

Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc

NeAEYC Early Childhood Retreat
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An affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children



National Association for the Education of Young Children

NAEYC

- ❑ Largest organization working on behalf of young children
- ❑ Nearly 100,000 members world-wide
- ❑ Reorganization in 2001-2002

Nebraska AEYC

- ❑ Began in the summer of 1976
- ❑ About 500 members
- ❑ State wide organization
- ❑ Became incorporated in 2002

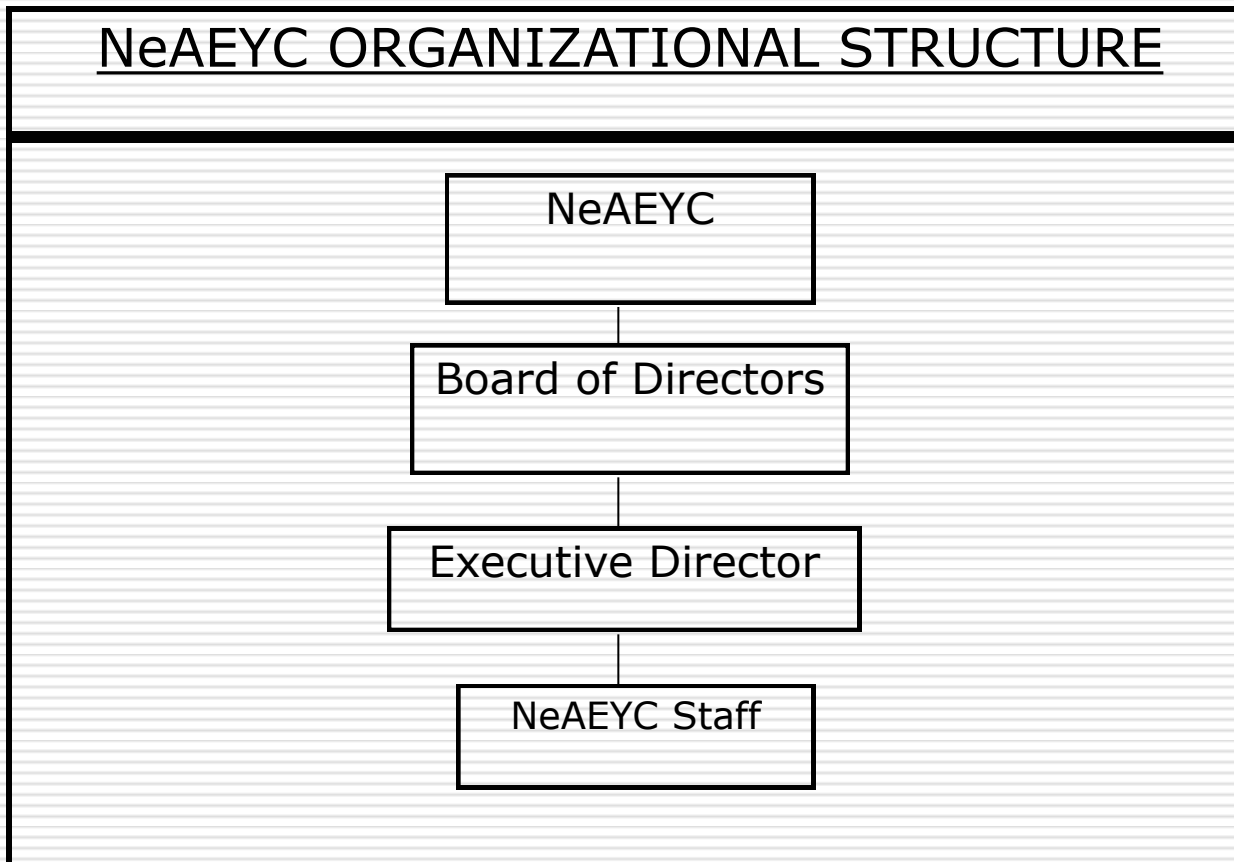


Membership benefits

- ❑ Young Children Journal
- ❑ Quarterly newsletter
- ❑ Conference discounts
- ❑ Information about legislative issues
- ❑ Access to professional liability insurance
- ❑ A voice in the future of EC in Nebraska



