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## President's Perspective

By Janice Jones



I recently attended a conference that had an emphasis on school readiness. As we discussed how best to meet the needs of children in our community, we also grappled with finding a definition

of school readiness and a way to give parents and early childhood professionals information that could guide them in preparing children for school success.

There was discussion of resources that would help us to define and work toward our goal. One of the resources was NAEYC. That was a proud moment for me as I thought, "that's my professional organization." As a member of NAEYC, I am very proud that this organization is considered a leader in the early childhood field. The information provided in *The Young Child* journal, publications and on the website keep early childhood professionals up to date on the latest research and creative ideas to help us be more effective in our work with children.

This reference to NAEYC reminded me of a lengthy discussion we had at our most recent Rivers Bend AEYC board meeting. The board is very conscientious in its efforts to make membership valuable. Board members volunteer their time to promote excellence in the early childhood field. Each member will tell you they are very busy with his or her job and family just like those of you reading this newsletter. But being a part of the board provides board members opportunities to use their skills and expertise to advance the early childhood field. It also gives board members a chance to meet new people, share ideas and work to make Rivers Bend AEYC an organization that is a recognized

leader in the early childhood community.

We represent you as we speak out for children and families in our chapter area. But, we also need to hear from you so that we can do that. You are always welcome to attend a board meeting. There are positions on our board that need to be filled and committees that need members so that our work can be more effective. You can visit our website at [www.rbaeyc.org](http://www.rbaeyc.org), email [info@rbaeyc.org](mailto:info@rbaeyc.org) or call 1-800-210-2602 to find out more about how to get involved in your professional organization.

This year we are expanding our Coffee Talks. These are not only training opportunities, but they are also a time for early childhood professionals to network and learn for each other. Your time is valuable and we want to provide you with many options to join us in learning and improving the quality of our work. Our newsletter and website will let you know when and where those opportunities are available.

If you have never been to a national NAEYC Conference, I encourage you to consider this year's conference in Dallas, Texas. I have had an opportunity to attend two other conferences, and I always leave with a wealth of information, impressed with NAEYC's dedication to advancing the early childhood field.

Working together as one voice in our state we can make a difference for families, children and those who work with them each day. Consider your role in Rivers Bend, and contact us about your interest. We are proud to represent you and hope you will join us and serve on a committee or as a board member. Let your voice be heard as you put action to your commitment to early childhood issues.

Janice Jones  
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## Action Grant Award

By Karen Pittenger, Chair

Congratulations are in order for our 2008 Action Grant recipient: **Shelley Michael**, the Director of Childcare Services at Assumption Early Learning Center. RBAEYC awarded her \$350.00 to help expand the center's physical development programs for the winter months. The center is a non-profit preschool program serving more than 95 children ages 2 to 6.

If you are interested in applying for an Action Grant for 2009, you must be a current member of RBAEYC, and a professional committed to supporting families and healthy child development. If you have a great idea,

but you need some funding to make your idea a reality, please take this opportunity to apply for an Action Grant. To learn more about how to receive a grant, send a letter of interest to:

Karen Pittenger  
4521 Meadowford Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63129

Or you may email  
kgf325p@charter.net

Or access the guidelines and application on our website:  
www.rbaeyc.org

## New Newsletter Feature: SPOTLIGHT

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

1. E-mail us at [RBAEYC@RBAEYC.org](mailto:RBAEYC@RBAEYC.org) with "Spotlight Nominee" in the subject line by Oct. 15.
2. Call us at 1-800-210-2602 by Oct. 10.
3. Mail this form to Pam Batchelor, Spotlight Coordinator, 1280 Old Stone Dr., O'Fallon, MO, 63368, postmarked by Oct. 10.

### 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 Oct. 10, but send your nominations now so you don't forget!*

# Q&A: What is RBAEYC?

By Jennifer Dolde

**Q:** What is RBAEYC?

**A:** RBAEYC stands for Rivers Bend Association for the Education of Young Children. RBAEYC is your local chapter (the eastern edge of Missouri) of AEYC-MO and an affiliate of NAEYC.

**Q:** What happened to SLAEYC (St. Louis), Southwest (Cape Girardeau), Mark Twain (Hannibal), and East Central (Warrenton) affiliates?

