

San Antonio Association for the
Education of Young Children

UPDATE FOR CHILDREN

Spring 2014



Message from the President

Happy New Year Members!

As you open this newsletter, we are well into the swing of things and our daily routines. As we immerse ourselves in all these routines, we must continue to provide quality care for the children of San Antonio. In an effort to help you provide quality care SAAEYC has a few more trainings, along with other functions.

The SAAEYC spring calendar includes the annual conference, Kids Day in the Park, Breakfast of Children's Champions, and the election of new officers. If you haven't renewed your 2014 membership, now is the time to do so. Also watch your US mail in April 2014 for the elections ballot, it is coming sooner than in the past so that we may notify new board members in a timely manner.

*It's also almost time for the SAAEYC annual conference! Our conference theme is **Play is Where Learning Begins**. The conference program reflects a high level of scholarly work related to the theme and promises to stimulate meaningful, intellectual exchange. As always, we'll enjoy connecting with colleagues and friends at the conference.*

*Don't forget the annual **Kids Day in the Park** FREE family event, scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2014 at San Pedro Springs Park starting at 10:00 am.*

The SAAEYC Board looks forward in seeing you at one or all of these events.

Warmest Regards,

Elisa Resendiz

SAAEYC President 2013-2014

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SAAEYC Annual Conference

Saturday, March 1 from 8 am – 4:30 pm at the
Education Service Center, Region 20, 1314 Hines
Avenue, San Antonio, TX, 78208.

How does your
SAAEYC Membership
benefit YOU?

LOOK INSIDE
to find out more!

SAAEYC Mission

Through training, collaboration and advocacy, SAAEYC seeks to improve the quality of early care and education for the children in San Antonio and surrounding areas.

Promoting Positive Adult-Child Interaction

- Engage in one-to-one interactions with children
- Get at the child's level for face-to-face interactions
- Use a pleasant, calm voice and simple language
 - Provide warm, responsive physical contact
- Follow the child's lead and interest during play
- Help children understand classroom expectations
- Redirect children when they engage in challenging behavior
- Listen to children and encourage them to listen to others
- Acknowledge children for their accomplishments and effort
- Provide learning environments that are positive, sensitive, responsive and include frequent individualized interactions
- Structure the physical environment, equipment and materials in ways that promote quality social interactions among children, parents and teachers
 - Implement an engaging curriculum that includes opportunities for each child to participate
 - Respect and validate children's cultural and language backgrounds
- Plan and implement experiences that are of interest to children and include content that promotes and sustains the development of positive child-child and adult-child relationships
 - Provide classroom routines that are consistent and predictable
- Use effective well-timed transitions that include warnings about transitions that preview what is going to happen next, and communicate clearly what is expected of children
 - Provide positive attention that encourages each child
- Find ways to validate how children are feeling and what they are experiencing
 - Be actively engaged in learning new things with children
 - Identify ways to reinforce children's positive behaviors and learning
- Maintain high expectations related to children's behavior and learning across all developmental domains

Mary Kramer Reinwasser, M.Ed.
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National Association for the
Education of Young Children

Join NAEYC!

By joining, you help better futures for all young children - and all of us.

Since 1926, NAEYC has led the way toward a vision of excellence in early childhood education. Our nearly 80,000 members are teachers, administrators, parents, policymakers, and community members, committed on bringing high quality early education and care to all young children.

SAAEYC News

Looking for Professional Development Opportunities? Want to attend training but need help with registration fees?

Let SAAEYC help offset the costs of your next training!

A benefit of being a member of SAAEYC is the opportunity to apply for a Professional Development Award. Apply and **YOU** could be our next recipient!

For more information, contact SAAEYC 271-0134

Send us a star from your program!!

“Stars of San Antonio” will capture some of the great things going on in classrooms around San Antonio. Please email a photo, short description about this great teacher, classroom or family to:

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Attn: SAAEYC newsletter stars

Deadline is the 5th of every month

We will also use the newsletter to recognize NAEYC

Accredited Programs. If you would like to send us information about your program and how you have been accredited we would love to share it with the community.

Reasons to Become a Member of NAEYC

1. Get great content!

Receive the latest research-based ideas to inspire and inform your work with young children. Choose a journal or magazine full of developmentally appropriate content you can use in your work. Comprehensive members receive six books a year as part of their membership. Read your digital version of *Young Children*, exclusive articles, and previews of new books in the Members Only area.

2. Save 20% off NAEYC books and resources!

NAEYC is the premier publisher of research-based books and multimedia for early childhood educators who work with children of different ages and in a variety of settings. All members save 20% on all products in the NAEYC catalog and online store.

3. Receive discounts at conferences!

Get reduced rates for conferences and other professional development opportunities. NAEYC's Annual Conference is the world's largest early childhood education conference and an opportunity to network with early childhood educators from around the world.