Nebraska AEYC Chart





Nebraska AEYC Projects

- ❑ T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA: Dec, 2001 - present
- ❑ Accreditation Facilitation Project: 2006 - present
- ❑ Quality Enhancement Pilot Project, Oct, 2005 - present
- ❑ Outdoor Classrooms Explore Project: Oct, 2006 - present
- ❑ Community Services Initiative: July, 2006 - present (Lincoln/Lancaster based EC coalition support)
- ❑ Newborn Hearing Loaner Bank fiscal agent: July, 2007 - present



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nebraska

- ❑ Funded primarily by CCBG funds from HHSS through a contract with NDE
- ❑ Provides funds for 150 AA students and 30 BA students state wide
- ❑ Funds pay for 80% of cost of tuition & books, travel, bonus, release time
- ❑ Participants must be employed in EC teachers, teacher aides, directors, family child care providers



T.E.A.C.H. Continued

- Private funds also support T.E.A.C.H.
- Funds from:
 - Kiewit Foundation
 - Lozier Foundation
 - William & Ruth Scott Foundation
- Provide funds for 59 additional participants
- Special project to provide educational access to Omaha's Spanish speaking early childhood population
 - With support from the HSSCO



T.E.A.C.H. Continued

- T.E.A.C.H. planning team:
Representatives from NDE, HHSS,
and ECTC – meets quarterly
- T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Committee: 10-
15 members, provide feedback and
support for T.E.A.C.H. project –
meets three times a year



Quality Enhancement Pilot Project

- ❑ Based on the results of the Environment Ratings Scale
- ❑ Pilot - 25 current T.E.A.C.H. recipients
- ❑ Coaching and money for supplies and/or training is provided
- ❑ Participants are in Omaha, Lincoln, and central Nebraska



Accreditation Facilitation Project

- Provides funds to support aspects of accreditation
 - Networking and needs identification
 - Director's Retreat
 - 2 hosted in 2007 – one intro, one focusing on Program Portfolio
 - 1 hosted in April, 2008 focusing on Classroom Portfolio
 - Staff support
- Identified as a national accreditation facilitation project.



Outdoor Classrooms Project

- ❑ Led by the Dimensions Foundation
- ❑ 20+ projects in Nebraska
- ❑ Creates outdoor learning centers
 - Private child care facilities
 - Public schools
 - Public facilities
 - Head Start programs
 - Family child care facilities

- ❑ NeAEYC provides support & technical asst



Outdoor Classrooms Project

NeAEYC provides:

- Staff for training and consultation
- Support for special projects (recent example – handbook for sites)
- Website with profiles of Nebraska sites
- Tracking of progress



Nebraska AEYC Member Services

- ❑ Newsletter: mailed quarterly to members
- ❑ Website: updated regularly – www.NebraskaAEYC.org
- ❑ Early Childhood planning retreat: held at Mahoney, includes broad spectrum of EC representatives
- ❑ Week of the Young Child mini-grant:
 - 4 awarded in 2007
 - 6 awarded in 2008
- ❑ Annual Report: for members & stakeholders



Nebraska AEYC Member Services, cont

- ❑ Hosted the final 10-state Midwest AEYC conference in April, 2006
- ❑ Midwest AEYC Conference previously in Nebraska in 1996 and 1986
- ❑ Planning a multi-state conference for July, 2008



Nebraska AEYC Member Services, cont

- ❑ Resources – state office has professional resources, books, etc
- ❑ Advocacy – provides a framework for education and advocacy for EC
- ❑ Conferences – help sponsor, provide information, present, participate
- ❑ EC representation – on MANY EC boards and committees in NE



Distinguished Service to Children Recognition

- NeAEYC periodically recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the early childhood community in Nebraska.
- Recent recipients:
 - Kathy Zadina, Terry Rohren, Marcia Corr, Helen Raikes, Michelle Rupiper, Alicia Baillie



