



CHILDREN . . . THE HEART OF THE MATTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT Steve Wilson

I believe this time of the year finds most people very busy with their respective careers and our mutual involvement with children in some fashion. We have seen the elections come and go with a new sense of a brighter future. The holidays are also upon us, and I'm certain we are all looking forward to spending time with family and leaving our hectic world behind, even if it's just for a day or so. These are good things we all appreciate in our personal lives.

During the holidays, the children in our lives sometimes get lost in the shuffle of logistics and our best intentions to make our holidays special family times. I have to remember that children are building their memories of family and special times together as well. Our children should not just be included, but really included in the planning that makes the holidays special. They get their impressions from what we say and do when we are around them, and these impressions last longer than most of us realize. Ever have a child who is a picky eater? Our son went through a period where that was (what mom and dad thought was a major problem with nutrition) a real issue. He revolted over everything that was on the menu for Thanksgiving dinner! Out of frustration, we asked what he wanted on the menu for that Thanksgiving dinner. To our surprise, he wanted meatloaf and squash! Well, we gladly added that to the menu and even had him help make his part of the menu. Guess what! He ate not only meatloaf and (not so much) squash, but also the turkey, mashed potatoes, beans and everything else that was planned. The lesson I learned was the menu wasn't the problem as much as he wanted to be a part of the planning and carrying out the activities. Lesson well learned! Our kids teach us a whole lot through what they tell us and behave like in our busy world.

As an elementary principal, I used to tell parents that I wouldn't believe everything their children tell me about home if they would, in turn, do the same from what they say about school! This is true, but the real trick is to really listen to children. I try not to over analyze what children say and do but rather to understand their world as it comes to them. That certainly gives me a greater perspective on what I say and do around children and the impressions I make on them! That makes for great interactions and understanding.

I know I must be preaching to the choir but these are the little things that I needed to remind myself on occasions to make a child's life a little bit richer and the interaction between myself and a child a very good one. The one nice thing I have realized in my world is that we do have many opportunities to interact with children. It is our responsibility to make each one an impressionable experience for both you and a child! Have a great holiday season especially with all the children in your life! They will return the favor in a lifetime of happy memories of family.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Linda Zinke



It can be stressful as the holidays approach, especially with the bad news about the economy. Recent headlines include:

- "Inflation is at a 27-year high while personal incomes are down 1.6% from last month",
- "Holiday Shopping Season: Much Red, little Green", and
- "That sound you hear...it's millions of Americans cracking their nest eggs".

Times are tough, and layoffs are becoming more common. For many families, this translates into less money for the holidays. It's important to remember that what's most important for children is not things, but is often the gift of time.

From *To a Child, Love is Spelled T.I.M.E.*, "Far too often we fail to realize there's a thief who works overtime to steal our time. Precious moments with our children...where did they go? Lost minutes stretch into hours, then days. Lost yesterdays pass away and become weeks and months. We look back and shake our heads in disbelief, wondering where the years went".

This could be a good year to develop some new family rituals that provide an opportunity to spend time with your children, and don't cost a lot. A great Christmas doesn't have to mean big bills in January. Here are some free and low-cost ideas your family might enjoy:

1. Sing Christmas carols with your kids while cooking and cleaning together, while wrapping gifts, or just before tuck-in time.
2. Give each family member 10 strips of paper in holiday colors. Let everyone write or draw something they're thankful for on each strip. Link the strips into a chain and use it as a decoration.
3. Make thank-you notes for each other, sharing what you appreciate about each member of the family. Open them on Christmas morning.
4. Make paper snowflakes and display them in a window.
5. Go to your local library and check out children's books about the holidays.
6. Have a holiday family movie night at home.

"It isn't the big pleasures that count the most; it is making a great deal out of the little ones." Anonymous

Happy Holidays, and take care of each other!



Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children Mission Statement

The Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc. is committed to supporting high quality care and education for young children in the state of Nebraska.

The mission of the Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc. is to:

- ♥ promote professional development activities
- ♥ advocate for issues relating to children and families
- ♥ serve as a resource for local affiliates and for other agencies involved in working with and for children and families
- ♥ disseminate information supportive of quality services, education, and care for children and their families
- ♥ provide networking opportunities for early childhood professionals and families throughout the state.

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The Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children newsletter is published four times yearly in February, May, August and November. NeAEYC supports developmentally appropriate practices for the care and education of young children. It also promotes inclusiveness, cultural awareness, and gender equity through its publications and conferences.

