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A Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Another year has flown by - it is so difficult to believe. I remember in my much-younger years people telling me, 'just wait until you get older; time will pass so quickly.'

I now understand their words of wisdom! (I also know that makes me older - because I understand and say it to others!) Yet each day, like you, I strive to do something that will make a difference to someone and perhaps, like you, wonder if it really matters at all.

I do know that what each of you does on a daily basis is definitely making a difference in the lives of young children and their families. You are so important to so many; allow that to flow through you each day and give you peace of mind. The Board of AAAEYC appreciates your efforts and dedication, please let us know if there is anything that we can do, that would be beneficial to you and your work.

In this edition of the newsletter you will find the information regarding Scholarship application and the March Institute. This year during Week of the Young Child, we would like to again celebrate professionals in our field who are Shining Stars. That information is also included in this newsletter; consider nominating someone you admire.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you as you serve so many.

Linda Herold

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Save the Dates

Saturday

March 3, 2007

A.A.A.E.Y.C PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

8:00am-1:00pm

Keynote Speaker: Susan Tucker, MSW, LISW,

Summit County Domestic Relations Court

What Goes In Must Come Out: Reducing Aggressive Behaviors in Young Children

Plus many other topics: yoga, reading, managing behaviors, sign language.....

Visit www.aaeeyc.org for additional information

Week of the Young Child

Friday April 27, 2007

"Celebrate, Educate, Appreciate"

Join

DEBBIE CLEMENT

National, award-winning, author/illustrator, children's songstress, and favorite teacher of teachers in a musical celebration of what it means to dedicate your life to our youngest. Come prepared to sing, dance, laugh and cry out loud as we recognize the best in our midst and stretch beyond our current capabilities to offer an ever brighter future to those we serve. Recharge your battery.

You're "invited to be delighted".

New Location

HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

**Summa Early Education and Learning Center-
Bright Horizons**

475 Ohio Street

Akron, OH 44304

First Aid, CPR, Child Abuse Recognition, Communicable Disease Prevention

Beginning February 3, 2007!

Call Child Care Connection

for a registration flyer

(330) 376-7706/1-800-407-5437

INSIGHTS BY ABBIE MCCAULEY

Providing quality care to young children is often challenging and stressful...and sometimes the holidays and New Year time bring added stress to us all. Children's outbursts of crying, tantruming or aggressive behavior unnerve us. We often respond to these types of behaviors by yelling or treating children harshly. This is a natural reaction to stress. Nonetheless, this reaction does not help children learn how to *regulate* their emotions.

Healthy emotional development and regulation are keys for our young children. By two months of age, most children show three emotional states: interest, contentment, and distress. By seven months of age, children's emotional repertoire expands to approximately eight emotions: joy, contentment, anger, disgust, surprise, interest and sadness. By preschool, children are able to accurately label emotions from pictures and to match emotions to their appropriate context. Emotional development occurs at such a rapid pace.

Children learn both how to react emotionally and how to regulate their emotions in the context of their *interactions* with adults. Beginning in infancy, young children look to adults for emotional guidance. How *you* respond to a situation provides children information that guides their own emotional responses. If you respond positively, children will often react similarly. If you respond negatively, children often imitate this as well. Remember that your emotions include the words, facial expressions and actions you choose. You are children's role models. Children learn by watching what you and others do. Children learn by example. So, set a good example for your children and make sure they have many opportunities for positive, affective and animated interactions. Here are some suggestions to help encourage healthy emotional development in your children.

- Encourage positive interactions and sharing among classmates.

Hold, hug, and cuddle...you'll be amazed at the "rub-off-effect" this can have on your own mood, not to mention this helps children to grow up feeling cared for and comfortable with giving and receiving affection.

Smile.

Talk kindly to others. Children are always listening!

Be patient and calm. Model these behaviors we expect in our children.

Be playful.

Match children's affective state. For example, if children are fearful, respond by holding them and reassuring them. If children are happy, respond by sharing in their joy by smiling or laughing with them.

Listen to your children and look them in the eyes.

Set age-appropriate rules and be consistent.

Create an environment that is safe, secure, and where children know what is expected of them.

Give clear, calm instructions.

Ignore minor behavior problems. Drawing attention to them may serve to reinforce them.

Give more attention to the behaviors you want to see and less to the behaviors you don't want to see. Catch your children being good!

Show that you are interested in your children.

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Happy New Year....make 2007 the happiest, healthiest year yet.

**Akron Area Association for the Education of Young Children
presents
the Winter/Spring 2007 scholarships**

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the AAAEYC scholarships. There are currently three scholarships available, all one-time gifts of varying amounts: The Marilyn Riley Parks Scholarship, The Rogalinda McDonald Scholarship, and The A.A.A.E.Y.C. scholarship. These scholarships are made available through generous contributions from individuals, local businesses, corporations, and educational institutions, and the income generated from the Health and Safety trainings. **PLEASE READ THESE DESCRIPTIONS.** If you feel you qualify and would like to apply for the scholarships, obtain a scholarship application by accessing the website, www.aaeyc.org or contact Linda Herold at LindaAHart@aol.com

The Marilyn Riley Parks Scholarship (\$500)

The Marilyn Riley Parks Memorial Scholarship was established in honor and recognition of Marilyn for her life-long achievements as an educator, a nurturer, a colleague and a friend to the past and present members of Akron Area A.E.Y.C., and to the children and families in the Greater Akron area. This is an annual scholarship made available to students pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in early childhood education. **Preference for the award will be granted to an individual specifically planning to teach Kindergarten.**

