00-12:00

**Contact Person:** Kathy Drews

**Phone:** 636-922-8424

**Topic:** Fostering Children’s Awareness in Print

**Speaker:** Janelle Meyers

**Directions:** From 1-70 take the MO-C/MID RIVERS

MALL DR exit, EXIT 222

SOUTH approximately 3.5 miles,

RIGHT on COTTELVILLE PARKWAY,

FIRST RIGHT into campus, follow signs for Student Center

**In case of inclement weather, please check the RBAEYC website or call 800-210-2602 after 7:30 a.m. for additional information**

## Sikeston

**Site:** Sikeston Public Library  
121 East North Street  
Sikeston, MO 63801

**Time:** 10:00-12:00

**Contact Person:** Janice Jones

**Phone Number:** 573-334-3353

**Topic:** “Cooking Up Some Fun”

**Speaker:** Janice Jones and Diane Miesner

**Directions:** From Hwy 60/57 turn NORTH on US-60 BR/ US-61/ US-62/ S MAIN ST towards Sikeston,

LEFT onto US-61 BR/ S KINGSHIGHWAY, LEFT onto E NORTH ST.,

End at 121 E North St

## Action Grants

By Cindy Imhauser

If you have a great idea and need help to fund it, a 2009 RBAEYC Action Grant could be just for you! RBAEYC has set aside funds for 2009 to help you bring your ideas to reality. Please send us your proposal! We are looking forward to reading and considering all proposals that meet the Action Grant criteria and arrive postmarked by the deadline of March 1, 2009.

### Please note the following criteria:

- You must be a professional who is committed to supporting families and healthy early child development.
- You must be a current member of RBAEYC at time of application .

- You must be employed in an early care and education setting.

### Application process:

1. Download and review the application and guidelines on the RBAEYC website: <http://www.RBAEYC.org>
2. Mail your completed application, post marked by March 1, 2009 to:  
RBAEYC  
Action Grants Committee  
PO Box 2136  
Lee’s Summit, MO 64063

## WEBSITES

National Association for the Education of Young Children  
[www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

Association for the Education of Young Children of Missouri  
[www.aeyc-mo.org](http://www.aeyc-mo.org)

Rivers Bend Association for the Education of Young Children  
[www.rbaeyc.org](http://www.rbaeyc.org)

## Mission Statement

*Rivers Bend Association for the Education of Young Children promotes excellence in early childhood programs and systems through education, professional development, and advocacy.*

# Membership Report

By Melanie Collins, Membership Chair

I am here to help serve the members in any way related to their membership. The most important thing I want to remind you of is to not let your membership expire. It's fast and easy to renew or to sign up online.

- Just go to [www.NAEYC.org](http://www.NAEYC.org) and follow the prompts for membership.
- RBAEYC is **Chapter # 39**
- If you need assistance through the process please contact me by email at [mlbcollins@hotmail.com](mailto:mlbcollins@hotmail.com)

Also remember to **update** your membership info if you move or get a new email address.

- Log into the NAEYC website
- Click on the "Information" link then "Members"
- Go to the "Members Only" link on that page and log in (it will tell you how),
- Then click "Update Member Information" and you can quickly update your own information at any time.

**Keep your info current so you don't miss updates from NAEYC, AEYC-MO and RBAEYC!**

## New RBAEYC Members: Aug 1-Dec 1, 2008

We welcome all our new members and look forward to meeting you in person at one of our Coffee Talks or at the conference.

Malissa Beecham  
Lauren Bielicki  
Sally Brooks  
Hayley Buchheit  
Julie Carroll  
Carolyn Chao  
Christine Clute  
Shannon Combs  
Stacey Davis  
Shari Dickemann  
Vikki Duke  
Kathryn Ebers

Veronica Evans  
Joan Frank  
Sara Garner  
Zoe Glip  
Joanne Hardy  
Kandace Herring  
Colleen Hogan  
Meghan Hogan  
Jennifer Hogg  
Martha Hubbs  
Margaret Karl  
Amy Kavanaugh

Jessica Kester  
Debra Kreienkamp  
Eileen Maher  
Katherine Mawer  
Meagan McClellan  
Amanda Medlock  
Meghan Mulcahy  
Jennifer Murphy  
Heather Nichols  
Ilene Odegard  
Molly Reedy  
Kelly Rose

Donna Sandegren  
Amber Schnurbusch  
Nancy Stoverink  
Marilyn Stubblefield  
Shannon Tyrrell  
Kimberly Waddell  
Lee Wagner  
Judy Weinrich  
Faith Williamson  
Cindy Wills  
Sherry Wofford  
Sharon Woodford  
Julie Wuch

## NAEYC E-NEWS and Information Sharing



### New Benefit for Members

#### News from the Editors of *Young Children* and *Teaching Young Children*

We are excited to announce that starting this fall, *Teaching Young Children* will roll out as a member benefit.

