

## 2010 NeAEYC Planning Retreat

Mahoney State Park, June 18, 2010




TE.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA is a licensed program of Child Care Services Association

## Opening Session



45 people attended  
from 31 organizations




## Overview of Activities

- NeAEYC Activities: Linda Zinke, NeAEYC
- Nebraska Head Start Initiatives: Deb Ross, President, Nebraska Head Start Association
- Advocacy: Jen Hernandez & Becky Veak, Nebraska Children & Families Foundation




## Advocacy Team

- Facilitators:
  - \* Board members Steve Wilson & Sarah Ann Kotchian




## Advocacy Team Goals

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with new candidates and educate them about EC</li> <li>• Support Rotunda Display - Invest in Us</li> <li>• Support website for state initiatives/senators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Business Roundtable</li> <li>• Be involved in Home Visitor planning</li> <li>• Support registry development</li> </ul>
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## T.E.A.C.H. Team

- Facilitators:
  - \* Brandee Lengel T.E.A.C.H. Coordinator & Board President Dawn Mollenkopf




## T.E.A.C.H. Team Goals

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<p><b>Update on 2009 goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to recruit</li> <li>• Focus on underserved populations</li> <li>• Brochure for Center Directors - now included in packet</li> <li>• Mini-model - on hold due to enrollment &amp; funding</li> </ul>	<p><b>2010 Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather info on workforce(a part of portfolio)</li> <li>• Increase awareness about education &amp; compensation</li> <li>• Plan to celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> T.E.A.C.H. graduate</li> <li>• Involve licensing, T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Com., colleges in recruitment</li> </ul>
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## Quality Team

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- **Facilitators:**
  - \* Tracy Gordon & Cindy Jennett, NeAEYC staff




## Quality Team Goals

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Researchable Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Connecting a community around a common idea</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Accreditation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Encourage feedback on processes</li> <li>* Educate parents/public on importance of high quality</li> <li>* Staff training, supplies, support - all help</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fill in gaps in EC services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* FCC Support groups?</li> <li>* Workforce data</li> <li>* Data gathering support</li> <li>* T &amp; TA collaboration with Head Start</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Seek out other revenue resources</b></li> </ul>
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## Chapter Activities Team

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- **Facilitators:**
  - \* Gina DeFreece, NeAEYC Coordinator & Board Secretary Pat Enevoldsen




## Chapter Activities Team Goals

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**Membership focus:**



- **Student groups focus**
  - \* Identify new student groups
  - \* Include more info on student web page
  - \* Build on new student leader recognition
  - \* Consider electronic formats
  - \* Involve current student leaders
- **Kindergarten teacher focus**

## Student Recognition

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<p><b><u>Ivette Pena</u></b></p> <p>Past President of Southeast Comm College Student group          Attended NAEYC Conference          T.E.A.C.H. Scholar          Participated in fundraisers, service projects, became an advocate for best practices</p>		<p><b><u>Mercedes Sanchez</u></b></p> <p>Student at Metropolitan Community College          Volunteers thru Service Learning and TRIO          Motivates others</p> <p><b>Goals:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become an AmeriCorps volunteer</li> <li>• Own her own child development center</li> </ul>
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## Distinguished Service to Children Recipients

 <p><b>Steve Wilson</b>, Logan View Public Schools Superintendent</p> <p>Steve is the past Elementary Principal at Centura Public Schools. He has been an innovative leader in partnering with early childhood to develop comprehensive services for young children. He has served on numerous boards and committees, &amp; is past President of Nebraska AEYC.</p>	 <p><b>Jessie Rasmussen</b>, Vice President of the Buffett Early Childhood Fund</p> <p>Jessie has service as Director of DHHS and policy Director at Nebraska Children &amp; Families Foundation. She was the co-chair of the Early Childhood task force in the Greater Omaha area. She has helped advance state and national early childhood policy and practices.</p>
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## Survey Feedback

<p><b>Results of Survey</b> (Scale of 1-5, 5 = Excellent)</p> <p>100% rated Working Teams 4 or 5</p> <p>100% rated Facilities 4 or 5</p> <p>100% rated Retreat Overall 4 or 5</p> <p>96% rated Overview of Initiatives 4 or 5</p> <p>Only includes results of those who answered the questions.</p>	<p><b>Best part of the day was..</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working teams – great enthusiasm</li> <li>• Networking, sharing info</li> <li>• Collaborating</li> <li>• Overview of initiatives</li> <li>• The awards</li> <li>• Having young people involved all day</li> <li>• Great day for those of us that share EC as a passion</li> </ul>
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**If you give me a fish you have fed me for a day.  
If you teach me to fish then you have fed me until the river is contaminated or the shoreline seized for development.  
But if you teach me to organize, then when whatever the challenge, I can join together with my peers and we will fashion our own solution.**

*From the Barefoot Guide to Organizations and Social Change*

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