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## The Election Results Are In!

After our highest voter turn-out ever, we are pleased to present the following officers of the Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children's Governing Board:



*Jennifer Kalas  
President Elect*



*Keana Sullivan  
Treasurer Elect*



*Bette Katz  
Vice President of  
Communication and  
Technology*



*Lillian Englund  
Vice President of  
Public Policy*

These positions are all two year terms with the exception of the President-elect who will, after one year, assume the position of President.

As per the bylaws of the organization, any vacancies created by these election results will be filled by appointment. There are many ways you can become actively involved in NevAEYC. Are you interested in a board position, chairing a committee, working on a specific project?

Go to [www.nevaeyc.org](http://www.nevaeyc.org) for information on the different positions and opportunities available that might interest you.

**2010 NevAEYC**

**Early Childhood Conference Program**

**Preliminary Program**

*Fifteen Years of Excellence*



*“A Culture of Acceptance:  
A Journey Together”*

*Inclusion*

*Acceptance*

*Equality*

April 16th-17th, 2010

Tuscany Suites and Casino

255 E. Flamingo

Las Vegas, Nevada

DEC & NevAEYC Pre-Conference day is April 15th, 2010

## A NevAEYC Networking Mixer

A NevAEYC networking mixer was held in Washington DC during the November NAEYC Conference. Several Nevadans from around the state gathered to enjoy beverages and appetizers, visit with old friends and be introduced to new ones. The Executive Directors of Iowa and New Mexico joined us to share information about TEACH in their respective states. Three ladies from Nevada were able to attend the national conference on a NAEYC scholarship. Congratulations to Cindy Boyd and Beanie Hancock of the Storey/Lyon County COW Bus and Sara Wagenmaker of Las Vegas



*Lillie Englund and Sherry Waugh visit the Executive Directors of AEYC's for New Mexico and Iowa*



*Scott Burns of Lakeshore Learning with Kathy Banak and Donna Nicholas of CCSD*



*Penny Williams and Meagan Becker for The Children's Cabinet*



*Left to right: Cindy Boyd, Beanie Hancock and Natasha Higgins*



*Ron Barakat and Jamie Brothers*



*Sara and Ken Wagenmaker*

### Newsletter deadlines and submissions

The Early Childhood Professional is an *electronic* quarterly publication of the Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children. Newsletters are published according to the following schedule.

**DEADLINE**  
October 15th  
January 15th  
April 15th  
July 15th

**PUBLICATION DATE**  
November 15th  
February 15th  
May 15th  
August 15th

Submissions for the newsletter should be sent as a simple Word document to [brandied@nevaeyc.org](mailto:brandied@nevaeyc.org). The NevAEYC reserves the right to edit contributions for length and content.

## Student Member Scholarships Awarded

In 2009, a donation was made from the Swank Family (Reno) and matched by Clorox to support 34 Early Childhood undergraduate students as student members of NAEYC and NevAEYC. Early Childhood students across the state were encouraged to apply. Over 50 students applied and 34 were chosen from Las Vegas, Reno, and rural Nevada. Crystal Swank, former NevAEYC board member and ECE Professor at Truckee Meadows Community College, is keenly aware that member scholarships are an area of need. She states, "Students need to have opportunities early in their professional lives which connect them to others in the field and help them see the importance of becoming involved and developing leadership skills."

Scholarship Award Winners are: Jennifer Almeida, Keiry Amaya-Medina, Casey Brumbach, Michelle Bustamante, Gwendolyn Coward, Sarah Cunin, Angela Davis, Bettina De Bruyn, Sharon DeLeon, Cynthia Donato, Rachel Evans, Linda Garcia, Gloria Hallett, Janay Henderson, Georgia Horsford, LinnDee Hunt, Carolyn Hunter, Brittany Kupau, Nicole Lundstrom, Lyra Maghirana, Jewel Manyahilnal, Lindsey Mason, Christine McManus, Valerie Miller, Charlene Nelson, Michal Paige, Stacie Phillips, Rachel Salmeron, Jennifer Shipley, Janet Stafford, Audrey Staves, Jennifer Taylor, Shannon Trejo, and Diane Wright.