Beginning in September, new and renewing members can choose to receive either six issues of *Young Children* or five issues of *Teaching Young Children*, along with *Spotlight on Young Children and Teachers*, a collection of articles from *Young Children* that are of particular interest to preschool educators. All members will continue to have free access to the digital version of *Young Children* and the growing archive of past issues

### Be Prepared this Cold and Flu Season

Each day, families rely on over-the-counter (OTC) medicines to safely treat their cough and cold symptoms. Now there is an online resource-[OTCsafety.org](http://OTCsafety.org)-dedicated to making sure all consumers have the information they need to safely and effectively use the wide range of OTC options they have available.

Established by the leading makers of over-the-counter medicines, the nonprofit foundation housed at [OTCsafety.org](http://OTCsafety.org) provides tips for the safe use of OTCs and educational materials for consumers and healthcare providers, and is the home to the new Treat with Care educational campaign to promote the safe use and safe keeping of children's cold and cough medicines.

For more information, visit [www.OTCsafety.org](http://www.OTCsafety.org).

# Support for the Rybicki Scholarship

By Cindy Imhauser, Executive Assistant

The Carolyn and Jerry Rybicki Scholarship was established in memory of a family who gave their energy to ensuring high quality early care and education for young children in the St. Louis area.

Led by Carolyn and supported by Jerry, the Rybicki family has been tireless in supporting professional development for all teachers of young children. Upon Jerry's death, the family established the scholarship fund through the St. Louis Association for the Education of Young Children.

When Carolyn passed away in 2005, the scholarship was renamed and management was moved to the Rivers Bend Association for the Education of Young Children.

Each year, funds are offered through this scholarship to support

one or more RBAEYC member's attendance at the National AEYC Conference. One of the ways money is raised for this scholarship fund is through a raffle at the annual Spring Curriculum Conference.

Baskets with various themes (literacy, dramatic play, "energy," teacher comfort, etc.) are made available for the raffle by individuals and centers who support this cause. Tickets are sold on the day of the conference, with drawings held during lunch.

*Please consider helping out this worthy cause by volunteering to create a raffle basket for the RBAEYC Conference at St. Charles Community College on April 18, 2009.*

Baskets can be any size you wish, as elaborate or simple as you'd like, with any theme you choose. A list of contents attached to the basket is helpful.

If you or your center would like to participate, please email Cindy at rbaeyc@rbaeyc.org by March 10, 2009, so you can be acknowledged in the final conference brochure.

## ***Donations Accepted:***

*Donations may also be made directly to the Rybicki Scholarship fund. Checks should be made payable to RBAEYC-Rybicki Scholarship Fund and mailed to the treasurer:*

Karen Pittenger  
4521 Meadowford Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63129

# Rybicki Scholarship Guidelines

This scholarship is available to assist a member in attending the NAEYC Conference each year. The next conference will be held on November 18-21, 2009, in Washington D.C.

Complete details can be accessed through the RBAEYC website. An application is included in this newsletter. The recipient will be announced at the Spring Curriculum Conference on April 18, 2009

1. Donations for the scholarship fund are solicited through the RBAEYC newsletter and on-line, and through the raffle basket proceeds of the Spring Curriculum Conference.
2. Scholarships are awarded to RBAEYC members for the purpose of attending the annual National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) national conference.
3. Scholarship recipients are required to be supported by their program or school with no lost time for attendance at the conference.
4. Upon return from the conference, the scholarship recipient is required to present information to her/his program or school for the purpose of transfer of knowledge.
5. The scholarship recipient is required to write an article about the experience for the RBAEYC newsletter.
6. The scholarship recipient is required to write a thank-you note to the Rybicki family.
7. The scholarship recipient is required to serve on a RBAEYC committee the following year.
8. The scholarship recipient is required to report to the board at the annual general meeting in the spring.
9. Any scholarship recipient may only receive the scholarship once per lifetime.
10. The amount of the scholarship awarded each year is determined by the amount of donations secured by RBAEYC.
11. The maximum amount awarded to any one recipient is \$1000.
12. If no donations are given to the scholarship fund, RBAEYC is under no obligation to award a scholarship during that fiscal year.
13. The RBAEYC Governing Board has total discretion over how any and all of the scholarship money is divided and awarded.