4. Become a leader!

Take advantage of the many opportunities NAEYC offers for members to get involved. Consider working as a consulting editor or serving on the Governing Board. NAEYC's network of Affiliates also offers many leadership opportunities—whether you are an occasional volunteer or board officer and committee chair

<http://www.naeyc.org/membership>

Training Opportunities

Feb 26, 2014: Texans Care for Children's "Children's Policy Conference" from 8:00am - 4:30pm **Location:** St. David's Episcopal Church, Austin, Texas

Mar 1, 2014: SAAEYC Annual Conference at Region 20 Education Center, 8:00 - 4:30pm. Online registration will be available at www.Eventbrite.com

March 28, 2014: Diversity Conference Held at the Jewish Community Center, 12500 Northwest Military Highway San Antonio, TX 78231 from 8:00 to 4:00 pm,

April 5, 2014: Kids Day in The Park Free Family Event at San Pedro Springs Park starting at 10:00 am.

Week of April 7, 2014: SAAEYC will host the **Breakfast of Children's Champions** celebrating leaders in our community during the week of April 7, 2014. Detailed information coming soon!

May 3, 2014: Observation & Assessment - 9am-11am. Presenter - Amy Huebner more information will be coming soon.

May 7: 3rd Annual CAM Messina Child Advocacy Award Luncheon hosted by Voices for Children at 1:00 pm.

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*NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN*



*"Laughter is an
instant vacation."*

Milton Berle



"Live as if you were to die tomorrow.

Learn as if you were to live forever."

- Gandhi

Great expectations

What do you expect your children to be able to do? Having appropriate expectations, and letting your child know what they are, will help them reach their potential. These tips can help.

Be realistic. Set expectations that your Child is capable of meeting. For example, it's reasonable to expect a preschooler or kindergartner to use an "inside" voice in the classroom and to carry his backpack. But he might forget sometimes and need to be reminded.

Be clear. Let your child hear you talk about your expectations. You could say, "Everyone in our classroom helps out." Or let him overhear an expectation stated as a compliment: "Jesse always listens to my instructions."

Be flexible. Your expectations should grow as your children grow. This year, you might expect him to go to school every day, and next year, perhaps you'll expect him to complete homework each evening.

Tip: As he gets older, you can say things like "When you graduate from high school..." or "When you're in college..."

REGISTER NOW

2014 SAAEYC Annual Conference
Saturday, March 1, 2014
from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Education Service Center, Region 20
1314 Hines San Antonio, TX 78208



*Online registration at www.Eventbrite.com will be open until February 7, 2014 (unless registration fills sooner). Registration fee is \$45 for non-SAAEYC members. SAAEYC members will receive a promotion code for registration for a \$5 discount off the non-SAAEYC member fee, but you must have your NAEYC member ID at time of registration. Limited onsite registration will be available for \$50. We will be unable to offer refunds if you are unable to attend. You may send a substitute in your place.

For registration questions, contact Terri Ramirez, at (210) 271-0134.

For more information, visit www.saaeyc.wordpress.com

CPE's/CEU's will be available on-site for an additional fee.

Bring a check to pay for CEU's or CPE's.

Tip; for Having a Successful Conference Experience

- Bring a sweater with you!
- Parking is free, however, consider car-pooling to the conference. Arrive Early!!!
- Review your conference book and choose the sessions you would like to attend. Remember to choose an alternate session as classes may fill up quickly.
- Understand that speakers may unfortunately have to cancel their presentations. In the event of a cancellation, SAAEYC will make every effort to schedule an alternate session.
- At the end of each session, you must exchange your evaluation for a sticker on your Certificate of Attendance. Please see the Room Facilitator.
- Registration must be postmarked by February 14th. Limited onsite registration will be available.

Items of Interest to You!

Be sure to visit the exhibitors' booths beginning at 7:30 a.m. Come and discover items for yourself and for your classrooms!

Visit the Silent Auction—it has some wonderful items for you to bid on! **We will be accepting credit card payments at the Silent Auction.**

Food will be available for purchase onsite from FREEBIRDS!

Burritos - Nachos - Burrito Bowls - Salads: \$6.00

Chicken

Steak

Veggie (Includes Guacamole)

*Include chips & salsa - \$7.00

*Include chips, salsa & queso- \$8.00

Extra Meat-----\$2.00

Queso/Sour cream/Guacamole---\$1.00

Chips & Salsa -----\$2.00

Brownie/Cookie ----- \$2.00

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NAEYC Immediate Release

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN APPLAUDS BIPARTISAN INTRODUCTION OF STRONG START FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN LEGISLATION

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's leading voice for high quality early childhood education, applauds Representative Miller, Representative Hanna and Senator Harkin for introducing Strong Start for America's Children, a robust agenda and investment in high quality early childhood education.

NAEYC has been setting standards of excellence for early childhood education programs and professionals for 87 years.

