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## NevAEYC Conference 2010 - Las Vegas

By Lillie Englund

The 2010 NAEYC conference was a unique and hugely successful experience for over 500 attendees from across the continent. "A Culture of Acceptance: A Journey Together" focused on serving all children together in classrooms prepared for their success in school and in life. The conference featured three live classrooms (infant/toddler, preschool, and school-age), sponsored by Lakeshore, where participants were able to learn from presenters strategies for meeting the needs of all children in mutually inclusive settings. All keynote speakers and presenters addressed aspects of the journey from inclusion through acceptance to equality where children truly belong in a community of their peers.

A pre-conference day was co-sponsored by the NevAEYC and the Division of Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC) on Thursday April 15th, where Dr. Michelle Tannock presented a keynote address entitled "Building a Mosaic: Equity through Diversity in Early Childhood Education". Her address was followed by a full day presentation by Janice Greenberg of the Hanen Program for Early Childhood Educators. Entitled "Building Communication Skills in Young Children: A Journey Together with Parents and Educators", the sessions addressed meeting the learning needs of children with delays, or who are at risk, and children who are typically developing.

Keynote speakers for Friday and Saturday represented many viewpoints of the meaning of acceptance of all citizens. Dr. Tom Pierce of the Department of Special Education at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas opened the conference. Dr Pierce has served people with disabilities and their families in the Southern Nevada Community for 30 years.

Father Gregory Boyle from Homeboy Industries and the Delores Mission parish addressed the need for kinship in his address "Tattoos on the heart: Lessons from the Barrio". His work involves meeting the educational, employment and counseling needs of gang-involved youth in the largest gang-rehabilitation program in the world. His emotionally charged talk demonstrated the need for investing in the lives of young people who have lost hope in order to better our own society.

Camille Catlett, of the Frank Porter Graham Institute in North Carolina, researches models

for preparing personnel to work with young children who are culturally, linguistically and ability diverse. Her presentation "A New Set of Eyeglasses: Looking at How to Support the Capability of Each and Every Child" inspired participants to reflect on their own views and practices with children with differing needs.

Louise Derman-Sparks, on the faculty of Pacific Oaks College (1974-2007) has devoted her career addressing the need for Ant-Bias Curriculum to early childhood educators. She has written several books on the subject, and served on National Boards of Directors including NAEYC. She presented an address entitled "Helping Children Thrive Social-Emotionally and Cognitively in a Diverse, Interconnected World: Anti-Bias Education Today".

Todd Parr is a children's author and Executive Producer of the internationally aired Todd World (TLC and Discovery Kids). His books reflect the message of feeling good about ourselves in a fun way, by reading about acceptance, differences, and empowerment. His address "Things that Make Me Feel Good" inspired many of the participants to rethink self-esteem in young children.

Additionally, three musicians presented keynotes addresses. Stuart Stotts' "I'm a Teacher, Not a Baby Sitter" hit a concordant note with many teachers in the audience at the T.E.A.C.H. reception Thursday evening. Jim Valley presented the message of getting along in his closing keynote Friday evening "Living Together on a Rainbow Planet". Jenny Barbee performed an energetic closing keynote on Saturday evening with movement and music in "Creative Movement Recipes".

Additionally, more than 70 sessions addressed different topics on inclusion, acceptance, and equality. Each session emphasized every child's birthright (not a privilege) to be included with their peers. The message frequently repeated is that "all children belong and can learn with appropriate supports and services with no prerequisites for participation in the same classroom they would attend if they did not have a disability". Many thanks to the conference committee headed by Dr. Catherine Lyons and Dr. Claire Tredwell for a superb NevAEYC 2010 conference.

## What they said...



*Camille Catlett*

“Excellent all around! Loved the hot chocolate story and resources”

“I really loved the message at the end of the presentation. What a great outlook for teachers to have!”

“As usual, a fabulous presentation. Very knowledgeable and very interesting.”

“Awesome! Great info that I can really use.”



*Michelle Tannock*



*Louise Derman-Sparks*

“Excellent, Excellent! A lot of information that I can implement in my daily routine with the group I am working”

“Thank you. Received some great new ideas and information.”

“Fantastic information, thought provoking examples”

“Great presentation with a lot of great helpful informatin that will definitely be useful in the classroom...”