# Rybicki Scholarship Application

Deadline for application is March 15, 2009

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Director or Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ How long employed there? \_\_\_\_\_

How long employed in the field? \_\_\_\_\_ NAEYC & RBAEYC Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the RBAEYC/AEYC-MO or NAEYC events you have participation in during the past year(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your job in the field of early care and education and how many hours a week you work.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe how you will share the information you gather at the conference with the broader RBAEYC early childhood community.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please check if applicable:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a classroom teacher for young children.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have never attended a NAEYC national conference.

By accepting this scholarship I agree to share information gained from the conference with my workplace, the RBAEYC membership and the Rybicki family. I understand that I am limited to a one time award with a maximum of \$1,000.00.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Mail completed application to:  
RBAEYC / Rybicki Scholarship  
PO Box 2136  
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

# Week of the Young Child April 19-25, 2009

By Susan Feldt, WOYC Committee Chair

Let's celebrate children and good times!

The Week of the Young Child is returning on April 19-25 2009. Please plan on celebrating this week in some special way in your center, school, agency, or homecare.

I am working on gathering some great ideas to make this week special for all, and I plan on doing a

session at the spring curriculum conference on tips and ideas about ways to celebrate Week of the Young Child in your workplace. I would love input from other members as well.

We are also looking for committee members who might want to help plan an event(s) for this special week. I am also hoping that we can kick off the week with something special at the conference on April 18, 2009.

If you are interested in serving on this exciting and fun committee, please contact the committee chair, Susan, at [susanfeldt@yahoo.com](mailto:susanfeldt@yahoo.com)

If you can't join the committee, you are also welcome and encouraged to email me any ideas or comments you may have about the Week of the Young Child.

Let's Celebrate Children !!

## 2008-2009 Calendar

Sep	12	RBAEYC Board Meeting
Oct	4	RBAEYC Coffee Talks across the Chapter
	11	RBAEYC Board Meeting
Nov	5-8	NAEYC Conference, Dallas TX
	13-14	AEYC-MO ECS, Columbia
	15	RBAEYC Newsletter # 2 Deadline
Jan	15	RBAEYC Newsletter # 3 Deadline
	17	RBAEYC Coffee Talks across the Chapter
	18	Access RBAEYC Conference Registration
	27	Child Advocacy Day, Jefferson City, MO
Feb	7	RBAEYC Board Meeting
	10-11	Public Policy Forum, Washington, D.C.
	22	Access Final RBAEYC Conference Descriptions online
Mar	7	RBAEYC Coffee Talks across the Chapter
	10	RBAEYC Newsletter # 4 Deadline
April	17	Directors/Administrators Pre-conference Sessions, St. Charles
	18	RBAEYC Annual Conference, St. Charles
May	2	RBAEYC Coffee Talks across the Chapter
	14-17	NAEYC- PDI, Charlotte, NC

## "SPOTLIGHT" Newsletter

### Feature :

By Pam Batchelor, Spotlight Coordinator

### RBAEYC would like to spotlight one of our members and/or one of our member centers in each newsletter!

- Do you know an RBAEYC member that is an inspiration to you or others in the early childhood field?
- Do you know a NAEYC accredited center that is providing services to children and families in an innovative, special or just plain excellent way?

We want to know about them! Please nominate as many members and/or centers as you think deserve the spotlight and we'll do the rest!