"For too many young children and their families, high quality and affordable early childhood education has been out of reach," said Rhian Evans Allvin, Executive Director of NAEYC. "This legislation recognizes the tremendous responsibility we have to support high-quality early care and education programs that lay the foundation for school readiness, academic success, and adult achievement. Our children deserve it; our nation will be better for it."

Investing in high-quality early childhood education will stand the test of time. Economists, business and law enforcement leaders all recognize and support a greater commitment to the early years. Recent polls show that the public overwhelmingly supports a public investment in early childhood education. To make real progress for our nation's children and families, we must seize this opportunity to make these sound investments, to end the damage of sequestration, and work together to ensure every child has a strong start.

NAEYC's mission is to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of all young children with primary focus on the provision of educational and developmental services and resources. Founded in 1926, the National Association for the Education of Young Children is the largest and most influential advocate for high-quality early care and education in the United States. Learn more at www.naeyc.org

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TOUCHED ~ THEY MUST
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HEART.

~ HELEN KELLER

Build your network!

When you join NAEYC you will automatically receive all local, state, and regional member benefits (where available). Attend local and state Affiliate conferences, professional development events, and networking opportunities, or join an NAEYC Interest Forum. Affiliates are leading voices for early childhood education in their communities or state legislatures.

Kids Day in the Park

Kids Day in the Park is coming Saturday, April 5, 2014!

If you'd like to get involved or want more information, please contact Elisa Resendiz at

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T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood has emerged as an effective national strategy to help address the need for a well-qualified, fairly compensated and stable workforce.

The **T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood** Project (T.E.A.C.H.) was created by Child Care Services Association in 1990 in North Carolina. It now is operating in 23 states and the District of Columbia. T.E.A.C.H. provides comprehensive scholarships to enable early childhood teachers to take coursework leading to credentials and degrees at local community colleges and universities within each state. The model requires that early childhood teachers commit to staying in their child care program or the field for six months to a year, depending on the scholarship model.

- **T.E.A.C.H.** increases child care quality without More regulation or increases in parent fees.
- **T.E.A.C.H.** supports job growth by reducing costs to small businesses nationwide.
- **T.E.A.C.H.** is a shared cost model not an entitlement program.
- **T.E.A.C.H.** purchases local college classes and materials.
- **T.E.A.C.H.** is about helping teachers and family child care providers help themselves.
- **T.E.A.C.H.** supports working adults.
- **T.E.A.C.H.** supports the steady rise in education levels for the employed.
- **T.E.A.C.H.** addresses parent beliefs that early childhood must have formal education to work with their child.
- **T.E.A.C.H.** helps teachers continue to work in the field and in their classroom and provides stable settings for young children in care in unstable economic times.
- **T.E.A.C.H.** has been supported in a bi-partisan way across the country for over 20 years.
- **T.E.A.C.H.** is completely accountable both internally and externally.

For more information, visit our website at www.texasaeyc.org and click on the TEACH logo or contact our T.E.A.C.H. Staff at teach@texasaeyc.org, 512-215-8142.

Scholarships Offered in Texas

- Associate Degree in Child Development
- Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) Assessment Fee
- Bachelor degree in Child and Family Studies/Child Development

Colleges & Universities

We work with any community college in Texas offering an Associate degree in Child development Or ECE Bachelor Program with Tarleton State and Stephen F. Austin Universities

Participant outcomes as of June 2013

- 171 Scholarships Awarded
- 74 Associate Degrees
- 97 CDA Scholarships
- 3.44 Average GPA Associate degree scholars
- 386 College Credits Earned
- 8608 Children benefited from T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships.

T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Application Requirements

- Must work in a licensed child care center or licensed/registered family home.
- Work in the classroom a minimum of 30 hours per week.
- Make less than \$15.00 per hour.

Compensation and Benefits

- \$75 Travel Stipend per semester
- \$300 completion bonus at end of contract year.
- Sponsoring center offers 2% raise or \$300 bonus at completion of contract year for Associate Scholarship
- \$150 bonus for completion of CDA Credential 80 % of tuition and books
- Center compensation for release time.
- 85% of the CDA Assessment Fee Supports recipient through administrative and counseling support.

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PARTNER WITH NAEYC IN EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, AND PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES THAT HELP TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AMONG POLICY MAKERS AND THE PUBLIC. NAEYC IS A LEADING VOICE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TO CONGRESS AND OTHER FEDERAL ENTITIES.

Advocate for Children!
Join TAEYC, SAAEYC and other Early Childhood Advocacy Organizations!

- Texans Care for Children
- Center for Public Policy Priorities
- Texas KIDS COUNT
- Children's Defense Fund Texas
- Texas Head Start Association
- National Women's Law Center
- Early Care and Education Consortium
- Center for Law and Social Policy
- National Association for the Education of Young Children



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