“Thank you so much for an excellent presentation”

“Delightful”



*Janice Greenberg*



*Father Gregory Boyle*

“Wow, Wow, Wow!! Amazing speaker, very inspiring, and shed light in inclusion and making has point of “kinship” clear. Father Boyle should have kept speaking”

“Father Boyle was the best keynote speaker ever!! His message of being non-judgmental was incredible.”

“There are no adequate words to describe this man. It was, and he is, incredible”



*Todd Parr*

“Amazing! Very inspiring”

“Truly enjoyed Todd Parr. This session was the most fun. He is a wonderful speaker! He had a great message.”

“His presentation was fun, informative, and very interesting”

“Amazing – makes research relevant not just words but all 8 ways. Knows his stuff and makes in interesting and relevant...shows how to incorporate into daily routine”



*Stuart Stotts*



*Jim Valley*

“the best inservice yet”

“Very entertaining, I think kids will really like his songs”

“It is a very great closing keynote” Enjoyed it very much”

“Great active way to end a fabulous conference.”

“Excellent class!”



*Jenny Barbee*

## Public Policy Forum, Washington D.C.



*Peggy touching the top of the Washington monument outside the top of the Capitol Dome.*

On February 2nd and 3rd a group of Early Childhood Professionals from Nevada attended the NAEYC Public Policy Forum in Washington, DC. The Nevada contingent included Lillie Englund and Peggy Pulver representing the NevAEYC Board, Whitney Leathers and Danielle Harris representing T.E.A.C.H.® Early Childhood Nevada, Shelly Nye of the Nevada Registry and Diane Farkis of the Southern Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children.

This was an exciting and challenging year for federal budget and policy decisions for early childhood education and related programs. Federal funding accounts for most of the public funding in early childhood education. Decisions made at the federal level have an enormous impact on state and local policies, providers, and individual children and their families.

NAEYC Public Policy expert, Adele Robinson, facilitated day one of the forum. Guest speakers in the morning included the Honorable Jack Reed of Rhode Island, Sue Russell, NAEYC President, and Mark R. Ginsberg, NAEYC Executive Director. Helen Blank, National Women's Law Center, Geri Henchy, Food Research & Action Center, and Tor Cowan, American Federation of Teachers spoke on "Advancing significant federal program reauthorizations—Setting priorities: Child Care & Development Block Grant, Child Nutrition, and the Elementary & Secondary Education Act". The afternoon included a focused presentation on "Longitudinal Data Systems: What is the information we need, how do we get it, what do we do with it?" with Elizabeth Laird, Data Quality Campaign and Helene Stebbins, Birth to Five Policy Alliance. Attendees were given a choice of breakout sessions:

"Integrating ECE workforce data into P-20 Longitudinal Data Systems", "State Early Childhood Advisory Councils: Focusing on babies and toddlers" or "Addressing the needs of children in immigrant communities". The final session was titled: "The Obama Administration Agenda for Early Childhood Education from Birth Through Age 8" and was presented by Roberto Rodriguez, Special Assistant to the President for Education.

Day two of the forum included a day on "the hill". The Nevada group visited the offices of our Congressional delegation from Nevada. The group felt very privileged to represent the early childhood professionals and children of Nevada by sharing NAEYC Policy Briefs and some personal stories. To view NAEYC's Call to Action, visit the NAEYC website for an overview on the recommendations to Congress: [www.naeyc.org/policy/federal/recommendations](http://www.naeyc.org/policy/federal/recommendations)

As all good early childhood professionals should, the group included some "play" as part of their visit to Washington. The group enjoyed visiting many of the monuments and museums in the area. Of particular interest was the Smithsonian's American History exhibition focusing on the connection between play and the careers of some



*On the Hill - (from left to right) Shelly Nye, Lillie Englund, Diane Farkis, Whitney Leathers, Peggy Pulver and Danille Harris.*

very influential Americans: Frank Lloyd Wright and Albert Einstein to mention just a few.

The highlight of the trip was a private tour of the inside AND outside of the Capitol Dome sponsored by Representative Dean Heller where several of the group were treated to a 360 degree view of the entire city on a beautiful winter day. We were lucky to be scheduled to leave DC when we did as what was the storm of the century buried the city in snow for the next two weeks!