### Three ways to nominate:

- E-mail us at [RBAEYC@RBAEYC.org](mailto:RBAEYC@RBAEYC.org) with "Spotlight Nominee" in the subject line
- Call us at 1-800-210-2602
- Mail the info to Pam Batchelor, Spotlight Coordinator, at 1280 Old Stone Dr, O Fallon, MO, 63368

### Please include:

- Your name:
- Your phone number or email address:
- Nominee name:
- Center name:
- Center contact name (if center is nominee):
- Nominee phone number or email address:
- Why you think they should be spotlighted:

**The deadline to nominate for the next newsletter is Jan 5, 2009, but send your nominations now so you don't forget !**

# NAEYC Accreditation Tips

## More than Just Numbers – Understanding the Accreditation Standard (4)

By Judy Simpson, RBAEYC Accreditation Chair

### Accreditation Standard 4: Assessment of Child Progress

Many questions have been asked about the Assessment Standard since it is new to the Accreditation process. I thought I would address some of the indicators and evidence needed for this Standard.

**4.A.01** Refers to creating an Assessment Plan. Credit is given for evidence of 2 or more assessment methods being used.

**4A.02** This is a second indicator. Credit is given if assessment is routine for all children and is integrated with teaching and planning.

**4B.02** Evidence may appear in individual child's portfolio or in the child's record or file.

**4B.03** The focus of this criterion is on ensuring that norm-referenced and Standardized tests are used in situations that require comparisons to norms e.g., when you are trying to prepare an IEP.

**4B.04** If the program does not use published tests, the criterion is not applicable.

**4B.05** Staff-developed assessment methods include observations, checklists, rating scales and work sampling that can be designed by teachers and others.

**4B.06** Evidence includes things such as documentation of staff training regarding uses of assessment in the program or communications to families about the use of assessments in the program.

**4C.01** A published instrument is required to meet this criterion which refers to a developmental screening. By definition, a developmental screening is a standardized procedure or test used to quickly appraise a large number of children to find out which ones need further evaluation

and must meet professional standards. A screening tool cannot be staff developed but program staff may work with other agencies to arrange for screening rather than conduct it themselves.

This is an Emerging Practice.

**4D.01** First indicator – Child File contains evidence that teachers or other staff conduct assessment rather than specialized assessment staff who do not work with the child on a regular basis.

**4D.07** First indicator – Child File contains notes of teachers' conversation or interaction with children. Credit is given if interaction being used to inform assessment of any ONE of these areas: children's strength, interests, needs are observed.

## Recent NAEYC Accredited Centers in Rivers Bend

Name	Expires	Accreditation date	Address	Town	State	Zip	County
Shelbina Head Start	6/30/2013	6/30/2008	116 West Mill	Shelbina	MO	63468	Shelby
Palmyra Head Start	6/30/2013	6/30/2008	711 West Suter	Palmyra	MO	63461	Marion
Lewis County Head Start	6/30/2013	6/30/2008	114 N. Main St.	La Grange	MO	63448	Lewis
Louisiana Head Start	6/30/2013	6/30/2008	130 Memorial Drive	Louisiana	MO	63353	Pike
Just US Kids	10/31/2013	10/31/2008	9700 Page Avenue	St. Louis	MO	63132	St. Louis
Together We Can of St. Louis LLC	3/31/2013	3/31/2008	7110 Oakland Ave	St Louis	MO	63117	St. Louis
Rainbow Castle -Child Development Center	3/31/2013	3/31/2008	PO Box 50261	St. Louis	MO	63105	St. Louis

# Missouri's Alliance for Children, Youth, and Families 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Advocacy Day

## ***Save the date!***

**January 27, 2009  
Capitol Rotunda and Truman Building  
Jefferson City, MO**

8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Registration

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome, Logistics for Day, Advocacy Awards

10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Training Sessions - more information to follow

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own and meet with Legislative members on your own

12:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Legislative visits and afternoon workshops

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rally on the Capitol Steps



Rally for Children and Families - 2006

### Items to Remember:

- You do not need to pre-register.
- You may attend Child Advocacy Day free of charge.
- Parking is available in the Madison Street Garage for a fee. Free parking is available on the west side of the Capitol (down the hill).
- Call your Senator or Representative in advance to make a 15-minute appointment.
- Find the name of your senator or representative on the internet at [www.state.mo.us](http://www.state.mo.us).
- Business casual clothing is suggested.

Share this information with colleagues, students, and families that you work with. Encourage them to attend with you! The children, youth and families of Missouri need your support!

# RBAEYC Governing Board Nominations Sought

Nominations are now being sought for the following positions on the RBAEYC Governing Board: Vice President, and Secretary.