The Rogalinda McDonald Scholarship (\$325, plus a one-year comprehensive membership)

Rogalinda McDonald Memorial Scholarship was established in honor and recognition of Rogalinda who served the field early care and education as a child care licensing supervisor with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Canton District Office. Rogalinda was dedicated to enhancing quality of care for children in childcare environments. She was a strong supporter of the Child Development Associate Credential (CDA), a nationally recognized entry-level early childhood credential available through the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C. **This is an annual scholarship made available to currently employed child care center staff or family child care providers pursuing their CDA or CDA renewal.**

The A.A.A.E.Y.C. Scholarship (\$500)

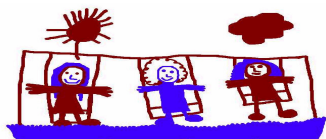
The Akron Area AEYC Scholarship was created to support early care and education providers seeking a two or four year degree in Early Childhood. **This is an annual scholarship made available to individuals pursuing a two year degree or higher in child development.**

To apply for any of these scholarships, you **must** adhere to the following guidelines:

- Complete the application in its entirety. Answers to questions must reflect upper level thinking and demonstrate professionalism and insight on the part of the applicant.
- Attach the following documents: (a) copy of your transcript, (b) one letter of recommendation from an instructor, employer, mentor, etc. (c) proof of enrollment in college or CDA classes.
- Your application must be received **no later than March 12, 2007** to Linda Herold at 2690 Maplewood St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221.

Scholarship winners will be required to attend a dinner on April 26 sponsored by A.A.A.E.Y.C. to be recognized. The check will be made payable directly to the college, university or training program.

All questions may be directed to Linda Herold, President of the Board for the A.A.A.E.Y.C. at LindaAHart@aol.com. Incomplete applications will not be read or reviewed.



2007 AAAEYC Shining Stars Building Better Futures for All Children!

As part of celebrating the Month of the Young Child in April 2007, the Akron Area Association for the Education of Young Children is seeking nominations of early childhood professionals. AAAEYC would like to celebrate the field of early childhood education and acknowledge the professionals whose work impacts the quality of care for young children and their families. Those chosen as shining stars bring honor and attention not only to themselves, but also to the early childhood profession and AAAEYC. In order to identify these professionals, the Recognition Committee depends on others to document and nominate the qualifications of nominees. The awards will be based upon the description and information provided by the nominator, the letters of support, credentials and any other pertinent information. In an effort to recognize the diversity within the field of early childhood, we encourage nominations from full day child care centers, half day preschool or nursery and primary education. Nominees should serve children and families in Summit, Medina or Portage Counties.

The Recognition Committee is seeking nominations for the following shining star categories:

- Shining Star - Teacher**
- Shining Star - Teacher's Assistant**
- Shining Star - Family Child Care Provider**
- Shining Star - Program Administrator**
- Shining Star - Volunteers/Mentors**
- Shining Star - Teacher of Teachers**
(trainers, instructors, professors in EC)
- Shining Star - Agency**
- Shining Star - Citizen in the Community**

Please make nominations by submitting a completed application form and letter of support to:

Linda Herold
AAAEYC Recognition Chair
2690 Maplewood Street
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

All nominations must be postmarked by March 12, 2007

MEMBERSHIP MEMO

The membership fee for one year for comprehensive members is \$100; for regular members \$65. Full-time student memberships is \$50. For any membership questions or assistance, log on to www.naeyc.org or contact Suzanne Pavlock at 330-643-7699

or AAAEYCmembers@aol.com **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING MEMBERSHIP
COMMITMENT**

AAAEYC Shining Star Nomination Form

Please complete all the information in the application.

Category for which individual/agency is being nominated: _____

Name of Person making nomination: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Position: _____

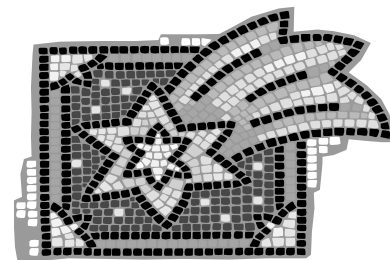
Place of employment: _____

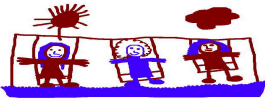
Description of outstanding service: On a separate piece of paper, complete this nomination by writing a brief description of the outstanding service that has caused you to recommend this person/agency. Please provide supporting evidence of the nominee's expertise in promoting and using developmentally appropriate practice, creativity, uniqueness in teaching methods, strategies or philosophy. Explain what characteristics and achievements have caused you to single this person/organization out for nomination. Please attach a cover letter and at least one letter of support. You may also attach credentials where appropriate.

Nominees will be considered by completion of the application, letters of support from parents and staff, other professionals and peers, and information provided solely by the person making the nomination.

**AAAEYC does not endorse, rate, recommend or
advocate for any of the persons
or agencies that have been nominated.**

The shining stars will be awarded based solely on the nomination.





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Akron, OH 44309-1331



ATTENTION: AAAEYC MEMBERS Make YOUR vote count!

It is election time. This year you will be voting for a member to fill the following positions.
Please do not ignore this important duty. The Board of AAAEYC wants to represent all members.

Vote once for each office. Tear off or copy and mail this ballot to: Kim Harris PO Box 1331 Akron, OH 44309-1331. Please submit ballots by March 3, 2007.

President _____ Linda Herold or Write in candidate _____

2nd Vice President _____ Michelle Davis or Write in candidate _____

Treasurer _____ Beth Cardina or Write in candidate _____