Deadline for submission of articles:

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>	<u>Publication</u>
Spring	January 15	February
Summer	April 15	May
Fall	July 15	August
Winter	October 15	November

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NAEYC Congratulates President-elect Barack Obama

(Washington, D.C.)– The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) congratulates Sen. Barack Obama for winning the election and becoming the 44th president of the United States of America.

NAEYC looks forward to working with the President-elect on moving forward his agenda articulated in the campaign for child care, Early Head Start and Head Start, preschool and zero-to-five enhancement, which ensure that high-quality education and care is available to all children birth through age 8.

“With the economic hardships the United States is facing, the President’s economic recovery plan must include investments in early childhood education to help America prosper and reach its potential,” said Mark R. Ginsberg, executive director of NAEYC. “There is not a main street issue more important than supporting families and investing in all young children.”

President-elect Obama has made it clear with his plan that high-quality early childhood education will be elevated as a national priority. NAEYC stands ready to support and assist him and his administration to ensure that this vision becomes a reality.

NAEYC will release *A Call to Action* in December, which will include policy and investment recommendations to the 111th Congress on early childhood education.

Founded in 1926, the National Association for the Education of Young Children has more than 100,000 members worldwide. The association is the largest and most influential advocate for early care and education in the United States.

ELECTION 2008 RESULTS

President	Nation	*Barack Obama, Senator: Illinois
Vice President	Nation	*Joe Biden, Senator: Delaware
Senator	State	*Mike Johanns, Lincoln
Representative	1st Dist Lincoln, Fremont, Norfolk, Beatrice	*Jeff Fortenberry, Lincoln
Representative	2nd Dist Douglas/Sarpy Co	*Lee Terry, Omaha
Representative	3rd Dist Western ¾ of the state, Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings, Columbus, Scotts-bluff	*Adrian Smith, Gering

For information on 2008 Nebraska State Legislative Election Results visit our website:

www.NebraskaAEYC.org

*Links to the biographies of each of these persons can also be found on our website.

Public Policy



Every Child Matters in Nebraska joined Voices for Children in Nebraska and The National Association of Social Workers to organize a rally on the Capitol steps to raise the visibility of Nebraska’s children in the elections.



Political candidates from both parties turned out for a rally calling on the state to do more to help Nebraska children. When government budgets need to be trimmed, children’s programs too often are the first to take a hit.

The Step Up for Kids Rally was just one of a number of events across the nation organized by the Washington, D.C. - based advocacy group Every Child Matters Education Fund. Wearing “Want My Vote? Invest in Kids!” T-shirts, hundreds of participants - from stroller-age on up - called on policymakers to pour more resources into insuring children, educating them and providing them with quality care.

The event drew the major U.S. Senate candidates, Republican Mike Johanns and Democrat Scott Kleeb, as well as the U.S. House candidate Jim Esch of Omaha, a Democrat, and several current and would-be state lawmakers.

They were among about 350 people who gathered on the steps of the State Capitol.



NATIONALLY ACCREDITED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS IN NEBRASKA

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Preschool, Grand Island
Blue River Family Center, Crete
Cedars Youth Services @ Northbridge Community Center, Lincoln
Centura Public Schools Bright Beginnings Preschool, Cairo
Chadron State College Child Development Center, Chadron
Children's Choice Learning Center, Omaha
Children's Respite Care Center (North 88th), Omaha
Child Saving Institute, Omaha
Clay County Learning Center for Children @ Fairfield, Fairfield
Clay County Learning Center for Children @ Lawrence, Lawrence
Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska Head Start, Kearney
Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska Head Start, McCook
Conestoga Public Schools Early Childhood Center, Murray
Creighton University Child Development Center, Omaha
Educare Center of Omaha, Inc., Omaha
Elgin Public Schools Early Learning Center, Elgin
Elkhorn Public Schools Early Education Center, Elkhorn
Falls City Public Schools Parent Child Center, Falls City
First National Child Development Center, Omaha
Hamilton Heights Child Development Center, Omaha
Head Start Child & Family Development Program – Adams County, Hastings
Head Start Child & Family Development Program – Clay County, Clay Center
Head Start & Family Development Program—Franklin County, Franklin
Head Start Child & Family Development Program – Hall County, Grand Island
Head Start Child & Family Development Program - Nuckolls County, Superior
HTRS Early Childhood Education Center, Humboldt
Kearney Family YMCA Ron & Carol Cope Child Development Center, Kearney
KinderCare Learning Center (Smith Road), Bellevue
KinderCare Learning Center (Brentwood), La Vista
KinderCare Learning Center (Highway 2), Lincoln
KinderCare Learning Center (Huntington), Lincoln
KinderCare Learning Center (Pioneer), Lincoln
KinderCare Learning Center (Birch), Omaha
KinderCare Learning Center (South 147th), Omaha