**A:** In 2000, NAEYC mandated a national plan for the restructuring of the organization throughout the nation which required re-affiliation by local chapters. This meant that the 13 local affiliates in Missouri (including SLAEYC, Southeast, Mark Twain and East Central on the eastern edge of the state) had to be reorganized as well. Those affiliates no longer exist in the same form and were absorbed by the new affiliates.

**Q:** How was the state reorganized?

**A:** By July 2002, Missouri had reorganized the structure of its association by combining the 13 local affiliates into only four chapters covering the state. Those chapters are now Rivers Bend AEYC on the eastern side of the state, Mid-America AEYC on the western side of the state, Ozark AEYC in the middle southern part of the state and Central Missouri AEYC in the middle north part of the state. By December 2003, AEYC-MO had developed new policies and procedures. AEYC-MO was re-granted affiliate status in March 2004.

**Q:** Which local affiliates became part of RBAEYC?

**A:** Four local affiliates merged to become RBAEYC. These were: St. Louis (SLAEYC), East Central (Warrenton), Mark Twain (Hannibal), and Southeast (Cape Girardeau). The four local affiliates consisted of 27 counties; these counties are located on the eastern side of the state and run from the north end to the south end of the state. Please see the current state map below.

**Q:** What is RBAEYC’s mission?

**A:** RBAEYC seeks to promote excellence in early childhood education through programs and systems through education, professional development, and advocacy. The vision of RBAEYC is to become an all-inclusive, high-performing organization poised to meet the challenging needs of our professionals into the future.

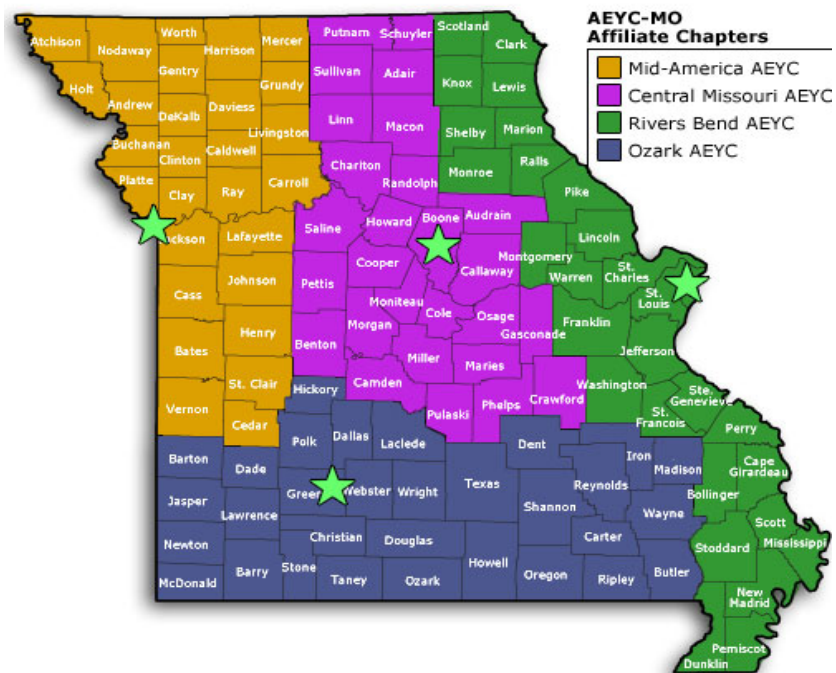
**Q:** What are RBAEYC’s values?

- A:**
  - Best Practices
  - Diversity
  - Leadership Development
  - Community Building

- Collaboration
- Lifelong Learning
- Respect for every family
- Professionalism
- Potential of every individual
- Relationships of mutual respect

**Q:** How can I maximize my membership?

- A:**
- Attend Coffee Talks.
  - Read and pass along newsletters and *Young Children* magazine.
  - Vote in elections through NAEYC, AEYC-MO, and RBAEYC.
  - Attend conferences at the local, state, and national level (RBAEYC Spring Curriculum Conference, AEYC-MO Early Childhood Summit, NAEYC National Conference).
  - Volunteer to be a board member or committee member.
  - Participate in Child Advocacy Day in Jefferson City.
  - Visit websites for current information: [www.rbaeyc.org](http://www.rbaeyc.org), [www.aeyc-mo.org](http://www.aeyc-mo.org), and [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org).