Chapter support

- Door prizes
- Professional Resources
- Will attend meetings, provide support
- Attend local conferences
- Can do mailings, copying
- WOYC Mini-Grant opportunity
- Chapter info on website
- Chapter retreat – 1st one in Feb, 2008



Nebraska AEYC Website

- ❑ www.NebraskaAEYC.org
- ❑ Revised spring, 2007
- ❑ Currently managed in-house
- ❑ Multiple resources and links on site
- ❑ April, 2008 – 1,418 unique visitors, 4,410 page views



Networking, Committee Participation

- ❑ Nebraska Head Start Association
- ❑ Quality Ratings System
- ❑ Community Services Leadership Team
- ❑ MMI Consumer Advisory Board
- ❑ Kids Count Team
- ❑ Regional Training Project teams – Omaha & Lincoln
- ❑ Public Policy Advocacy Team
- ❑ Human Services Fed
- ❑ Nonprofit Association of the Midlands
- ❑ Nature Action Collaborative



Networking, Committee Participation

- ❑ Together for Kids and Families
- ❑ Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (Governor appointed)
- ❑ P-16 Team – Preschool-college, appointed position
- ❑ Southeast Community College Advisory Board
- ❑ Metro Community College Advisory Board
- ❑ Environment Ratings Scale planning team
- ❑ Economic Impact Study team

2001-2008 – Projects & Services



2001

- Accreditation
- Quarterly newsletter
- Conference hosting
- Annual board planning
- Advocacy

2008

- Accreditation
- Quarterly newsletter
- Conference hosting/support
- Annual board + stakeholders planning
- Advocacy
- Website
- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood
- Quality Enhancement EPP
- Community Services Initiative
- Nature Explore
- New Born Hearing Aid LB
- WOYC Mini-Grant
- Annual Report



2001-2008 – Funding Sources

2001

- Dues
- Interest - CD
- Conferences
- Accreditation funds (nearly all pass-through funds)

2008

- Dues
- Interest: CD & Sweep Acct
- Conferences
- T.E.A.C.H. Contract
- QEPP Contract
- CSI Contract
- Dimensions Contract
- New Born Hearing Aid Loaner Bank Contract
- Contract labor
- Donations
- Bi-annual fundraising campaigns
- NAEYC grants



2001-2008 – Staffing

2001

- All volunteer organization on state level
- OAEYC – one staff member, Executive Director, Kelly Ptacek

2008

- Executive Director
- TEACH Coordinator
- Special Projects Coordinator
- Office Manager
- ½ time Office Assistant
- Consultants