*Meeting Senator Ensign*

Senators and Congressmen and women are usually very happy to meet with Nevadans when they are visiting the DC area. If you are planning a trip, contact your representatives. They are often able to get tickets to sit in on sessions of congress and for various tours. For information on your members of Congress, such as Committee assignments go to [www.naeyc.org/policy/action](http://www.naeyc.org/policy/action)

## New Board Member Spotlight

Hello! I am your new NevAEYC Vice President of Communication and Technology, Bette Katz. I am very excited and honored that you elected me to this position. Crystal Swank, Professor and Program Coordinator of Early Childhood Education at Truckee Meadows Community College, was in this position before me. I want to recognize her accomplishments and dedication to NevAEYC. Crystal devoted a great deal of time and energy helping me learn the scope of my new responsibilities, which I greatly appreciate.

I would like to share some information with you about myself so you can get to know me a little better. The majority of my professional career has been spent in some way, shape or form in the field of early childhood. I was born in Brooklyn, New York, but grew up in a small city upstate called Schenectady. I gained a lot of practical experience as the oldest of four daughters. My first job where I actually got paid, however, was as a day camp counselor in the four year old group. This is when my love of young children and my awareness of the magic of fostering a child's learning truly began.

I attended the University of New York at Buffalo for two years and then

transferred to the State College of New York at Potsdam where I obtained my Bachelor's Degree. Due to my love of reading as well as of young children, I completed my degree with a double major of Elementary Education with a minor in Early Childhood and English, and received my teacher certification in Nursery through Sixth grade (N-6). I married my high school sweetheart Alan in my senior year of college and after graduation we moved back to Schenectady. My first teaching position was in the New York State Pre-K program. It was there that I first became aware of the importance of teachers working together with parents and guardians to support children's growth and development.

The next step in my life journey brought me to Barre, Vermont. I worked as an accounts receivable clerk in a short line railroad owned by the SM Pinsley Company. Even though it was interesting learning about the movement of railroad cars, I missed teaching. My position as a teacher in the Central Vermont Head Start Program came about after taking a Chinese cooking class where the instructor was also the Head Start Director. After three



*Bette Katz*

years we returned to Schenectady so that my husband could take over his family's decorating business. I worked first as a Center Coordinator and then as Education Administrator with the Schenectady Head Start Program for a number of years. Along the way I had two sons, Jason and Andrew, who taught me more about young children and challenging behavior than I learned from my college classes. They are now adults. Jason is married and lives in Boston, Massachusetts and Andrew still lives with us as he contemplates where his life will lead him next.

My family's move to Reno Nevada in 1995 came about because my husband opened and ran the west coast distribution facility for his company. After a few months of searching I began my work in Nevada's early childhood landscape at Community Child Care Services, a non-profit early childhood program, where I served as teacher, Program Administrator and Executive Director. In 1998 I began the next phase in my career at The Children's Cabinet. I have worked at the Children's Cabinet in a variety of capacities over the last twelve years, despite a three year hiatus as the Subsidized Program Manager at 4C Council, the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency of Santa Clara County. Currently I am the Program Manager of Parent and Provider Services in The Children's Cabinet Child Care Resource and Referral Department. I have served on numerous committees and boards in New York and Nevada where I hope that I have contributed in some way to the important work that we all do with young children. My passion is to make a difference in the lives of young children, families and early childhood professionals. I assure you I will always strive to do my very best on your behalf.

### 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

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

**Formats: PDF, InDesignCS 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

## Updating Your Personal Information on the NAEYC Website

By Michelle Tannock, NevAEYC Vice-President of Membership

When was the last time you took a look at your information on the NAEYC Website? For most of us it has been some time, and we forget that we can change our contact information and even the areas focus for our practice. Take a few moments to review your information and make a few changes to reflect your current areas of interest.

To begin, just go to [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) and click on the membership tab. From here you will need to login, either by remembering your login information, creating a new account, or requesting your password to be sent to your email address. You will need your NAEYC Membership ID number, so have it on hand.

Once you have logged in, you can click on the “change information” link to update your address and check the information with your account including your ethnicity,



education, and professional positions. You can also update your interests and indicate how you could volunteer for the organization.

Your membership profile is used by NAEYC to determine information to send you and the NevAEYC utilizes profile data to effectively plan for professional trainings and services to most directly meet the needs of all members. Be sure your voice is heard, update your profile today!

