



# R.A.E.Y.C.

## General Membership Newsletter

### *RAEYC Mission Statement*

*We value the professionals in our communities who teach and nurture our children. We profess this value through our commitment, interest, recognition and support of the contributions made by Early Childhood Educators. We seek to advance the efforts to improve and raise the standards by which acceptable child care is measured. We believe that the potential for children's success can be positively shaped by early influence.*



### **Letter from RAEYC President, Alice LeDesma**

Lately it seems as if there aren't enough hours in a day to fit everything in, do you feel that way too? There are the things I *have* to do, and the things I *want* to do; it's funny how the term "Professional Development" seems to fit into both of those categories – especially when time is precious! Sure, most of us take training to satisfy one form of licensure or another, but there are also the experiences of learning and communicating that satisfy other needs in us as professionals in the field of early childhood. The nature of this field is so dynamic that there's always something new to learn and always new research to be uncovered, keeping up with it is not only enriching, but encouraging.

"Professional Development" in our community has come to mean many different things, and if you're looking for new ways to connect to training opportunities, these days there are many options and so many ways to go about doing it! Your Local and State AEYC organizations – who have been in the business of providing "training" for quite some time - are constantly cooking up fresh ideas to add some "spice" to training. This is to ensure that you, the participant, always have opportunities to network, gather new ideas, and get refreshed and energized so that you can give back to the families you serve. After all, it is imperative that we stay up-to-date on what research, studies and experiences reveal about what is "best practice" in caring for children, and also sharing that information with the entire community. You can also check out your traditional resources, such as the University and Community College Systems, both of which have wonderful alternatives to traditional college courses in early childhood that will stimulate your brain *and* your social calendar. Getting new ideas and meeting others in the field who share your experiences and motivation can do wonders for your work! The Nevada Registry's online training calendar (can be accessed at [www.nevadaregistry.org](http://www.nevadaregistry.org)) is also a great tool for those looking to expand their professional development. Locating both traditional training and alternatives to traditional training on the website is easy and free!

"Professional Development" can and should mean many different things, and our affiliate is dedicated to providing various options to satisfy the Professional Development needs of our members. We want to help you get those hours you need, and simultaneously put you in touch with others who can support you, encourage you and teach you. Our community is full of great learning opportunities that are expanding creatively every day. We hope that we can help you find them, take advantage of them, and make the most of the time – it will be worth it in the long run!

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# Special Events Calendar



## March

3/4/2006

### Special Training Day

Sponsored by TEACH and RAEYC, hosted by TMCC. Trainings range from going to college and financial support, to yoga and relaxation techniques. Event will be fun, fun, fun - appropriate for everyone! For additional information please contact Kimberlee Belcher at (775) 303-5833.

## April

04/02/2006-04/08/2006 **Week of the Young Child**

Mark your calendars! Week of the Young Child will be April 2nd through April 8th. Be sure to check the events calendar on the NevAEYC website for specific event information: [www.nevaeyc.org](http://www.nevaeyc.org).

04/06/2006-04/08/2006 **NevAEYC Conference**

NevAEYC 2006 Early Childhood Conference, "You Make a Difference One Child at a Time," at the Alexis Park Resort in Las Vegas. This exciting conference will feature over 80 sessions in 9 tracks, such as administration, professional development, infants & toddlers, Pre-K, K-2, multi-age, home providers, public policy and inclusion. There will also be 2 keynotes, onsite vendors, networking opportunities and a field trip. Be sure to check out the pre-conference day on April 6 with renowned guest speaker Dr. Bruce Perry: "The Power of Early Childhood." Please visit [www.nevaeyc.org](http://www.nevaeyc.org) for specific information about scheduled workshops as well as to download the Registration form.



## May

05/01/2006

### Worthy Wage Day

Worthy Wage Day is a day to build community awareness and highlight the importance of quality care for children and its relationship to worthy wages for child care work. Worthy Wage Day is a day of action! For more information, or to participate, please contact Kimberlee Belcher at 303-5833 or [kbelcher@welfare.state.nv.us](mailto:kbelcher@welfare.state.nv.us).