KinderCare Learning Center (South 96th), Omaha
KinderCare Learning Center (North 121st), Omaha
KinderCare Learning Center (Elm), Omaha
Kindernook Preschool, Omaha
Knowledge Beginnings, Lincoln
Lillie's House Intergenerational Child Development Center, Bellevue
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ Arnold Elementary, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ Brownell Elementary, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ Bryan Learning Center, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ Calvert Elementary, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ Clinton Elementary, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ Everett Elementary, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ Hartley Elementary, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ Holmes Elementary, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ McPhee Elementary, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ North Star, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ Norwood Park Elementary, Lincoln
Lincoln Public Schools ExCITE @ Saratoga Elementary, Lincoln
North Platte Community Day Care Center, Inc., North Platte
Offutt Child Development Center, Bellevue
Wazhinga Ti Zhingia Early Childhood Center, Walthill
Webster County Early Learning Center @ Silver Lake, Bladen
Webster County Early Learning Center @ Blue Hill, Blue Hill
Webster County Early Learning Center @ Red Cloud, Red Cloud
Western Nebraska Child Development Center, Scottsbluff
Westminister Preschool, Lincoln
Williamsburg Village Child Development Center, Lincoln
YWCA Child Development Center, Lincoln
Panhandle Community Services Health & Family Resource Center, Gering
Peace Lutheran Preschool, Grand Island
Pennie Z. Davis Child Development Center, Omaha
Rockbrook Early Childhood Center, Omaha
Ruth Staples Child Development Lab, Lincoln
Saint Bonaventure Child Care Center, Columbus
Saint John Child Development Center, Seward
University of Nebraska-Omaha Child Care Center, Omaha
Volunteers of America Preschool, Lewellen

National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)

Darla Eisenmenger, Humphrey
JoAnn Fryman, Bellevue
Cheryl Hammond, Bellevue
Shawna Hand, Bellevue
Trina Jeffryes, Columbus
Analisa McMillan, Bellevue
Cara Mercer, Papillion
Sara Miller, Bellevue
Lynn Mruz, Fremont
Tiffany Ott, Papillion
Brandi Rolley, Papillion
Darcy Schwartz, Bellevue
Stacy Taylor, Columbus
Milissa Vodicka, Omaha

National AfterSchool Association (NAA)

Offutt Air Force Base Youth Center, Bellevue

SUPPORT FOR ACCREDITATION

NeAEYC provides support for accreditation through information conference calls, a retreat, small grants, and staff support.
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NDE provides support for accreditation through funds for partial payment of self-study, application, candidate and annual report fees.
Contact: Linda Meyers – 402-471-2980 or linda.meyers@nde.ne.gov

Current: November, 2008



Thanks to our members that joined the Nebraska AEYC Facebook Group.

Please encourage your friends and family to join the group. We would love to have any of you post a discussion topic on this site.

Just log in to Facebook - www.facebook.com - search for groups - type in NeAEYC - and join our group!

Questions??? Call Pat at (402) 476-2092 or email: phoff44@hotmail.com



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WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

April 19-25, 2009

Bring Communities Together for CHILDREN

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 100,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates.

NEBRASKA AEYC MINI-GRANT APPLICATION

Grant Amount: \$250

****Qualifying Groups** Applications must be submitted on behalf of one of the following groups:**

- ♥ Local affiliates: OAEYC, LAEYC,
- ♥ Local chapters of NeAEYC – Columbus, Northeast, All Nations, Kearney, Sarpy-Cass
- ♥ Student chapters: - SECC, UNL, Metro CC

Purpose of the Grants:

- ♥ To promote the importance of high quality early care and education
- ♥ To provide an avenue for local partnerships around early childhood
- ♥ To involve volunteers in early childhood activities.