## '08-'09 Coffee Talk Series

By Sally Halfaker, Program Chair

### RBAEYC Doubles Opportunities for Free Clock Hours in '08-'09

The RBAEYC Board has committed to doubling the number of Coffee Talk programs to provide in the coming year. Instead of coordinating two sessions, we will now coordinate four sets of sessions.

In order to better serve our members and the children of Missouri, we are offering these professional development opportunities at no cost. If a childcare employee attends one Coffee Talk on each date, he or she can earn up to eight clock hours free of charge. Dates are as follows:

**Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008**

**Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009**

**Saturday, March 7, 2009**

**Saturday, May 2, 2009**

Coffee talks are open to everyone, and are not limited to NAEYC/RBAEYC members. Pre-registration is not generally required, but may be requested at the discretion of the host or presenter. Check the RBAEYC newsletter and/or website ([www.rbaeyc.org](http://www.rbaeyc.org)) for details on each Coffee Talk.

Generally, Coffee Talks run from 10:00 a.m. to noon on a Saturday, but

there are exceptions. Light refreshments are usually served.

### Upcoming Oct. 4 sessions:

This fall, we kick off our Coffee Talk series on Saturday, Oct. 4, with two sessions that both offer hands-on learning for children and caregivers.

#### St. Charles

Michelle Mason will lead a session on "Science in Early Childhood" featuring ways to bring science into your classroom and time for participants to experience science in hands-on activities. The session is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Oct. 4, at the Elm Pont Child Development Center, 3601 Mueller Road in St. Charles, Elm Point is operated under the auspices of Lutheran Family & Children's Services, and is NAEYC accredited. The contact person at Elm Point is Nancy Ebert (636) 916-4041.

#### Washington, Mo.

Missouri Trainers Registry presenters Melinda Emge and Sally Halfaker will offer the program "Process Art: Beyond Paper and Markers." Participants in this session will have an opportunity to try out many types of art materials making projects that are easy on the budget, open-ended, and engaging. We

will discuss using quality children's literature as a basis for many of the techniques being demonstrated. This session will be noon to 1:30 p.m., Oct. 4, at the Four Rivers Area Family YWCA, 400 Grand Avenue in Washington, Missouri. The contact person is Mary Kampschroeder (636) 239-5470. *PLEASE NOTE: Due to building use schedules, we must begin this coffee talk at noon and finish by 1:30 p.m.*

### Future sessions:

We are very excited about more Coffee Talks planned for 2009 at St. Charles Community College, Sikeston Library, Delmar Gardens, Hannibal Regional Hospital Children's Center, and other locations still being finalized. An interesting presentation about intergenerational child care programs is also being planned this spring. Mark your calendars now to save the dates, and watch the RBAEYC website ([www.rbaeyc.org](http://www.rbaeyc.org)) and/or your newsletter for up-to-the-minute details on Coffee Talks.

Your Rivers Bend Board members welcome all suggestions for future Coffee Talk locations and topics. We are committed to meeting the needs of our membership, so please don't hesitate to contact us regarding your interests at [rbaeyc@rbaeyc.org](mailto:rbaeyc@rbaeyc.org)

## 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:

- 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 the address listed below.

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

- Log into the NAEYC website at [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org).
- Click on the "Information" link and then choose "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.

Should you, or anyone you hear of, have any problems, please contact me at [mlbcollins@hotmail.com](mailto:mlbcollins@hotmail.com).