It is easy to join NAEYC/NevAEYC by going online to [naeyc.org](http://naeyc.org) and clicking on the membership tab. Membership benefits include:

- NEW - Online access to the current issue of Young Children in the Members Only section, along with the print publication of your choice—Young Children or Teaching Young Children. Members selecting Young Children will receive six issues per year. Members selecting Teaching Young Children will receive five issues a year and a bonus Spotlight book.
- 20% discount on hundreds of books, videos, brochures, and posters carried in the NAEYC catalog.
- Access to the Members Only area of our Web site
- Reduced registration fees at NAEYC-sponsored conferences and seminars, including the world's largest early education conference.
- Voting rights in NAEYC elections to help shape the future of the early childhood profession.
- Reduced subscription fees for the highly respected Early Childhood Research Quarterly, Exchange Magazine, Highlights High Five, and Education Week.
- Opportunities to participate in various insurance plans designed to meet your personal and professional needs, including professional liability insurance—and an Association-sponsored credit card service from Bank of America.

"When I was a student, someone approached me about becoming a member of NAEYC, and about serving on the

local Reno AEYC board. I would never have even known about the organization if a colleague/mentor had not opened that door. That introduction led to a career of professional activity and involvement that I am honored to have. Thanks to my involvement with NAEYC, I've had opportunities to grow and be involved that I would otherwise have missed. I hope my students have the same opportunities so that they also grow as professionals and develop leadership skills in ECE," says Professor Swank. We hope that all our members take full advantage of the opportunities listed above, and we encourage you to share this information with your coworkers, colleagues, and friends in the field of Early Childhood Education.

The Reno Association for the Education  
of Young Children, The UNR Student  
Member Section, and The TMCC Student  
Member Section presents

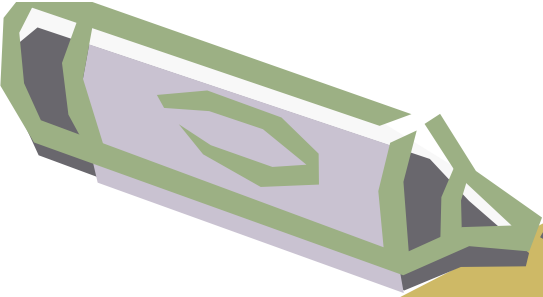
### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk for Children and Family Fun Day

Sparks Marina  
Saturday, April 10  
8:00 am- 2:00 pm

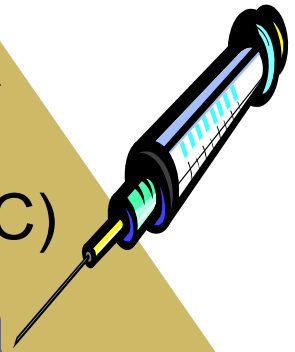
Bring your whole family (including your family dog!) for a fun filled day, started off with a walk around the Marina, followed by family focused activities, games, information and prizes.

Watch your mailbox for more  
information!!!

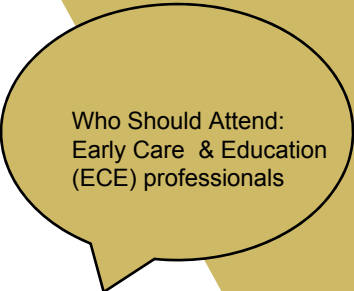
Interested in Helping?  
Emails us at [raeyc@nevaeyc.org](mailto:raeyc@nevaeyc.org)



Presented by:  
Southern Nevada  
Immunization  
Coalition (SNIC)



# 2010 Nevada Immunization Requirements Educational Training



Who Should Attend:  
Early Care & Education  
(ECE) professionals

**Date:** 3/9/2010

**Time:** 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

**Location:** Acelero Learning  
Clark County - 1555 W. Carey  
North Las Vegas 89032

**Pre-registration required by 3/1/2010**

Limited to 65 persons!

**Call (702) 933-7329**



**No Cost!**

Approved by *The Nevada Registry* for 2 child care  
training hours.  
Approval Code: 26420

## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada Student Spotlight



*Nicole Lundstrom and son, Aidan*

Nicole Lundstrom, owner and operator of Nicole Lundstrom Home Care, has been an exceptional participant in the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada program for two years. Nicole has always been intent on pursuing her education; however, she was unsure as to what degree she should aim for when returning to college. Being a home care provider, and being aware of having always loved working with and around children, Nicole decided that it would make perfect sense to attain a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Currently, she is close to completing her Associate of Arts degree at Truckee Meadows Community College, and

plans on furthering her education with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno. When asked what the biggest challenge of returning to school is, Nicole replied, "finding time." Nicole strives to balance family life, work, school, as well as the commendable efforts she puts into bettering her community. She is an active member of the Reno Association for the Education of Young Children and is currently putting plans in place for the annual Walk for Young Children; she also acts as treasurer for the Truckee Meadows Community College ECE Student Club. Nicole is not only an outstanding student, mother and member of the T.E.A.C.H.® Program, but she is also a priceless member of our community.