Due date: January 31, 2009

Project winners will be selected and notified in February, 2009. Each recipient will be expected to submit information, including photos if applicable, following the completion of the project for use on the NeAEYC website, in the newsletter, and/or at the planning retreat.

APPLICATION

Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Group president: _____

Address for mailing check: _____

City: _____, Nebraska Zip Code: _____

Dates of proposed project: _____

Attach a project description which describes how the project meets one or more of the above stated "Purpose of the Grants".

Number of people expected to be reached by the project: _____

Number of volunteers expected to be involved in project: _____

Other groups participating in project: _____

Signature of Project Coordinator: _____

****Qualifying Groups Are Local Affiliates, Local Chapters and Student Chapters Only****

Individual Programs - Check with your Regional Training Coalition for Additional WOYC Grants



**The following people have been members of
NeAEYC consecutively for at least 10 years or more!**

Dee	Acklie	Omaha	Tracy	Gordon	Lincoln	Nancy	Rosenow	Lincoln
Michelle	Avilla	Omaha	Jane	Hall-Happe	Bellevue	Michelle	Rupiper	Omaha
Alicia	Baillie	Lincoln	Shanna	Harald	Omaha	Audrey	Samuelson	Polk
Helen	Bartee	Omaha	Pauline	Harms	Superior	Leah	Serck	Seward
Jo Ellen	Beil	Lincoln	Mary	Huss	Omaha	Colleen	Sernett-Shadle	Sioux City
Karen	Bluvas	Omaha	Rick	Jacobsen	Omaha	Janell	Shain	Omaha
Kerri	Bockelman	Wisner	Terry	Jenson	Omaha	Avis	Shaw	Superior
Sheila	Braun	Norfolk	Julie	Jones-Branch	Lincoln	Eleanor	Shirley-Kirkland	Lincoln
Becky	Brazau	Lincoln	Deborah	Killough	Omaha	Connie	Shonka	Omaha
Valorie	Buis	Omaha	Marjorie	Kostelnik	Lincoln	Susan	Sloup	York
Phyllis	Chandler	Malmo	Jane	Kreifels	Lincoln	Kenneth	Smith	Omaha
Becky	Conway	Hastings	Cynthia	Kritenbrink	Omaha	Barbara	Soukup	Morse Bluff
Marcia	Corr	Eagle	Jo	Lambrecht	Lincoln	Margaret	Stander	Lincoln
Gina	DeFreece	Omaha	Kim	Madsen	Chadron	Joan	Stearnes	Omaha
Elizabeth	DeGraw-Renna	Omaha	Christine	Marvin	Lincoln	Susan	Strahm	Pender
Karen	Decker	Kearney	Donna	McGuire	Yutan	Kristin	Swan	Omaha
Gay	DeMars	Hastings	Cheryl	McMurtry	Lincoln	Effie	Swinarski	Omaha
Debra	Doerr	Lincoln	Sandra	Melilli	Omaha	Janis	Thelen	Lincoln
Pam	Dolberg	Lincoln	Linda	Meyers	Lincoln	Judith	Thietje	Lincoln
Susan	Dolezal	Papillion	Nancy	Munson	Columbus	Debra	Thomas	Lincoln
Carolyn	Edwards	Lincoln	Martha	Nash	Omaha	Sharyn	Thomas	Norfolk
Roxanne	Effle	Lincoln	Delois	Neal-Lee	Omaha	Linda	Thompson	Omaha
Diane	Ehrhardt	Wayne	Sandra	Nienkamp	Edgar	Deanna	Turner	Lincoln
Rita	Eichelberger	Wisner	Denise	Olderbak	Arizona	Jane	Ulrich	Omaha
Patricia	Enevoldsen	Lincoln	Margie	Ory	Omaha	Ricki	Valentino	York
Tyler	Esch	McCook	Angie	Osborn	Bellevue	Kelly	Vanness	Genoa
Kathleen	Feller	Omaha	Sheila	Patrylak	Omaha	Lynn	Vollbracht	Columbus
Carol	Fichter	Omaha	Ann	Penn	Lincoln	Alice	Waller	Omaha
Barbara	Flaherty	Grand Island	Lavonne	Plambeck	Omaha	Anita	Weber	Omaha
Jackie	Florendo	Crete	Patricia	Pulsifier	Omaha	Sheri	Wiemann	Lincoln
Lillian	Fripp	Bellevue	Helen	Raikes	Lincoln	Kathryn	Winkenwerder	Lincoln
Marsha	Fuchs	Ainsworth	Judy	Ripke	Seward	Judy	Witte	Kearney
Pam	Glidewell	LaVista	Rose	Roberts	Omaha	Marcia	Wythers	Lincoln
Susan	Goodrich	Lincoln	Patricia	Roland	Eagle	Kathy	Zadina	Columbus
						Linda	Zinke	Omaha