2001-2008 – Board of Directors



2001

- All involved closely in the early childhood field

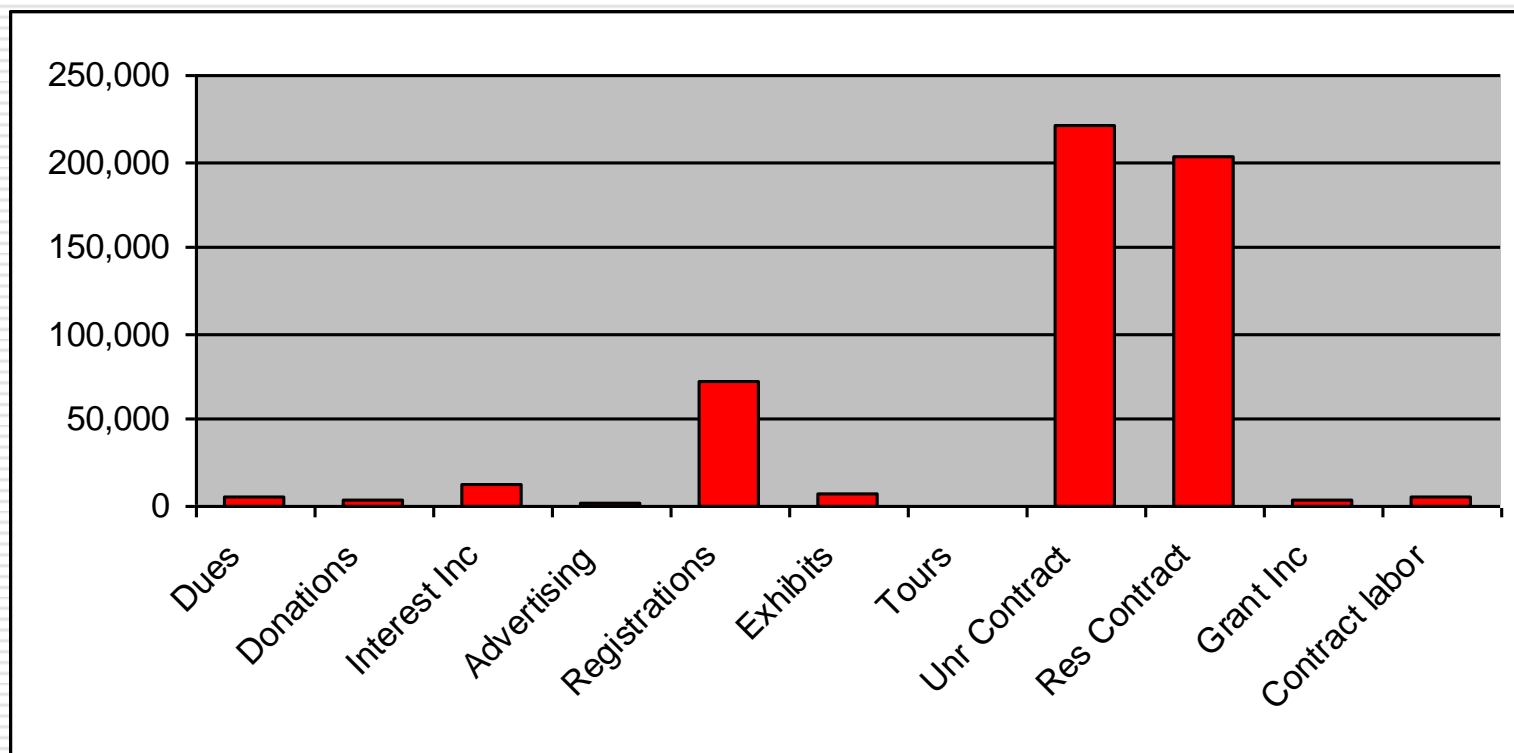
2008

- Over half representing chapters or at-large
- Other members include accountants, attorneys, community representatives, human resource representatives, higher education, public school, etc