Despite her struggles to balance all of these tasks, Nicole feels that it's all worth it; returning to college has made her "...feel that higher education classes have improved my ability in providing quality childcare in many ways." Not only is she more knowledgeable about the development of young children, but she also feels that it has improved communication with parents – both written and verbal. Thank you for your determination, and for your contributions to the field of Early Childhood Education Nicole!



### Don't forget to update and/or renew your financial aid information!

At the end of January we will all start receiving our W-2's. It is important to file your taxes as soon as you can. Why you may ask? Because not only will you get your return but you can file for federal financial aid for the next school year. All financial aid is awarded on a first come basis. It is imperative to file for financial aid in Spring 2010 for the Fall 2010-Spring 2011 school year. There are several steps to claiming aid and an early start will ensure that all the paperwork gets filed correctly. If you have any questions each school has a financial aid office that will help answer questions and offer assistance on submitting the proper forms. Apply for financial aid every school year and you may be surprised at what you are eligible for!

### ATTENTION T.E.A.C.H.® NEVADA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, SPONSORING CENTERS, AND SUPPORTERS...

#### *Save the Date for:*

The 1st Annual T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada Recognition Event

**When: Thursday April 15th, 2010 from 6:30-9:00 pm**

**Where: Las Vegas' Tuscany Suites & Casino**

More details to come...

Keep your eyes peeled for your invitation to this special recognition event!

### A Little Bit of This and That:

The Spring semester has officially started! Within the first month of school starting all active T.E.A.C.H. recipients are required to turn in their Form B and book receipts. If you have any questions or concerns the project counselor in your area would love to help. Communication is key in the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship program. Our project counselors and administrative assistants are always available via phone or email to offer support to the recipients.

#### **Northern and Rural Nevada:**

775-448-5203

#### **Southern Nevada:**

702-486-1476

## One More Decision

Every day people make decisions. You ask the children you work with to make a decision when you give them choices such as: milk or water? Cars or blocks? You wake up each day and make a very simple decision: what am I going to wear today? Well, maybe that one isn't so simple. However, many decisions can be much more difficult. In fact, you made a big decision when you made the choice to return to school and further your education. What you maybe didn't know, was that making the decision to go to college would lead to another choice: what certificate or degree do you want to earn?

For some people this choice can be very easy, for others it is a true struggle. Often this struggle is because one is unaware of the degree and certificate options available at the school he or she is attending. As part of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada program, participants are required to declare an Early Childhood Education related major or choose an ECE certificate to complete. Each of the four two year colleges in Nevada have several ECE AAs, AASs and

Certificate programs to choose from. The universities each have a Bachelors of Arts option in the early childhood field. One of the best ways to decide the choice best for you is to set up an appointment with a faculty advisor at the school you will be attending. After discussing your educational and career goals, they will be able to guide you to the degree or certificate option that will best suit your needs. The faculty advisor will also be able to give you advice on the best plan for when to take classes and direct you to helpful resources on campus.

After you choose your degree or certificate, it is very important that you formally declare it; declaring your major means, you will follow the degree sheet for that degree that was in place at the time of declaration. This will help if the required coursework is changed and will prevent you from taking more classes than necessary.

So, now that you are back in school and have declared a major there's just one last thing...what's for supper?



## Be on the look-out for registration dates...

The colleges and universities usually announce summer and fall registrations periods halfway through the spring semester. Please look out for the dates because **returning students receive priority registration.** As always turn in registration copies to your local T.E.A.C.H. office right away to guarantee placement in the classes.

## Advertise with NevAEYC

NevAEYC is looking for businesses interested in advertising in our quarterly newsletter!  
Our newsletter is viewed by thousands of ECE professionals.

### Newsletter Advertisement Rates

VENDOR AND SERVICE ADS	B&W	COLOR
1/4 page vertical ad (3.5" x 5")	\$35	\$50
1/2 page horizontal ad (7.5" x 5")	\$100	\$150
1/2 page vertical ad (3.5" x 10")	\$100	\$150
Full page ad (7.5" x 10")	\$150	\$200
Setting up Vendor/Service Type ad for camera ready	\$100	\$100

**Formats: PDF, InDesign CS 2-3, Illustrator 8-10; CS 2-3**  
All artwork must be sent with accompanying graphic files, fonts, and proof copy.

**Email files to brandied@4arc.com.** Subject line of email must contain "NevAEYC Advertisement".

**Questions?** Call 866.927.3601

## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada Encourages Effective Advocacy...

