

CAAAYC Courier



The Newsletter of the Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children
Winter 2008/2009

Letter from the Outgoing President of CAAEYC

Dear Members,

This will be my last message as president of CAAEYC. I have enjoyed every moment of this position with such a fine organization. I will continue to be on the Board as Past-President and assist with many committees. I believe CAAEYC is headed in a direction of positive change for children and families in our area. The advocacy work that Amber Ruch and Michele Black have done on behalf of our educators and our children has been astounding!

We are an organization of 291 strong. As a board of seven, we strive to keep the organization providing for its members. With that being said, we need help! Please call me or email me if you would be at all interested in serving on a committee, taking a leadership role as a board member, or assisting with conference day! We would certainly be happy to have you!

CAAAYC is excited to host its annual conference on Saturday, March 14th, 2009. Please plan to attend. See page 4 for preliminary details.

Please be on the lookout for our e-newsletter. If you are a CAAAYC member and we have your email address, you will automatically receive this informative newsletter. If you are not receiving this, please send us your name and email address to caayc@epix.net. The e-newsletter will go out to members every other month. Our print newsletter will go out to members twice a year.

Sincerely,

Amy Bennett
President



CAAAYC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAAYC) is to enhance the lives of children by providing support for adults working with or on behalf of young children. CAAAYC expresses its mission in terms of three broad goals:

- Facilitating improvements in the professional practice of early childhood development and education;
- Increasing public understanding and support for high quality programs for young children and their families;
- Fostering collaboration and building a cohesive community of early childhood professionals.

WE NEED YOU!

We're looking for interested early care and education professionals to get involved with CAAAYC.
E-mail us at caayc@epix.net to find out more.

2008/2009 CAAEYC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

*Are you a CAAEYC member wanting to further your education?
Are you a director/administrator looking for ways to support staff continuing education?*

CAAYEC may be able to help!

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- This Scholarship Program is designed to promote continuing education opportunities to individuals employed in an early childhood education program by awarding a student up to \$350.00 per year. The scholarship money is awarded as a reimbursement toward a completed early childhood education course.
- The number of scholarships awarded is based upon the financial resources available to the Scholarship Fund.
- Applicant must be a current CAAEYC member (membership information can be accessed at www.caaeyc.org).
- Scholarship recipients may reapply once a year...no less than one year after the date written on the application for which a scholarship was awarded.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Applicant must be employed at least 20 hours a week in an early childhood program. The program may be public or private, Family or Group Childcare, including children ages infancy through age 8.
2. The college course must be an early childhood education course.
3. The application packet must contain all items listed on the application checklist.
4. Application deadlines:
 - June 30: if applying for a course completed in the SPRING SEMESTER or if participating in the CDA program.
 - September 30: if applying for a course completed in the SUMMER SEMESTER

PLEASE NOTE:

Application packets that are incomplete or postmarked after the above deadline dates will be considered INELIGIBLE.

QUESTIONS? Contact Barb Yost at bdkyost@aol.com or call 717-731-8408.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please note: applications are eligible for consideration only if all items from the checklist below are included and if the packet is post-marked by the deadline (see above).

CHECKLIST of items to send:

- _____ 1. Proof of CAAEYC membership
- _____ 2. Copy of transcript that includes: name of educational institution, course title, grade received, and date
- _____ 3. Completed "Application Information" page of application
- _____ 4. Completer "Employer Reference" form
- _____ 5. Copy of DPW license or certificate, if you operate a family or group day care home
- _____ 6. Copy of CDA certificate, if applying for reimbursement

It is highly recommended that applicants make a copy of all the items in the packet to keep for your records.

Mail packet to:

CAAEYC Scholarship
1500 High St.
Camp Hill, PA 17011

2008/2009 CAAEYC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please complete each question, if applicable.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Home address: _____

Home e-mail: _____

Place of employment: _____

Employment phone number: _____

Employment e-mail: _____

Employment position (administrator, teacher, teacher aide, group supervisor, child care provider, etc.): _____

Employment position responsibilities: _____

Name of employment supervisor: _____

Name of college, university, education institution, or CDA information: _____

Name of course: _____

Name of course instructor/CDA sponsor: _____

Phone number and e-mail address of course instructor/CDA sponsor: _____

Signature of applicant: _____



EMPLOYMENT REFERENCE FORM

Name of applicant: _____

Date form completed: _____

Name of program of employment: _____

Address of program: _____

Phone number of program: _____

Name of program idrector (employment supervisor): _____

Employment supervisor phone nummber(s) and best time(s) to be contacted: _____

Employment position of applicant (teacher, teacher aide, group supervisor, child care provider, administrator, other): _____

How long has this applicant been employed with this program?: _____ If this applicant employed at least 20 hours a week? _____

Comments regarding this applicant?: _____

Signature of employment supervisor: _____

QUESTIONS? Contact scholarship chairperson, Barb Yost, at bdkyost@aol.com or 717-731-8408.

AWARDS RECEPTION

April 15, 2009

Celebrate excellence in early childhood during the Week of the Young Child with CAAEYC at the Early Childhood Education Awards Reception on **April 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** Join us as we recognize colleagues with student, professional, and program awards. Reward yourself, staff, or colleagues with an evening of light hors d'oeuvres, networking, and a spirited speaker at the **Wildwood Conference Center, Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA.** The event will count as a professional development activity. CAAEYC is currently accepting student and professional nominations. Please visit www.caaeyc.org for the nomination forms. We will see you there!

SAVE THE DATE!

CAAEYC Early Childhood Conference

March 14, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania

Keynote Speaker: Betsy Geddes, Ed.D.

"Thank God It's Monday!"

Creating Peace and Joy in the Classroom and Home"



Betsy Geddes, Ed.D., is a much sought-after speaker on school and parent issues. She is known for her humorous yet practical approach to dealing with kids in today's fast-paced, complicated, and sometimes difficult and dangerous world. People leave her seminars with ideas that can be implemented successfully the moment they walk into their homes or classrooms. Betsy talks from her experiences as a teacher, administrator, Love and Logic consultant, college instructor, parent, and grandparent. Her video, "Practical Applications of Love and Logic in Today's Classroom," is a favorite in schools across America.

Participants will receive six hours of Professional Development.

The conference also counts as a
Keystone STARS Professional Growth and Development activity.

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