05/04/2006

### Director's Luncheon

Please join us for raffle prizes, great food, wonderful company, conversation and a one-hour training on *Employee Conflict Resolution!* As always, this event is FREE to RAEYC members and \$10.00 for non-members. Please check the events calendar at [www.nevaeyc.org](http://www.nevaeyc.org) or contact Cheryl Price at 626-1802 for time and location information.

05/12/2006

### Provider Appreciation Day

May 12th is Northern Nevada's official Provider Appreciation Day! Additional details will be available soon at [www.nevaeyc.org](http://www.nevaeyc.org) or you can contact Sandra Connell at 338-7529.



## Want to Get Involved?

The RAEYC Board welcomes individuals who are interested in volunteering in various capacities. If you would like to get involved with any of our upcoming events, please feel free to contact a board member.

## Board Meetings—You Are Invited!

All active members of the RAEYC membership are welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. Meetings are typically scheduled for 5:30 pm at the E.L. Cord Foundation Child Care Center on the TMCC campus\*. At this time, the following meetings have been scheduled:

**March 20, 2006**

**April 17, 2006**

**May 15, 2006**

*\*Dates and locations are subject to change. Feel free to email a member of the Board to verify prior to attending.*

## Meet the New Members

Thank you for sharing your voice in the 2006 RAEYC Board election! Listed below are the results for the five positions that have been filled for the 2006-2008 term. A big "Thank You" to all the outgoing members for their years of hard work and dedication in paving the path for professional development in our community, and welcome to all incoming members!

### **Margaret Oberg, Vice President**

Margaret is a licensed home child care providers accredited through NAFCC since 1998, and has served on the RAEYC Board for 2 years. Margaret is also a member of the Family Child Care Contract Network at UNR, a member of the Northern Nevada Child Care Association, and is a mentor for the Nevada Child Care Apprenticeship Program.

### **Tiffany Jackson, Secretary**

This is Tiffany's first year on the RAEYC Board. She has a BA in Child Development and just recently relocated from California, where she served in capacities such as: Family Service Specialist for the Children's Council of San Francisco; Resource and Referral Counselor; REWARD Project Assistant; and Coordinator for Valley Oak Children's Services.

### **Cheryl Price, Professional Development Coordinator**

Cheryl is a licensed private Preschool Provider that has been licensed in the Sparks area since January 1996. She has been on the RAEYC board since January 2004 and is currently working towards her Associates in ECE at TMCC. She has also served on the Northern Nevada Child Care Association Board as Treasurer and President.

### **Sandra Connell, Special Events Coordinator**

Sandra is another new member to the RAEYC Board and currently works for the Child and Family Research Center in the Early Head Start division. She is a massage therapist by trade but her passion is working with children. She is very involved in her church's children's program and is working to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in HDFS.

### **Stephanie Aguilera, Member at Large**

This is also Stephanie's first year on the RAEYC Board. Stephanie has a BA in Spanish and International Affairs and is the current Program Assistant of The Nevada Registry. She looks forward to immersing herself into the field of ECE through her experience with the Registry and the RAEYC Board and hopes to continue her education in an ECE-related field.

## 2006 Board Contact List



Feel free to contact Board members at any time for more information about the organization, with questions, comments, or to express your interest in getting involved!

### **President**

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### **Member At Large**

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## Renew Your Membership!

Renewing your membership is easy! You can either send in your renewal or SAVE TIME by logging on to [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) and complete the entire renewal process online.



## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR TRAINING TO MEET YOUR ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS?



Search for all approved training by date, location and/or Core Knowledge Area on a statewide basis by visiting **The Nevada Registry's** online calendar of approved training at:

**[www.nevadaregistry.org](http://www.nevadaregistry.org)**

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