T.E.A.C.H.® Nevada would like to persuade childcare providers, parents and all other members of the ECE community, to please visit <http://www.naeyc.org/policy/ARRA> and see where improvements can be made upon your role as an advocate for Early Childhood Education. We know that we want to improve upon the quality of ECE in the state of Nevada and NAEYC's website offers useful tools for expanding our knowledge of the legislative process, hence, the more effective we will become as unyielding advocates of Early Childhood Education.

Submit your favorite classroom story, it just may appear in our next newsletter. Kindly submit to: [brandied@nevaeyc.org](mailto:brandied@nevaeyc.org)

## The Nevada Registry: Growing the ECE Profession

Submitted by Shelly Nye, Program Director, The Nevada Registry

In an effort to connect with ECE professionals on a statewide basis and support the transition to mandatory participation, The Nevada Registry has developed a community outreach/presentation schedule for 2010. Presentations will be offered throughout the year in locations across the state and are aimed at ECE professionals who are thinking about applying but need to know where to start, as well as those who have already applied to the Registry but want to know more about the program. Registry staff will be available during presentations to answer questions, provide technical assistance regarding Career Ladder placement and share why participation with the Registry is important to the ECE industry in Nevada.

Presentations have already been scheduled! View a complete listing of statewide outreach dates for the year at: <http://www.nevadaregistry.org/careerladder/outreach.html>. Please also feel free to contact Registry staff for more information at (800)259-1906 or via email at: [nevadaregistry@washoe.k12.nv.us](mailto:nevadaregistry@washoe.k12.nv.us).



## SPOTLIGHT ON AN ACCREDITED CENTER

**Name of Program:** E.L. Cord Foundation Child Care Center / Truckee Meadows Community College

**Director's Name:** Diane Nicolet

**Number of Children Enrolled:** 100

**Number of Staff:** 33

**Date of Original Accreditation:** July 2000

**How do you feel the accreditation process has influenced the following factors?**

- **Staff**

The process itself created more work for staff and often took teachers away from direct contact with children/families. However, it also increased dedication to understanding our role as a community college lab school, improved practice in classroom environment (inside & outside), developed a deeper collegial atmosphere, and strengthened our commitment to quality. Overall, we experienced improved practices in each of the 10-Standards, increased pride in our roles as ECE professionals. More specifically, among other things, we created Supervision & Mealtime informational brochures.

- **Administration practices and policies**

Added forms to our enrollment packet, lengthened our Initial Family Orientation, created Business Summary, Strategic Goals, & Leadership & Management Brochures that highlight & summarize our business policies & procedures

- **Relationship with families**

Informational & summary brochures are included in the New Family Orientation packet, through collaboration with parents during the accreditation process parents learned about the system & how it improves practice &

what it means to their child's early care & education - we have always conducted Satisfaction Survey's but we used NAEYC's and learned other things such as parent's interest in having more events (eek, 10- per year seems like enough to us)

- **Connection to the community**

Mostly educational, we educated others/partners about the accreditation process

**Do you have any suggestions for centers considering becoming accredited or working on accreditation?**

Call me, join NAEYC/TORCH

**Optional Contact Information**

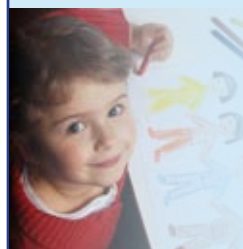
Phone: 775-674-7515

E-mail: [dnicole@tmcc.edu](mailto:dnicole@tmcc.edu)

Address: 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno NV 89512

### "Childcare Funny"

By Terry Randolph



When my daughter, Dalia, was three years old we spent a lot of time reading books together. As a teacher, I always was sure to include the title of the book and the author. One day we were visiting out of town and staying in a motel. Dalia was looking in the drawers in the motel room and found a copy of the Bible. Dalia asked what the name of the book was, so I told her. She then climbed on the bed, opened the book and said out loud: "The Bible Story by Margaret Wise Brown"!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**April 23-24, 2010**

*Wondrous Places to  
Learn & Grow*

A two-day institute with  
**Margie Carter & Deb Curtis**  
Solano County Office of Education  
Fairfield, CA

**Concepts to Explore:**

- Why does cultivating a sense of wonder matter in early childhood settings?
- How can your environment provoke a sense of wonder and deeper engagement for you and the children?
- How do we choose, find and offer materials to children that invite wonder, complex play and deeper inquiry?
- What is the role of the teacher in the environment to provoke wonder and deeper inquiry?
- What is the relationship between the environment, materials, observation and documentation to deepen learning?