**WHY SHOULD I BE A MEMBER OF NeAEYC?
Here are only a few of the reasons:**

- ♥ NeAEYC works to support people working with children Birth - Grade 3.
- ♥ Receive NeAEYC Quarterly Newsletter..
- ♥ Voting rights in NAEYC elections to help shape the future of the early childhood profession.
- ♥ Promote public support and policies for young children.
- ♥ Receive six issues of *Young Children* journal or *Teaching Young Children* (5 issues plus a bonus book) *Spotlight on Teaching Young Children*
- ♥ Comprehensive members receive six additional publications as they are released through the year.
- ♥ CONFERENCE DISCOUNTS!



**The Holiday Season Is Here!
What Better Gift For Your Child
Care Provider Than A
Membership to Nebraska AEYC!**



**We welcome the following new members for
3rd Quarter 2008**

Judy Andrews	Amanda Furby	Jennifer Murante
Kristi Arlt	Yeva Ghazaryan	Dave Park
Jeffery Bartels	Martina Godinez	Brandy Price
Anne Bennett	Renae Hild	Belinda Rinker
Anine Booton	Virginia Janning	Linda Ritts
Lori Bronzynski	Christina King	Sheri Roberts
Lisa Cutrera	Melody Kugel	Michelle Simon
Julie Elvers	Nicole Maddox	Paula Southworth
Renee Flanagan	Deborah McGrew	Janet Warner
Julie Fritz	Aleene Mills	Jackie Zeckser

Membership form online at:
www.NebraskaAEYC.org

AREA CHAPTER REPORTS

Columbus Area Chapter of NeAEYC

The Columbus Chapter hosted a Preschool Networking Meeting on October 16, at ESU #7, with 23 in attendance. This initial meeting was to see if there was interest in forming a Preschool Teacher Group in our area to network. Participants decided to continue the meetings four times a year with in-service and sharing as a part of each meeting. The group will attend an already scheduled two-part in-service on "Building Effective Relationships with Families" on November 20 and December 4. In January, the group will start meeting at various Centers, the first in Genoa with the topic of literacy.

The executive board will meet January 6 to start planning for Week of the Young Child.

Kearney Area Chapter of NeAEYC

The Kearney Area Chapter of the NeAEYC met September 15th, at Kearney Head Start. A make and take project was presented by Mindy Young and Marsha Fritz. Everyone enjoyed receiving new ideas on the fall season to use in the classroom. We had twenty people in attendance. Also, we had two new members join our chapter!

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 17th at 7:00 at Pane' Bello in Kearney. Dr. Dawn Mollenkopf has offered to speak on the Early Childhood Masters Program at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. We will also be discussing other matters that members are encountering within their positions. Also, that evening we are offering FREE DESSERT for those who attend!

In February, we will be meeting on the 16th at 7:00 at Northeast Elementary School. Chris Wegner will be presenting and giving a tour of the preschool rooms on site. All are welcome to attend. We love seeing new people!

Omaha AEYC

NAEYC Accreditation Boot Camp

Academy: ESU #3, 6949 S 110th Street
Report for Duty: Friday, Jan 23 and Saturday, Jan 24, 2009
0900 - 1600 hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Recruits will receive basic training on:

- The Four Steps to NAEYC Accreditation;
- Program and Classroom Portfolios;
- Sources of Evidence;
- Candidacy Requirements,
- The Day of the Visit.

Enlistment information: Contact Omaha AEYC

at 402-541-4718 or omahaaeyc@yahoo.com

Congratulations to new Omaha AEYC Board Members elected for two year terms beginning January 2009:

- Rick Jacobsen, Treasurer
 - Linda Reddish, Secretary
 - Sandy Peterson, Co-Chair of Professional Development
 - Linda Thompson, Co-Chair of Week of the Young Child
- Also, congratulations to Brenda Saxe returning for another two year term as Chair of Accreditation and Jennifer Haggart, continuing as President through 2011.