## NevAEYC Celebrates It's Members!

According to the NAEYC member database, the following have continuously been members in NevAEYC:



### ***Since 1993 (17+ years)***

Ann Adams	Sue Knight
Paula Baum	Anna Maderis
Marci Behmaram	Keri Meranda
Pat Bleakly	Barbara Moniot
Melissa Burnham	Diane Nicolet
Renee Caudill	Jackie Reilly
Diana Clarke	Lori Schoen
Eva Essa	Tina Springmeyer
Joanne Everts	Valerie Stevenson
Jeri L. Farmer Smith	Crystal Swank
Diane Hardy	Sherry Waugh
Mary Hayes	Diane Wright
Jane Hogue	

### ***Members for 10+ years***

Maureen Avery	Rechelle Murillo
DeErin Begley	Shelly Nye
Gayle Clinker	Eileen Quinn
Ruby Collins	Marie Rowe
Karen Crider	Leah Sanders
Miriam Dake	Anna Severens
Lillie Englund	Margaret Shelton
Vicky Edmondson	Lucinda Silas
Georgeann Evener	Kathie Taylor
Tammy Hutchinson	Holly Tretheway
Catherine Lyons	Rebecca Vizina
Bette Katz	Art Willans
Alice LeDesma	Sandra Wilson
Tracy Lewis	Jane Wirth
Jan Morrison	

Didn't see your name on a list and thought you should?

Go to [www.NAEYC.org](http://www.NAEYC.org) to update your member information and renew existing memberships.

## Spotlighting Sherry Goodale: A T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada Celebrity!

Sherry Goodale is a resident of Carson City, Nevada and a student of Western Nevada College. She has been in the Early Childhood field for thirty-six years and is the current Director and Administrator for Capital Christian Child Development Center, South, as well as the Preschool Administrator for Capital Christian Child Development Center, North.



*Sherry Goodale*

Initially, Sherry said that it was a struggle getting teachers in her center to return to school, however, after some negotiating, she and several of her teachers reentered the classroom. According to Sherry, "After starting, there was no turning back."

Sherry is an outstanding student; she maintains an impressive grade point average and she should be graduating with her Associates Degree by fall of 2010. Not only is she an incredible scholar, but she encourages teachers in her center to pursue higher education as well: "Higher education has definitely improved the quality that we can provide to our children by introducing new and fresh ideas and improving our teaching styles."

Sherry expresses her gratitude for support from her husband – she says that pursuing a degree in ECE has also improved their time with their

grandsons. A supportive home environment can go a long way in keeping us motivated and on the educational path, as Sherry confirms: "...my husband has allowed me to stay up all night and do homework and then he has very graciously dealt with my grumpiness the day after!"

Sherry states that the biggest challenge of going to school is balancing work, classes, being a wife, mother, and grandmother, taking care of the home, and all the while maintaining close to a 4.0 GPA. However, despite the occasional struggles, Sherry

feels that it's all worth it when the results are, "A feeling of self-gratification in knowing that even at my age, I can still accomplish and complete a new goal in life. Learning that it is never too late!"

Sherry Goodale is an exceptional director, administrator, student, and advocate for improving the quality of Early Childhood Education in the state of Nevada. When asked what was the most significant benefit she has received from the T.E.A.C.H.® Program, Sherry replied: "I cannot express my gratitude for helping our teachers obtain a higher education. Only good can come from gaining more knowledge in raising these precious little ones. Anyone that has an opportunity such as T.E.A.C.H. should go for it!"

Thank you Sherry, and congratulations on your upcoming graduation! T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada applauds your admirable efforts and inspiring accomplishments!

## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada Fall 2009 Honor Roll



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada would like to take a moment to recognize those students who have done exceptionally well during the Fall 2009 semester. High five! And keep up the good work!

### Superstars – 4.0 GPA

Stephanie Aldan  
Jennifer Almeida  
Marianna Ashley  
Tammie Coleman  
Candace Cook  
Janessa DeLeon  
Denice Feldman  
Rosa Flores  
Lisa Gillespie  
Sherry Goodale  
Molly Hannah  
Carolyn Hunter  
Deborah Kaye  
Tracie Lansford  
Sandra LaPalm  
Ana Lomeli  
Marguerite Love  
Mary Magaña  
Lyndsey Mason  
Christine McManus  
Jennifer Rogacs  
Cassandra Rogers  
Stephanie Simpson  
Jessica Starr  
Nicole Watanabe  
Teresa Whitten  
Jennifer Williams  
Diane Wright