# Program Meeting “Coffee Talks”

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

**Saturday, October 4, 2008**

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

## St. Charles

**Site:** Elm Pont Child Development Center  
3601 Mueller Road  
St. Charles, Mo.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - noon

**Contact Person:** Nancy Ebert

**Phone Number:** (636) 916-4041

**Topic:** Science in Early Childhood

**Speaker:** Michelle Mason

## Washington, Mo.

**Site:** Four Rivers Area Family YWCA  
400 Grand Avenue  
Washington, Mo.

**Time:** noon - 1:30 p.m.

**Contact Person:** Mary Kampschroeder

**Phone Number:** (636) 239-5470

**Topic:** Process Art — Beyond Paper and Markers

**Speaker:** Melinda Emge and Sally Halfaker

## New RBAEYC Members: Sept 1,'07 - Aug 1,'08

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

Sharon Abbott	Debbie Civey	Nancy Hardy	Velma Kocher	Janis Pennington	Robin Stout
Katie Abbott	Ginger Clay	Jenny Hartge	Angela Koepke	Diane Pikaard	Carolyn Stratman
Barbara Alexander	Victoria Copman	Jennifer Haskell	Kari Kopp	Pamela Politte	Rosemary Strembicki
Julie Allen	Andrea Cox	Carol Hatch	Jeannie Kraus	Mary Porte	Cyndi Strieker
Amanda Alvarez	Andrea Cox	Janet Heinemann	Katherine Krause	John Potter	Julie Summers
Debra Anderson	Leah Crabtree	Pamela Herzberger	John Kulla-Branz	Lindsey Prior	Bridget Thurmond
Emily Bailey	Maria Crews	Yolanda Hicks	Carla Kurth	Carter Ramsey	Sharon Trippeer
Diana Bailey	Brenda Curtis	Renita Hightower	Lisa Larson	Caroline Rao	Renee Ukena
Judy Bao	Denise Dash	Charles Hilton	Ann Leonard	Alice Ratnaswamy	Ellen Wagner
Cheryl Baryo	London Demare	Alyssa Hoagland	Pamela Leritz	Beth Reed-Treadway	Bridget Wallace
Matt Basler	Laura DeWoskin	Stephanie Hoehn	Carrie Lewis	Melissa Reiter	Rochelle Weidinger
Rachel Bax	Jennifer Dolde	Jennifer Hoffman	Hallie Lindemann	Sheryl Robnett	Jessica Werkmeister
Colleen Begley	Margaret Donnelly	Allison Hoffmann	Susan Linenbroker	Misty Roy	Joy Whitaker-Williams
Sarah Beischel	Susan Filla	Regan Horn	Lisa Marsh	Carol Ruppard	Maureen Wikete
Alice Bell	Nancy Frailey	Piccola Humphrey	Rita McCary	Ellen Rusniak	Sandra Williams
Susan Beller	Natalie Frank	HeaWon Jeong	Jennifer McCoy	Rebecca Rymer	Jen Williamson
Fran Bennett	Amy Friedhoff	Staci Jerina	Erin McGough	Mary Scheetz	Julia Wimmer
April Berry	Bridgit Gale	Rachelle Jeudy	Carrie Miller	Stacie Schneider	Marie Wohler
Laci Blaine	Shannon Garner	Robin Johnson	Jennifer Morrison	Teri Schott	Angela Wohlfarth
William Bland	Kathryn Garrett	Mary Kaemmerlen	Tracy Morrow	Ashley Semore	Sharon Woodford
Jerri Bolden	Debra Gittemeier	Mary Kersting	Whitney Mueller	Becky Shostak	Amanda Wyman
Geraldine Brewer	Amy Grady	Diane Killion	Katie Mugge	Megan Shultz	Trisha Yettek
Catherine Buckley	Megan Graff	Rebecca Kircher	Sara Nelson	Jacqueline Simmers	Karen Zelle
Erin Bulfin	Joycelyn Gray	Anna Kirkley	Kathleen Neuner	Catherine Simpson	Kathryn Zellich
Patricia Butler	Patricia Griesbaum	Linda Kley	Ann Neuner	Amy Slapshak	Lori Zieba
Karen Carter	Kathryn Grzesik	Kaitlyn Klugman	Cheri Oliver, Ed. D.	Kim Sonderman	Kelly Zinna
Melissa Casteel	Elaine Hall	Angela Knickmeyer	Pam Parish	Christy Stark	

# New Officers

By Staff

Following the recent election, RBAEYC is proud to present the newly elected officers to the Governing Board for 2008-2009.



**Judy Simpson**, of St. Louis will begin a four-year term following this election. She will serve one year as President-Elect, two years as President, and one year as Past President.

Judy is the Sr. Vice President, Business Development and Operations, for the TodayCare Children's Centers.