These positions will become vacant on August 31, 2009. All nominations must be received by January 31, 2009.

## Vice President:

The position of *vice-president* is for a two year term of office. The key responsibilities include:

- ◆ Presiding at the Board meetings in the absence of the President
- ◆ Ensuring that the Board adheres to the organization's approved policies
- ◆ Serving on the Executive Committee
- ◆ Advising committee chairs as requested
- ◆ And performing duties as designated by the President

**To qualify as a nominee for Vice-President, the requirements are to:**

- ◆ Be a member of Rivers Bend AEYC
- ◆ Have a commitment to Rivers Bend AEYC and its values
- ◆ Have knowledge of and influence in the early childhood community
- ◆ And have the ability to understand concepts and articulate ideas

## Secretary:

The position of *Secretary* is a two year term. The key responsibilities include:

- ◆ Preparing and providing written minutes of the Board and Executive meetings
- ◆ Filing approved minutes containing all appropriate edits
- ◆ Ensuring effective management and protection of the organization's records
- ◆ Overseeing the quality and continuous improvement of Rivers Bend AEYC publications

**To qualify as a nominee for Secretary, the requirements are:**

- ◆ Be a member of Rivers Bend AEYC
- ◆ Have a commitment to Rivers Bend AEYC and its values
- ◆ Understand the objectives of the organization
- ◆ Have experience with a variety of communication systems
- ◆ And be computer literate

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know who you think meets the criteria of the Rivers Bend AEYC Board, please contact:

**Cindy Imhauser**  
**800-210-2602**  
 or email at  
[rbaeyc@rbaeyc.org](mailto:rbaeyc@rbaeyc.org)

**Deadline: January 31, 2009**

# Become an Affiliate Member of Child Day Care Association (CDCA)

By Bonnie Shiller, Affiliation Coordinator, CDCA

CDCA offers three levels of Affiliation: Comprehensive Affiliation, Basic Affiliation, and individual Professional Affiliation membership.

Comprehensive Affiliation and Basic Affiliation packages are open to early care and education centers and programs to join as an organization. As a Comprehensive Affiliate the program receives 15 units of professional on-site consultation. Professional Affiliation allows individual early childhood professionals such as classroom teachers or students currently working in your program to take advantage of the many services we offer.

**Comprehensive Affiliate** services can include, but are not limited to:

- **Program Services** including classroom observation and consultation; environmental rating scale; workshops on environment, routines, planning, curriculum, challenging behaviors, adult/child interactions, etc.; Strengthening Families activities
- **Administrative Services** including accreditation facilitation; program planning and implementation; policies and

procedures consultation; teamwork, staff development and evaluation; managing organizational change

For further information about Comprehensive and other Affiliation memberships, please call:

Gerhardt Gern, 314-531-1412,  
 extension 66,  
 or  
 Bonnie Shiller at 314-531-1412,  
 extension 38.

# How Can I Get Involved?

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The success of Rivers Bend AEYC is directly related to the volunteers who serve on the board and on the committees that do the work of the organization.

Under the current structure, there are two persons who oversee several sub-committees and their work. Those two positions are the Marketing Chair, Lee Furnace, and the Professional Development Chair, Kelly Hantak. The sub-committees in most cases are still in need of volunteers.

If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact the chairperson associated with it:

Kelly Hantak  
[redlollipop2002@yahoo.com](mailto:redlollipop2002@yahoo.com)

Lee Furnace  
[racademy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:racademy@sbcglobal.net)

## Professional Development

**ACTION GRANTS COMMITTEE:** This is for persons interested in reviewing the action grants submitted to RBAEYC for special projects by members.

**CURRICULUM CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:** This is the committee that organizes and oversees the yearly chapter curriculum conference.

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:** This committee solicits and collects articles, edits, writes, and reviews the quarterly newsletter for distribution to all current members of RBAEYC.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** This committee plans and organizes local program meetings ("Coffee Talks") for the chapter.

**TECHNOLOGY:** This newly forming committee will look for ways to enhance the technological side of RBAEYC.

## Marketing

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** This committee will examine and organize the most effective ways to recruit and inform new and current members.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** For persons interested in promoting awareness of early childhood issues throughout RBAEYC and the chapter's many local media venues.

**WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD COMMITTEE:** Many volunteers are needed to help plan and carry out this yearly celebration across the chapter.

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