### All-Stars – 3.5 GPA or higher

Grace Albano  
Keiry Amaya-Medina  
Alicia Brandt  
Sarah Chambers  
Conchita Daniel  
Bettina de Bruyn  
Janet Fisher  
Veronica Fleming  
Julia Gomez  
Susan Gross-Albion  
Marchel Harper  
Amber Jacques  
Nicole Lundstrom  
Julie Monson  
Stacie Phillips  
Amy Robinson  
Melisa Schillinger  
Breanne Torrey  
Cathy Van House  
Tamara Watson  
Rissell Whitt

## The T.E.A.C.H. Recognition Event

The 1st Annual T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada Recognition was held on April 15th, 2010, with over 90 people ready to celebrate the 5 years that TEACH has been in Nevada. It was a great success! The first half of the celebration was a time to recognize some of T.E.A.C.H.® Nevada's greatest supporters in the ECE community. T.E.A.C.H. then had the privilege to personally thank several sponsoring center directors and about 30 scholarship recipients for all of their hard work and dedication. The second half the event was about having some fun! Stuart Stotts lead a great concert that emphasized each person's role in the ECE field. At the end of the night, the entire crowd had bonded over the real differences between being a teacher "not a babysitter". A video and pictures of the event will be available soon at [nvteach.org](http://nvteach.org). T.E.A.C.H.® Nevada can't wait for the 2nd Annual Recognition event which will be held at the 2011 NevAEYC Conference in Reno. Be sure to join us!

## 4th Annual Walk for Young Children!

The Reno Association for the Education of Young Children held their 4th annual Walk on April 10th, 2010 at the Sparks Marina. It was a huge success with over 200 Walk participants and nearly 300 attendees of the Family Fun Day which followed. Thank you to all of those who partook and to all of those who planned this fabulous event!

Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie attended and proudly kicked off the 4th annual Walk for Young Children. R.A.E.Y.C., as well as Nevada's youngest constituents, would like to send their thanks to Assemblywoman Leslie for showing her support for improving the quality of Early Childhood experiences within Nevada.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada had the honor of setting up a booth for the Family Fun Day event. Herb and Lila Clarno, of Bottle Creek Ranch, donated cups, soil and seeds, and all children who visited our table were able to plant a seed. An estimated sixty seeds were given the possibility of life on this particular Saturday!

## Meet Robin



*Robin Marx-Mackerley*

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Robin Marx-Mackerley and I am honored to be the new project Counselor for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nevada.

My career in the early childhood field began as a teenage volunteer in an infant classroom, evolving into a paid position as a teacher's aide. During this time, I completed my BA in Social Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. Years spent as a lead teacher prepared me for both the fun and chaos of being an assistant director.

As a leader in the early childhood profession, and having owned my own in-home childcare business, I am committed to supporting and encouraging early childhood teachers to continue their education. I firmly believe that an educated teacher has a greater positive

influence in the lives of their students.

I look forward to building relationships and supporting my co-workers, scholarship recipients and child care centers.

## 2+2 Scholarship Under Construction

T.E.A.C.H. is excited to announce the addition of the 2+2 Scholarship model!

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada has received funding to provide scholarships for recipients in Rural and Southern Nevada to attend UNLV with the 2+2 Bachelors degree path. Scholarships for this program will begin being offered in the Fall 2010.

If you would like more information on this scholarship model please call Whitney at 775-448-5282.

Or check back for more details in the Summer 2010 NevAEYC newsletter.

## Scholarships Available

Scholarships are available for 2010-2011 school year!

Scholarships options include:

- Early Childhood Apprenticeship Certificate Scholarship
- Associate Degrees and Certificates in: Teacher, Infant/Toddler, Administration/Director, Preschool, Teaching, and ECE
- Bachelor Degrees in ECE

Submit your T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada Application (<http://www.nevaeyc.org/pdf/Teachapplication.pdf>) by July 15.

## Important Dates for T.E.A.C.H. Participants to Remember:

### University of Nevada Reno:

Juniors: Registration has begun.

Seniors: Registration has begun.

<http://www.unr.edu/epaws/>

### University of Nevada Las Vegas:

Fall Registration has begun.