Judy has been active in both local and national NAEYC activities, by serving as a NAEYC validator and local assessor for many years. She has also served on the Rivers Bend AEYC board as Treasurer and Accreditation Chair.



**Karen Pittenger**, of Sr. Louis, will serve as treasurer of the board for the next two years.

Karen currently works at Stix Early Childhood Center, as a kindergarten teacher. She has been active in the local chapter by serving as a co-chair of the Spring Curriculum Conference and chair of the Action Grant Committee and the Rybicki Scholarship Committee.



**Linda Estes** of St. Peters, will serve as AEYC-MO State Representative from Rivers Bend.

Linda serves as the coordinator for the Child Care & Early Education program at Saint Charles Community College. Her involvement in professional organizations, such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children and its affiliates, allow her to share her knowledge, insights and enthusiasm about early childhood with others who are dedicated to the quality care and education of young children

# Spring Curriculum Conference

By Nancy Dees & Kathy Drews, Conference Co-chairs

The RBAEYC Spring Curriculum Conference Committee members are already working on plans for April 18, 2009. Be sure and save the date on your calendar and plan to be at the RBAEYC Spring Curriculum Conference!

The feedback we got from this year's conference was incredibly helpful. We got a clear picture of the kinds of presentations early educators are interested in seeing, so we are actively searching for presenters who can provide those kinds of training and more.

In response to past requests, we are also in the planning stages of our very first pre-conference workshop for directors, managers, owners, etc. If you fit this category, please help us help you by letting let us know what

kinds of training you want and need. Please send us a quick e-mail.

We would like to call on everyone, presenters and participants, to help make each year's conference better than the one before. If you know of someone who is a good presenter, has specialized knowledge, and is committed to raising the level of professionalism in our field, let the committee know by sending us an e-mail to [rbaeyc@rbaeyc.org](mailto:rbaeyc@rbaeyc.org) or by contacting Nancy Dees at [nandee1@msn.com](mailto:nandee1@msn.com).

The call for proposal is included in this newsletter and may also be downloaded from the home page of the [www.rbaeyc.org](http://www.rbaeyc.org) website.

**Proposals are due by October 31!**

*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

# NAEYC Accreditation Tips

## More than Just Numbers – Understanding the Curriculum Standard (2)

By Judy Simpson, RBAEYC Accreditation Chair

The NAEYC Academy’s definition of “curriculum” is broader than the written curriculum used by staff in preparing learning activities. For the purposes of NAEYC Accreditation, assessors will look for evidence in your program’s

- daily schedule and routines,
- learning materials available to children,
- and learning experiences provided by teaching staff.

Curriculum is assessed mostly by observation and classroom portfolio. Be sure to refer to the “Sources of Evidence” provided as part of the “Guide to Self Assessment” for a full list of

the criteria in Standard 2 and the evidence used to assess them. Here is a partial list of items that offer assessors information about your curriculum:

- Books, CDs
- Displays: walls, information boards, daily schedules, classroom rules and routines, pictures of classroom activities
- Materials and equipment
- Outdoor play area and equipment
- Conversations among children and staff

The assessor understands that curriculum unfolds in many ways. It is not necessary to present a structured les-

son plan during the observation time. Just do whatever your group normally does in the time the assessor is there – free choice play, outside time, snack or lunch, circle time, transitions, whatever you would do normally.

Diversity is an important theme that runs through many of the curriculum criteria. Diversity in culture, language, gender roles, age and/or abilities can be represented through lesson plans, music books, dolls, play food, posters, bilingual labels, dress-up clothing, musical instruments, and other activities, materials, and equipment. Prior to the visit, take a tour of your own classroom environment with an eye to how you teach about and represent diversity.

