



Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children

# Newsletter

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## What's New



### Award Nominations are now open!

Nebraska AEYC is currently accepting nominations for both our Emerging Leader Award and our Distinguished Service to Children Award. **Click on the button below to learn more about each award and submit a nomination!** Congratulations to Lisa Guenther (pictured in red on left) and Blanca Miller, our 2025 recipients!

[Click to learn more!](#)



### New NAYEC Membership Structure

In case you missed it, NAEYC announced changes to its membership format. There is now one membership type with an annual fee of \$72, highlighted by the all - new focus on CARES framework. **Click the button below to learn more about the future of NAEYC membership!**

[Click to learn more!](#)



### Spanish-Speaking Leadership Academy Cohort

This summer, Nebraska AEYC added a new cohort to its Leadership Academy program, **offered for the first time ever as Spanish-speaking only!** Congratulations to the graduates in this Grand Island & Lexington cohort on building your skills as an leader in the field of early childhood education and being trailblazers for the future!

[Click to learn more about Leadership Academy!](#)

## NEAEYC Board Of Directors Updates



*Cama Cole*

We welcomed two new board members to our organization this year, **Adam Conley and Lillian Butler-Hale!** Nebraska AEYC also wants to thank our departing board members **Cama Cole and Chantel Tonkinson** for their longstanding commitment to Nebraska AEYC. They served many years of dedicated service to our board, and we wish them the best in the future!

[Click to view our active board!](#)

## TEACH End of Year Statistics



TEACH Early Childhood Nebraska completed a slight rebrand during its fiscal year that ended this summer (new logo pictured left). We were proudly able to offer **81 early education professionals** scholarships towards degrees at Nebraska schools! Recipients completed over **1,100 credit hours** of classes and saw a **11.9% average increase in earnings** on an Associate degree scholarship!

[Click to learn more about TEACH!](#)

## What's Next

November 19-22nd, 2025

NAEYC Annual Conference

*Orlando, FL*

[Click for more info!](#)

February 22-24th, 2026

NAEYC Public Policy Forum

*Washington, DC*

[Click for more info!](#)

## Job Postings

As a member, you are eligible to post job/position openings on our website for your programs!

### Requirements

- Posting is submitted by a current NAEYC member (include membership number in e-mail)
- Includes a complete job description ready for posting
- Submitted in PDF file format
- Includes this [Job Posting Form](#) filled out and attached to the e-mail

All items should be emailed to [tgordon@nebraskaeyc.org](mailto:tgordon@nebraskaeyc.org)

[Click here to learn more!](#)

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*Nebraska AEYC is proud to partner with We Care for Kids, contributing to a statewide effort to build support for quality early childhood care and education. We Care for Kids connects families & communities to resources, provides a community toolkit in English & Spanish to help raise awareness, and uplifts early childhood educators and their stories. The more we care about bringing quality early childhood education to families, the more we ensure that children, families and communities thrive.*



*Nebraska AEYC is a proud member of Give Nebraska, helping make it easy and effective for people to support nonprofits in Nebraska. Learn more about their process at [givenebraska.org](http://givenebraska.org)!*

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