<https://my.unlv.nevada.edu/>

### BACK TO SCHOOL REGISTRATION DATES:

#### Truckee Meadows Community College:

Registration has already begun for Summer and Fall classes

<http://my.tmcc.edu/>

#### Great Basin College:

Registration has already begun for Summer and Fall classes

<http://www.gbcnv.edu/webreg/>

#### Western Nevada College:

Registration has already begun for Summer and Fall classes

<http://www.wnc.edu/academics/schedule/>

#### College of Southern Nevada:

Summer class registration begins for returning students: April 20 - May 21

Fall class registration begins for returning students: April 27 - August 5

<http://www.csn.edu/pages/702.asp>

### PAPERWORK REQUESTS:

Remember to submit your wage verifications for each contract you send in. Your contract year end bonus will get issued much sooner!

### RELEASE TIME:

Have you turned in your release time forms for last semester?

Summer and Fall T.E.A.C.H.® Recipients remember to send in your class registration! Upon receipt of your registration T.E.A.C.H.® will be able to pay for your tuition.

Completing the academic year of your T.E.A.C.H. Contract? Submit your grades and a current wage verification to receive your BONUS!

## And the winner is...

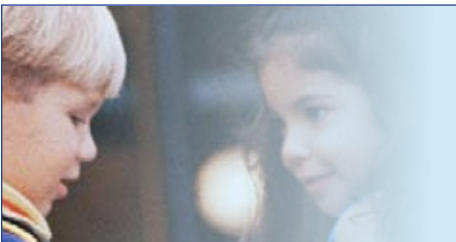
*The Early Childhood Professional* is happy to announce an opportunity for all early childhood educators to win \$25! Thanks to a generous donation by **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada**, the person submitting the best Early Childhood Funny for each edition of the newsletter will receive \$25! Since the state conference in April, dozens of stories have been submitted electronically, by fax and even snail mail. The staff of NevAEYC’s management company, Association Resource Center, has chosen a winner from those submitted. Although Margaret Oberg submitted a hilarious story, NevAEYC board members are not eligible to win. We’ll let Margaret hang onto that one until she’s no longer on the board. And now for the very first time in *The Early Childhood Professional*, the winner is.....

### “Early Childhood Funny”

By Geneva Adams



2 little girls were talking about one of them loosing a tooth. The one losing the tooth was being told by the other that she should “put it under her pillow for the tooth fairy and she will get money for it.” The first girls eyes lit up, she thought that was a wonderful idea. Then she got a curious look and asked “where does the tooth fairy live?” To which the other girl replied, with total confidence, “Las Vegas!”



## NevAEYC Members: Submit your favorite “Early Childhood Funny” and you could win \$25

Sponsored by **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada**

Share a funny early childhood story with us. It could be something humorous one of your students or own children may have said or done that made you chuckle or laugh out loud. If your story is selected, it will be printed in the next quarterly NevAEYC Newsletter and you will receive \$25!!

Share your funny early childhood story here:

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**Contact information:**

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NevAEYC Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit your completed forms to NevAEYC, 950 Glenn Drive, Ste 150, Folsom, CA 95630 or fax to (916)932-2209 or email to Brandied@4arc.com

## Introducing...Cabinet Ink

The Children's Cabinet was established in December 2005, with the mission of keeping children safe and families together. The Cabinet offers services and resources that address unmet needs, through a unique and effective cooperative effort between the private sector and public agencies in northern Nevada.

The Child Care Resource and Referral Department (CCR&R) provides both Resources and Referral and Provider Services. Resource and Referral services include child care referrals, child care subsidy, respite care, employer support and consumer education. Provider services include education, training, technical assistance, building child care capacity, improvement grants and Caregiver's Support Network.

The Family and Youth Interventions Department (FYI) provides services to homeless, runaway, or abducted youth, truancy reduction and detention alternatives, former foster youth support and family violence prevention.



I would like to introduce you to an exciting new program in the FYI Department called Cabinet Ink. Cabinet Ink is a silkscreen print company unlike any other print shop! This program was established to provide working opportunities for at-risk youth. The youth learn a marketable skill and a valuable trade they can use

for a lifetime in the context of actually working in a business environment. They are able to see their accomplishments and hard work materialize, giving them hope for their future. I visited the Cabinet Ink Office to see their operation and meet the youth in person. There are currently eight youth that work on a part time basis. They are learning how to do silkscreen printing of course, but they are also learning leadership skills, how to run a business, how to talk with customers, how to organize an office, the importance of coming to work every day and being on time. One youth shared with me that: "It's pretty cool to finally be trusted". Another commented: "This is a chill atmosphere. I learn how to run a business. I have something good for me so I don't get into trouble, make money and learn something interesting. I have made new friends doing something positive."