## 2008-2009 Calendar

September	12	RBAEYC Board Meeting
October	4	RBAEYC Coffee Talks across the Chapter
	11	RBAEYC Board Meeting
November	5-8	NAEYC Conference, Dallas TX
	13-14	AEYC-MO & MO HS Early Childhood Summit, Columbia,
	15	RBAEYC Newsletter # 2 Deadline
January	15	RBAEYC Newsletter # 3 Deadline
	17	RBAEYC Coffee Talks across the Chapter
	18	Access RBAEYC Conference Registration Brochure Online
	27	Child Advocacy Day, Jefferson City, MO
February	7	RBAEYC Board Meeting
	10-11	Public Policy Forum, Washington, D.C.
	22	Access Final RBAEYC Conference Descriptions online
March	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 Community College
May	2	RBAEYC Coffee Talks across the Chapter
	14-17	NAEYC - PDI, Charlotte, NC

### WEBSITES

National Association for the Education of Young Children  
www.naeyc.org

Association for the Education of Young Children of Missouri  
www.aeyc-mo.org

Rivers Bend Association for the Education of Young Children  
www.rbaeyc.org

## Directors/ Administrators Pre-Conference Day

Mark your calendars and watch for more info about the newest addition to the Spring Curriculum Conference, the Directors and Administrators Pre-Conference on April 17, 2009, at the St. Charles Community College.

We will post information on the RBAEYC website as it becomes available, so check www.rbaeyc.org often.

# NAEYC Applauds Early Childhood Educator Provisions in Final Higher Education Bill

*Enhancing affordability of higher education, raising the quality of preparation, increasing compensation, and creating state professional development systems*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is pleased that its recommendations recognizing early childhood educators as a critical teaching workforce are included in the bipartisan Higher Education Act conference bill. The House has passed the bill and the Senate is poised to vote later today. The bill will then go to the President for his signature.

Three new provisions will significantly enhance early childhood educators' access to higher education and compensation when they attain post-secondary degrees. The bill also provides grants to states to create comprehensive professional development systems.

"Every young child should have a high-quality teacher, and early childhood educators should be able to receive the education and compensation that will make it possible for them to remain in a child care, Head Start, Early Head Start or state pre-kindergarten program," said Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D., Executive Director of NAEYC. "This is a positive step to begin to ensure that early childhood educators can afford higher education and remain in their chosen field and to improve the quality of teacher preparation programs for all teachers of young and older children."

The bill includes important early childhood workforce provisions developed by NAEYC that were adopted into the final bill, such as:

- Expanding student loan forgiveness programs to include teachers earning a Bachelor's degree who will work in licensed or regulated child care, Head Start, Early Head Start, and state pre-kindergarten programs;
- Including early childhood education programs in partnerships to improve teacher preparation, recruitment and retention, and the ability to use grant funds for compensation of early childhood educators who attain an Associate's or Baccalaureate degree;
- Creating grants to states to create early childhood education professional development and career systems that will address teacher's competencies and credentials, better compensation to attract and keep teachers, quality assurances for training and professional development, and articulation agreements.

(At the federal and state levels, there is an emerging trend toward increasing degree and other professional requirements for early childhood educators. However, most teachers in child care programs earn less than \$20,000 a year and Head Start teachers also are paid low wages, making access to

higher education often beyond their reach.

NAEYC looks forward to working to implement these new provisions to improve the quality of the early childhood workforce and to attract and keep teachers in child care, Head Start, Early Head Start, and state funded pre-kindergarten program settings.

NAEYC promotes high quality early childhood educators in a variety of ways. The association develops national standards for teacher preparation programs, implements standards in the early childhood education program accreditation systems, and provides position statements that guide practitioners and policymakers to promote a high-quality early education workforce.

"The inclusion in this bill of a new partnership with states for them to create integrated, cross-sector early childhood professional development systems is welcome," Ginsberg said. "Such state systems will lead to a high quality early childhood workforce in all settings serving young children."

*This article was produced by NAEYC and distributed at [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) on July 31, 2008.*

## *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.*



## Curriculum Conference 2009

### Call for Proposals

Conference date: April 18, 2009      Conference location: St. Charles Community College  
 Please return completed proposals to: Nancy Dees, 411 Briscoe, O'Fallon, MO 63366  
 Proposal deadline: October 31, 2008

Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you presented this information before? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter (contact person): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to meet the needs of our participants and to inform their selection of sessions, please complete all sections of this form.

We expect all of our trainers to be registered with Missouri's Trainer Registry. Prior to approving your proposal for the conference, we will verify your participation with the OPEN office.