For teachers, childcare providers, directors,  
early childhood educators, students & all  
those invested in children 0-5



Look for registration information in  
early January

For more information or to send your contact  
information to guarantee registration materials are  
sent to you in January email institute chairs:  
Simone Brunetti [sbrunetti@crncapa.org](mailto:sbrunetti@crncapa.org) or  
Amy Obegi [amy.obegi@solano.edu](mailto:amy.obegi@solano.edu)

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# NevAEYC

## Annual Early Childhood Conference

A Culture of Acceptance: A Journey Together

April 16 – 17, 2010

Tuscany Suites & Casino in Las Vegas

For more information about the **NevAEYC** annual conference, contact **Catherine Lyons** at [catherine.lyons@unlv.edu](mailto:catherine.lyons@unlv.edu) or **Claire Tredwell** at [claire.tredwell@unlv.edu](mailto:claire.tredwell@unlv.edu)

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- Plus, we provide top-quality, classroom-tough furnishings for infant & toddler, preschool, pre-k, kindergarten, and elementary environments.
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**All furniture and materials used  
in our model classrooms are available  
at 25% off during the conference!**

For a list of preschool model classroom materials  
and information on how to pre-purchase,  
contact **Scott Burns** at (800) 421-5354, ext. 7857  
or [sburns@lakeshorelearning.com](mailto:sburns@lakeshorelearning.com)



## Resources for Child Care and Schools

Trusted Information From the American Academy of Pediatrics

American Academy of Pediatrics  
DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN™



Child Care

Nutrition/Fitness

Health and Safety

Infection Prevention

Healthy Children

### Announcing a **new** AAP guide for **safe, appropriate care** in group settings

**Managing Chronic Health Needs in Child Care and Schools: A Quick Reference Guide**

*Editors: Elaine A. Donoghue, MD, FAAP, and Colleen A. Kraft, MD, FAAP*

This all-new quick guide brings caregivers and educators AAP recommendations on a wide spectrum of chronic conditions.

#### Contents include

- More than 35 fact sheets describing specific conditions in plain English
- Care Plan implementation strategies for caregivers/teachers
- Medical administration issues
- Handling symptoms that develop in child care or school settings
- Ready-to-use sample forms and letters
- Emergency planning

[Visit the AAP Online Bookstore to order or for more information.](#)

**Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools: A Quick Reference Guide, 2nd Edition**

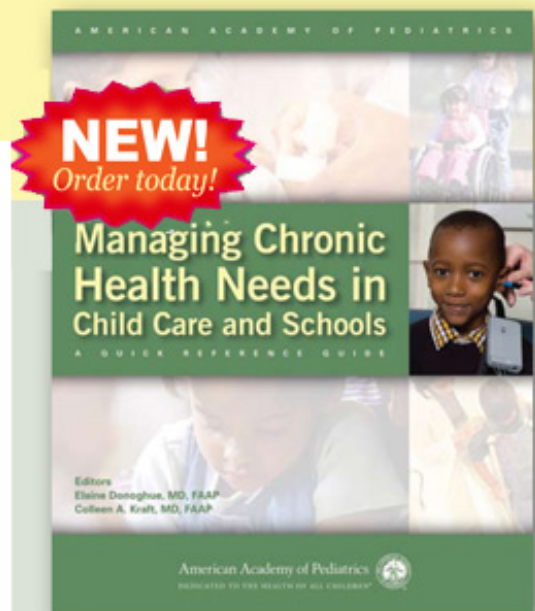
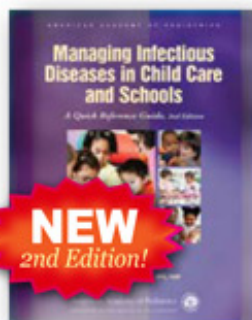
*Editors: Susan S. Aronson, MD, FAAP; and Timothy R. Shope, MD, MPH, FAAP*

The new 2nd edition of this award-winning best-seller provides caregivers and school professionals with easy-to-access guidelines for infectious disease prevention and management.

Includes more than 50 quick reference fact sheets on common diseases and symptoms featuring

- Easy-to-understand explanations
- Strategies for limiting spread of infection
- Exclusion and readmission criteria
- Guidance on which situations require immediate medical attention

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### How-to help at a glance!

These time-saving fact sheets cover diseases and disorders that caregivers and school staff deal with daily, including

- ADHD
- Allergies
- Altered immunity
- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Autism
- Bleeding disorders
- Cerebral palsy
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes
- Down syndrome
- Hearing loss and deafness
- Heart conditions and defects
- Hepatitis
- HIV
- Kidney/urinary problems
- Seizures
- Sickle cell disease
- Visual impairments