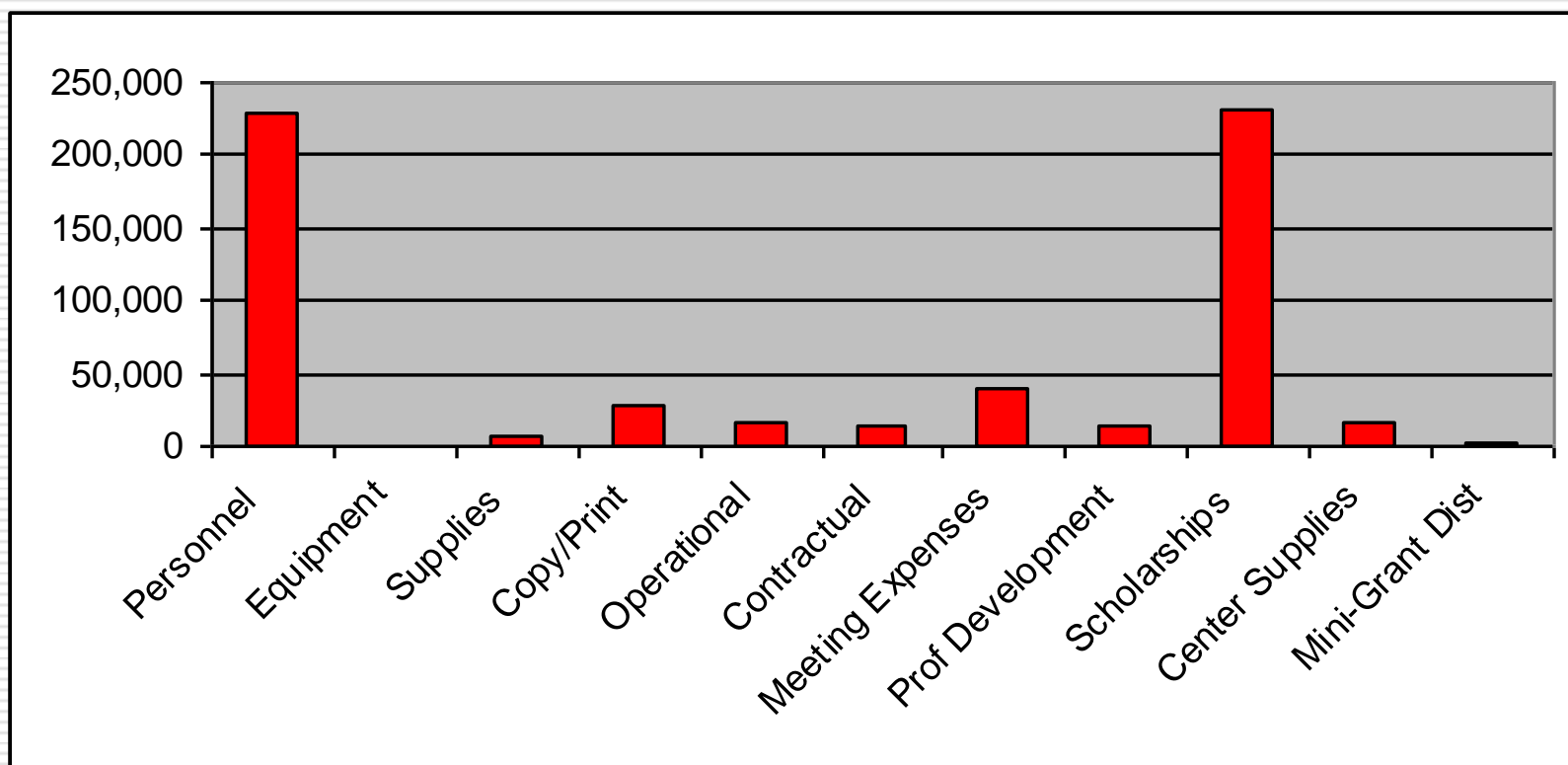
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Projected Income – 10/1/07 – 9/30/08





Financial Information – Projected Expenses – 10/1/07 – 9/30/08





NE AEYC Board of Directors

Chapter reps

- 2 – OAEYC
- 2 – LAEYC
- 3 – Small chapters
- 2 – At large

Total: 9

Other representatives

- 1 - Public Schools
- 1 - Advocacy/Legal
- 1 – Head Start
- 1 - Fiscal
- 3 - Community Representatives
- 1 - Higher Ed

Total: 8



2008 - Board of Directors Officers

- ❑ President: Steve Wilson, Logan View Public Schools
- ❑ President-Elect: Dawn Mollenkopf, University of Nebraska at Kearney
- ❑ Secretary: Pat Enevoldsen, Southeast Community College
- ❑ Finance Chair: Linda Sullivan, Family Services of Lincoln
- ❑ Public Policy Chair: Sarah Ann Lewis, Voices for Children



2008 Board Committees

- ❑ Finance: Linda Sullivan (C), Kim Madsen, Jose Zapata
- ❑ Human Resources: Sue Ellen Wall (C), Terrence Coleman, Don George
- ❑ Advocacy/Public Awareness: Sarah Ann Lewis (C), Kim Chase, Deb Ross, Janeen Ward
- ❑ Chapter Activities: Jen Haggart (C), Pat Enevoldsen, Melva Pavelka
- ❑ All committees: Steve Wilson, Dawn Mollenkopf
- ❑ NAEYC representative: Steve Wilson



Nebraska AEYC Staff

- ❑ Executive Director: Linda Zinke
- ❑ Office Manager: Pat Hoffschneider
- ❑ T.E.A.C.H. Coordinator: Brandee Lengel
- ❑ Special Projects Coordinator: Tracy Gordon
- ❑ Office Assistant: Connie Fishburn
- ❑ Consultants: Gina DeFreece & ERS Consultants