- **Are you currently registered with Missouri's Trainer Registry?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If no, please visit OPEN's website at [www.OPENInitiative.org](http://www.OPENInitiative.org) to obtain a form or call the OPEN office at (877) 782-0185.

**Please select the one statement in each of the following categories that most closely applies to your session.**

- **KS/MO Core Competencies Content Areas:** (select one)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (CGD) Child Growth and Development
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (LEC) Learning Environment and Curriculum
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (COA) Child Observation and Assessment
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (HSN) Health, Safety, and Nutrition
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (IWC) Interactions With Children
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (FAC) Families and Communities
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (PPD) Program Planning and Development
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (PDL) Professional Development and Leadership



# TERRI LYNNE LOKOFF CHILD CARE FOUNDATION

## NATIONAL CHILD CARE TEACHER AWARDS

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

*Open to all early child care teachers in the United States*

*Winning teachers receive money to fund in-class projects to enhance early learning.*

*The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation (TLLCCF) announces the call for applications for its 2009 Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™. Awards sponsor McNeil Consumer Healthcare Division of McNeil PPC, Inc., the maker of Children's TYLENOL®, has proudly sponsored the program for eight consecutive years.*

*Applicants design an educational, age appropriate project for their classroom. Fifty child care teachers are selected from applications received based on their projects and for their commitment and dedication to the children they teach.*

*Each of the 50 winners receives a \$1,000 grant: \$500 for their program and \$500 as a personal stipend. From the 50 selected winners, one is chosen to receive the Foundation's Helene Marks Award as the National Child Care Teacher of the Year. This year, winners will be honored on April 1, 2009, in King of Prussia, PA.*

Stated TLLCCF Executive Director Allan Miller, "The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation is best known for its Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™. Every year I have the opportunity to meet and get to know more of the child care teachers at the ceremony events. And I walk away at the end of this program knowing we have honored the best and most dedicated child

care teachers for this year.

The Foundation began acknowledging the important role child care teachers play in the lives and development of young children since 1994 and it has presented more than \$455,000 in awards to child care teachers across the country. It truly is a privilege to meet and get to know these dedicated professional child care teachers and providers.

Continued Miller, "One of the best experiences is getting to know the child care teachers throughout the process. The Foundation staff and I learn a little about them and their classroom from reading their applications. We communicate with them to arrange for their trip to the Philadelphia area for the awards ceremony. But, we learn the most during our Tuesday evening open house where we get to meet the award recipients, their families, and sometimes colleagues and friends who have traveled with them. And during the award recipient luncheon held on Wednesday, we hear their stories of how they got started in the profession. We learn about the children in their care and their award-winning program they will implement in their classroom. But most importantly we learn why they love their jobs."

The Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™ is one of the programs that help us fulfill our mission. We are very proud of this program."

Many people believe that formal education begins when a child begins kindergarten. However, those who have been privileged to experience high-quality early care and education know that learning begins at birth. In a high-quality child care setting, teachers and providers know the developmental stages of the children in their care and

develop appropriate lesson plans. Research now shows that a person's vocabulary is determined by the words filtered through the brain by age three. Foundations for math and logic are set by age four. These findings really prove that high-quality early care and education matter. Child care is not babysitting, it is a profession where interaction with infants, toddlers and preschoolers is the priority, and developing age-appropriate, developmental lessons is a necessity.

For an application or more information about TLLCCF, visit [www.childcareabc.org](http://www.childcareabc.org), or fax a request to 610-992-1070. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than December 5, 2008, and mailed to the Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation – TR, 100 Ross Road, Suite 160, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation has dedicated its resources to improving the quality of child care for all children; supporting and elevating the status of child care teachers and providers; raising awareness of the need for affordable, quality child care; and, partnering with business and government in making child care a priority.

TLLCCF is a nonprofit, nonsectarian 501(c)(3) organization established in 1987 in memory of Terri Lynne Lokoff, a devoted child care teacher.

For additional information about the Foundation or the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™, please visit [www.childcareabc.org](http://www.childcareabc.org) or call 610-992-1140.

You may also download the application from our website at [www.rbaeyc.org](http://www.rbaeyc.org).

**The deadline for submitting an application is December 5, 2008.**

# 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:

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Lee Furnace  
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## 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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