As you can see, the youth employees of Cabinet Ink take great pride in their work. They can either create a new design or use or adapt an existing design. Cabinet Ink has completed thirty different jobs since they started in December 2009. The biggest job they have done to date are the 600 fabulous bags handed out at this year's NevAEYC Conference which just took place in April in Las Vegas.

For more information or a custom quote please contact Taylor Morgan, the Manager of Cabinet Ink, at (775) 352-8090 x 127, (775) 682-1309 (cell), or [tmorgan@childrenscabinet.org](mailto:tmorgan@childrenscabinet.org).

If you decide to place an order, you will not only be receiving a great product but you are supporting a greater cause.



**HORIZONS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN**

## 5th Young Children Without Homes National Conference

*Fifty states, one voice for young homeless children*

**June 15, 2010**

**College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA**

Hosted by Horizons for Homeless Children, this conference will focus on the issue of child and family homelessness and its effect on young children (0-5); cross-systems training; networking and collaboration; strategies and solutions.

### Who's Invited?

Providers of early care and education services; providers of homeless services; health professionals; public school teachers/administrators; homeless education liaisons; Head Start providers; policymakers; legislators and more!

Visit [www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org](http://www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org) for info; to receive electronic event updates, please e-mail [conference@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org](mailto:conference@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org).

### About Horizons for Homeless Children

Founded in 1988 as an independent, non-profit organization, Horizons for Homeless Children is dedicated to serving homeless children and their families. Headquartered in Roxbury, MA, Horizons for Homeless Children has created over 140 Playspaces (educational and recreational spaces) in family shelters throughout Massachusetts. Since inception we have recruited and trained more than 12,500 community members to become volunteer Playspace Activity Leaders, working with the children living in family shelters. Horizons for Homeless Children's three Community Children's Centers (CCCs) provide childcare and early education for 175 young homeless children and parent support services for their families. The agency provides leadership in advocating for homeless children and their families through leveraging and sharing expertise with others and advocating with policy makers and the public. For more information on Horizons for Homeless Children, please visit

[www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org](http://www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org).

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## ***You Are Invited ...***

*to Participate in the National Survey of the Early Childhood Workforce*

The McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership is conducting a study of the center-based, early childhood workforce. This confidential survey will cover the aspects of your role that contribute most to professional fulfillment. Family child care workers were surveyed in a previous survey.

Survey responses will be compiled to develop an updated profile of the early childhood workforce and national norms for the Early Childhood Job Satisfaction Survey (ECJSS). When the analysis is complete, results will be posted on the McCormick Center's website. ***In addition, survey participants will be entered in a raffle drawing for a 12 megapixel Kodak digital camera and a copy of Picture This: Digital and Instant Photography Activities for Early Childhood.***

Please go to [this link](#) to read more and to fill out the electronic survey.

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## Newsletter deadlines and submissions

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July 15th

### PUBLICATION DATE

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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.



# UAEYC

Utah Association for the Education of Young Children  
P.O. Box 25836 Salt Lake City, UT 84125-0836

February 22, 2010

Dear State and Local AEYC Affiliates:

We extend to you a welcome invitation to attend the annual WSLN (Western States Leadership Network) Conference to be held for the first time in Utah. We have an outstanding group of people, guided by Lynn Palmer, comprising several committees who are committed to making WSLN 2010 not only memorable but useful to the boards where you serve. The theme for this year's conference is, ***"The Higher Ground of Leadership, Helping Boards Blossom to Their Full Potential."***

You know the work we do as board members serves to improve the skills and quality of our early childhood educators throughout the western states. And this conference is here for all of us to hone your skills, exchange ideas, share experiences, grow our knowledge, and raise each of us to a higher level of excellence in our own states. It is real and true professional development.

We have scholarships available for two emerging leaders, courtesy of Gwen Simmons & NAEYC. Applications will be made available over the internet shortly. We also understand the difficulty some are having getting financial backing from their organizations or states due to the economic climate. We believe that there can be ways to get to this important professional conference through your own creative thinking. Please seek ways to get to Utah and not miss out on such an important professional growth event.

Our beautiful mountains and your WSLN friends await your arrival. Plan for the June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> event. You CAN make it happen. We will see you there. And keep watching for more information coming to you over the internet.

<http://wsln2010.blogspot.com>

**George Garff**, President

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