

**KAREN DECKER**  
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**Professional Background:**

- Sugar & Spice Center Director, 1995-current
- Co-owner Sugar & Spice Child Care Center and Preschool, Kearney NE, 1988-current
- Private music teacher: 1974-1988

**Education:**

- Attended University of Northern Colorado-Greeley,
- Central Community College-Grand Island
- University of Nebraska-Kearney
- Peru State College.
- Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education-CCC
- Bachelors Degree in Business Administration-Management, PSC, and graduate studies in Higher Education and Organizational Development-PSC.

**Boards/Advisory Committees/Organization (past & current):**

- American Red Cross Health & Safety Committee and Volunteer Instructor-1999-current
- Overland Trails Council Boy Scouts Council, Training Team, 1990-1994
- Girl Scout Goldenrod Council, Kearney Service Unit Secretary 2006-2008
- Kearney Service Unit Manager, 2008-current
- Kearney Public Schools Bright Futures Preschool Program Advisory Committee, 2006-current
- South Central Early Childhood Coalition, 2005-current
- Kearney Chapter NeAEYC, secretary/treasurer, 2006-2008.