

# Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc.

Nebraska AEYC Early Childhood Retreat  
Mahoney State Park, June 25, 2014

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*"Strengthening and supporting Nebraska's early childhood community since 1976."*



# Nebraska AEYC 2013 Year in Review

- Quality Enhancement Projects
  - Woods QEP
    - 7 classrooms in two centers, Lincoln
    - Pre and post ERS to create program improvement plans
    - Monthly visits
  - NDE add on QEP
    - 6 classrooms in two centers, York & Fairmont
    - Pre and post ERS to create program improvement plans
    - Monthly visits
  - Early Childhood Services QEP
    - 10 participants, family child providers
  - Infant/ Toddler Initiative (partnership with Community Action Partnership of Lincoln & Saunders Co)
    - 10 classrooms (2 family child care, 8 center classrooms), Lincoln & Wahoo
    - Numerous trainings provided in participating programs and throughout community
  - NDE add on I/T Initiative
    - 2 family child providers and 4 center directors focus on licensing required trainings, utilized PAS & BAS, additional funds for materials and books



# Nebraska AEYC 2013 Year in Review

- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA
  - Currently – 209 total students
    - 147 AA
    - 24 BA
    - 38 BA Gap
    - Continuing to enroll students
- NAEYC Accreditation
  - Supported two programs through accreditation process
- NAEYC National Dialogue & State Staff Leadership Team
  - Selected to serve on National Dialogue advisory team
  - Participated in all National Dialogue discussions
  - Active in State Staff Leadership team, meeting twice a year



# Review of 2013 Goals

## Membership

- Membership outreach – utilized Facebook and Constant Contact to inform/educate and provide information to our membership
- Reinvented the newsletter using Constant Contact format. Bimonthly delivery (in progress)
- Membership recruitment activities completed
- Week of the Young Child outreach completed
- Involved chapters/affiliates in asking members for input on important issues at the local, state and national level



# Review of 2013 Goals

## Membership Cont'd

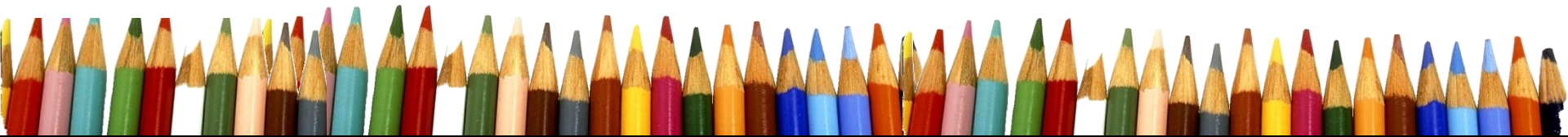
- Utilized First Five Nebraska's advocacy information to help inform membership and local and national lawmakers
- Doane, UNL & SCC have very active faculty that support student involvement and membership
- Provided advocacy related information to membership via Facebook and Constant Contact
- Participate on regular NAEYC Membership calls
- Created the Linda Zinke Emerging Leader Award



# Review of 2013 Goals

## Technology & Social Media

- Developed Facebook posting schedule. Weekly posts to include topic specific information: advocacy/current event/chapters & affiliates/ agency specific, hot topics, etc



# Review of 2013 Goals Advocacy

- Utilized Facebook and Constant Contact to provide advocacy information to membership
- Distributed EC information packets to State Legislators
- Supported specific legislative bills/attended legislative hearings
- Began discussion/planning of Advocacy Day 2015
- Attended Public Policy Forum in Washington, DC



# Review of 2013 Goals

## Advocacy Cont'd

- Supported Week of the Young Child activities across the state through distribution of a mini grant to chapters/affiliates. Posted Week of the Young Child events on the NAEYC website
- Provided Week of the Young Child activity at Early Childhood Celebration in Lincoln
- Supported development of QRIS and public awareness of providers
- Worked with Senator Crawford on LB105, an interim study on provider liability insurance





# Review of 2013 Goals

## Professional Development

- Created two professional development trainings offered across the state: Advocacy 101 & Professionalism in Early Childhood Education
- Attended multiple conferences both locally and nationally
- Tracy & Cindy became reliable in ITERES & ECERS with the authors (will do FCCERS with Gina in October)



**“Planning is bringing the future to the present  
so that you can do something about it now!  
~unknown**

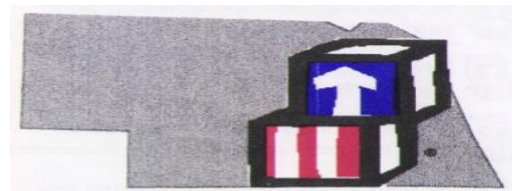


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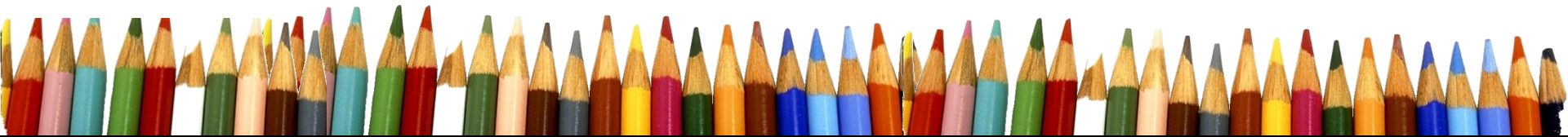


# Café Conversations

- There are 3 tables, each with a separate conversation
- You are asked to attend all three of the conversations
- Each conversation will last 30 minutes, with a five minute warning to switch tables

Café Conversation topics:

- Quality Initiatives
- Advocacy
- Leadership/ Professionalism



# NeAEYC Student Recognition

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their college faculty

SCC - Sarah Enevoldsen



UNL – Kelsi Vest