The Omaha AEYC Board will hold its annual retreat on December 5, 2008.

Website Trivia

Visitors to the Nebraska AEYC website continue to grow. Over the past year - visits to the website were up 20%. T.E.A.C.H., Advocacy, Accreditation and the Calendar remain in the top ten pages visited. Nebraska Election results are now posted on the site. We are constantly updating the site with new information. Check it out!

www.NebraskaAEYC.org



WE WELCOME YOUR DONATION



Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children provides a variety of projects and services, all designed to strengthen and support Nebraska's early childhood community. We welcome your donation. If you wish to donate to a specific project, the following are some options: Accreditation Facilitation Project, Nature Explore™ Project, Newborn Hearing Aid Loaner Bank Project, Student Memberships, or T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA.

All donations are 100% deductible. Donors will receive a documentation letter and be recognized in our newsletter. (unless otherwise indicated).

A fillable Donor Form is available online at our website: www.NebraskaAEYC.org or contact the NeAEYC office at (402) 476-2092 - email: phoff44@hotmail.com and we can mail you a form.

Thanks for you support!!!

"The most satisfying thing in life is to have been able to give a large part of one's self to others."
-----Pierre Teilhard de Chardin





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What's Happening??

- ♥ **January 23-24 - 2009** - NAEYC Accreditation Boot Camp - Omaha, NE - Contact Jen Haggart - (402) 597-4991 - jhaggart@esu3.org
- ♥ **February 7, 2009** - 2009 Early Childhood Education Conference - College Park in Grand Island, NE - Contact Sue Jensen - (308) 385-6163 or 1-800-892-7922
- ♥ **February 7, 2009** - Child Care Conference - Ainsworth, NE - Contact Nancy Carly - (402) 387-2523 - nancy.carly@dhhs.ne.gov
- ♥ **March 12, 2009** - Learning with Nature and Using Your Outdoor Classroom - Columbus, NE - Contact Kelly Vanness - (402) 564-5753 - kvanness@esu7.org
- ♥ **March 14, 2009** - Moving To Learn & Joyful Movement - Nebraska City, NE - Contact JoAnn Rall - (402) 476-8304 - info@dimensionsfoundation.org
- ♥ **March 21, 2009** - Learning with Nature and Using Your Outdoor Classroom - Seward, NE - Contact JoAnn Rall - (402) 467-6112 - info@dimensionsfoundation.org
- ♥ **April 4, 2009** - Southeast Child Care Conference - Peru, NE - Contact Cara Small - (402) 761-3341 - csmall@esu6.org
- ♥ **April 19 to 25 - 2009** - The Week of the Young Child - For more information go to: www.NAEYC.org
- ♥ **April 24-25, 2009** - Providers Day Out - Kearney, NE - Contact Kim Chase - (402) 935-4013 - kimchase@cox.net
- ♥ **May 2, 2009** - Developing Observation Skills: Documentation and Art and Nature - Nebraska City NE - Contact JoAnn Rall - (402) 476-8304 - info@dimensionsfoundation.org
- ♥ **June 14-17, 2009** - NAEYC's 18th National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development - Charlotte, North Carolina - For more information go to: www.NAEYC.org
- ♥ **July 7-9, 2009** - Annual Kindergarten Conference - Holiday Inn - Kearney, NE - Information will follow in early 2009
- ♥ **November 18-21, 2009** - NAEYC Annual Conference & Expo - Washington, DC - For more information go to: www.NAEYC.org



History of NeAEYC

2001 - 2002 NeAEYC Officers for this year were:

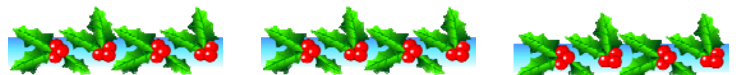
- ♥ Jeanine Huntoon (Fall-2001) , President, Lincoln
- ♥ Michelle Rupiper (Jan-2002), President, Omaha
- ♥ Diane Ehrhardt, Past-President, Wayne
- ♥ Nancy Rosenow, Vice President, Lincoln
- ♥ Jennifer Haggart (Fall-2001), Secretary, Omaha
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Fall, 2001 - NeAEYC awarded the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA contract

December, 2001 - NeAEYC hired Linda Zinke as Executive Director and offices were established with terms beginning in January of 2002.

"I value the friend who for me finds time on his calendar, but I cherish the friend who for me does not consult his calendar."

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