



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.

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Letter from R.A.E.Y.C. President, Margaret Oberg

With the holiday season just around the corner, this is the perfect time to think back to the memories we have from our childhood of this time of year. I remember being so excited with all the sights, sounds, and smells of the season, and the anticipation of our big family celebrations. It is easy to get caught up in the hustle - bustle of the holiday season, even for those who don't celebrate the holidays. Those of us who are lucky enough to work with children can relive the wonder of this season through their eyes. We should grasp every opportunity to point out the changes this season brings, and join in the fun, too - jumping in piles of Fall leaves, enjoying hot apple cider or hot chocolate on a cold afternoon,

collecting pine cones in the woods, watching more sunrises and sunsets together now that it gets light earlier and dark sooner. Children can learn to enjoy giving as much as receiving and love to share in bringing canned food, warm clothes, and toys to those who help the ones that need them most. Whenever I start to feel overwhelmed and stressed with all that can seem so important this time of year, I try to remember to see this season through the eyes of children. We have such a great opportunity to share the memories the children in our lives may carry with them always.

Enjoy!

-Margaret Oberg

UNR NevAEYC Student Member Section Update

UNR's NevAEYC Student Member Section has been busy this fall semester! Members have been meeting actively to discuss classes, connect with other students, and plan future activities. This semester they organized and held a *Portfolio Workshop* that provided student members with an opportunity to network and learn about portfolios (one of the requirements for an ECE major). Two program graduates attended and offered advice and suggestions for undergraduate ECE students. The event was a huge success for all 30 members in attendance and they plan to

offer this workshop again in the future.

If you are interested in learning more about the UNR NevAEYC Student Member Section, please contact them by email at:

unrstudents@nevaeyc.org

You can also visit their website at <http://www.geocities.com/unrnaeyc>

UNR NevAEYC



ANNOUNCING! 2008 R.A.E.Y.C. Board ELECTION

MEET THE CANDIDATES....

Vice President • Stephanie Wyatt

Stephanie has been working for the UNR Early Head Start Program for 8 ½ years and is currently a home visitor providing parenting and child development education. She finds it rewarding to make a difference in the lives of our community's teen and pregnant parents. Stephanie has been a RAEYC Board member for 5 years and has been in the Early Childhood field for about 11 years. She enjoys learning about children and family policy and advocacy issues.

Secretary • Whitney Leathers

Whitney Leathers has been working in the field of ECE for the past 8 years. During this time, Whitney has served in several capacities including: aide, lead teacher, assistant director, assistant in management, crisis care worker, T.E.A.C.H. Project Counselor, and is currently the Director of T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood ® Nevada. She serves on The Nevada Registry Advisory Committee and the Infant Toddler Language and Literacy work group. When not at work, Whitney loves any outdoor activity and volunteering wherever she is needed.

Professional Development Coordinator • Cindy Johnson

Cindy Johnson has been providing professional development technical assistance in her position in the state Office of Early Care and Education for nine years. She has served as the Accreditation Chair for R.A.E.Y.C. and also holds positions on The Nevada Registry Advisory Committee member, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood NEVADA Advisory Committee, Head Start State Collaborative Committee, Child Care Licensing Ratio/group size work group, and CCDF childcare staff.

Member-At-Large • Tiffany Jackson

Tiffany Jackson has her Bachelor of Arts in Child Development and has served on the RAEYC Board since 2006. She has worked in a variety ECE-related capacities, such as Family Service Specialist for the Children's Council of San Francisco, Resource and Referral Counselor for Project REWARD, and Assistant Coordinator of Valley Oak Children's Services. Tiffany is currently a CCR&R Specialist for the Caregiver's Support Network at The Children's Cabinet.

**PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED BALLOT BY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2007.**

RAEYC NEEDS YOU!



RAEYC would like to extend an invitation to all members to participate in committee work. In order to best meet the needs of our community, we need YOUR help and participation! Becoming involved in a committee is a great way to network and meet other ECE professionals throughout the area, and it's also fun! All levels of committee involvement are needed, ranging from planning and fundraising, to simply attending a committee meeting or two and providing your thoughts and ideas, or volunteering an hour or two at an event.

If you're interested in volunteering, please send us an email at raeyc@nevaeyc.org or contact Margaret Oberg at (775) 747-6597. We look forward to hearing from you!



SAVE THE DATE!

ECE CELEBRATION!

February 21, 2008

Siena Hotel Spa Casino 7PM Dessert Buffet

For more information, please contact Kayelynn Savage at ksavage@childrenscabinet.org or visit the NevAEYC Events Calendar at www.nevaeyc.org. Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

NevAEYC ECE CONFERENCE

April 10-12, 2008

Tuscany Suites and Casino • Las Vegas

Leap Year 2008: *An Extra Day to Celebrate Children!*
From Tadpoles to Frogs...we hop into leap year with an extra day to help our children learn and grow. This year's conference will feature keynote speakers Dr. Samuel Meisels & Sarah A. Mulligan, M.Ed. For more information, please visit the NevAEYC website at www.nevaeyc.org.

**Week of the Young Child 2008:
Bringing Communities Together for
Children - Children Bring Communities
Together**

April 13-19, 2008

Details coming soon at www.nevaeyc.org!



**NAEYC's 17th Annual National
Institute for Early Childhood
Professional Development
June 8-11, 2008 • New Orleans
*Technology and Early Childhood
Education***

For registration, housing, and additional information, visit www.naeyc.org/conferences/institute.asp this spring!



*The world we have created is a product of our thinking.
It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.*

Albert Einstein

2007 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!

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ANNOUNCING!
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BALLOT ENCLOSED!



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 and complete the entire renewal process online.



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