



Black Hills Association for the Education of Young Children

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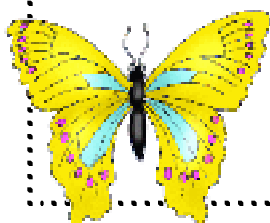
Please Check your Membership Information

Have you moved? Changed your telephone number? Gotten a new e-mail address? Please go into the NAEYC Website and check your account to make sure your information is listed correctly. This will ensure that you are not missing important information sent out by NAEYC or BHAEYC.

Join Children's Champions:

JOIN NAEYC's E-MAIL LIST to receive regular updates and action alerts on important child and family issues being considered by Congress and the Administration.

Go to www.naeyc.org.





Free Training Opportunity.....

2009 is bringing exciting changes to the field of early childhood education with the launch of NAEYC's new Developmentally Appropriate Practice Guidelines.

Those of you who are Comprehensive members should receive a complimentary copy of the new guidelines in the mail. All others may purchase the book through NAEYC's website at a cost of \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

NAEYC has developed a year-long introduction program to help launch the new guidelines and has encouraged participation at the state and local levels. Black Hills AEYC will participate by holding a community forum on Wednesday, March 25 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Banana Bunch Children's Learning Center, 924 E. St. Patrick Street, Rapid City. The forum will follow the national format and include a video introduction of the new DAP guidelines, and a chance to record questions to be answered at a later date by the authors. All participants will receive a training certificate. A free dinner will be catered by Q-Doba. Everyone is encouraged to pre-register at : <http://lms.naeyc.org/iCoHere/DAPCommunity>. Use the username: NAEYC and password: NAEYC to log in. Follow the directions on the screen to self-register for the event. When asked to select your group, be sure to only select the event that you plan to attend.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pam Ramp at ktramp@aol.com

Upcoming Events...

Mark your calendars now:

The South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (SDA EYC) and the South Dakota Head Start Association (SDHSA) will host a conference for early childhood education professionals in Rapid City, South Dakota, April 30 – May 2, 2009 at the Ramkota hotel.

The theme for the conference "Building Bridges, Making Connections" is a testament to the dedication the SDA EYC and SDHSA have in preparing providers for the challenges they face in the future. Training sessions will provide participants with a variety of tools and resources that they will use to improve their ability to meet the needs of young children and families in the years to come.

Kim Booth and Bernie Peterson are on the Local Arrangements committee and have been working on details to assist some of the other committees in completing the details that only somebody local can do. Others have already been helping with some of these local arrangements tasks. There will be more to do when the conference gets closer and when its happening.

Lots of good keynote speakers are scheduled. The workshop schedule with session topics is due to be released soon - watch for it at www.sdaeyc.org. It is shaping up to be a great conference.

The Mission of the BHAIEYC is to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights, and well-being of all young children with the primary focus on the provision of quality care and education services; and in participation with SDAIEYC, BHAIEYC leads the effort to foster the growth, development, and collaboration of the professionals who care for and educate young children.



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

When Governor Rounds announced in January his recommended elimination from the State Budget the Birth To Three program that provides therapy to infants and toddlers whose development is delayed, advocates for the program showed up in droves. Parents, educators, early childhood professionals and physicians came to cracker barrels and then to Pierre armed with real life stories of why the program should not be cut. The Senate voted unanimously on February 23, to pass SB203 which would restore about \$2 million for the Birth To Three program. The bill had its first reading in the House on February 24, and was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Keep your fingers crossed!

“Advocacy” according to Webster’s Dictionary means “the act or process of advocating or supporting cause or proposal.” Why should early childhood professionals be advocates? ~You are the experts. Your work will be impacted by policymakers’ decisions. You are voters and can hold policymakers accountable. Policymakers are looking for solutions and innovations. Advocates can persuade policymakers to make the best decision and choices. Most of all because, it Works!

“Power concedes nothing without demand.”
~Frederick Douglas

Excerpted from “Raising Your Voice for Children” By Paula Albers
Submitted by Jan Tysdal
BHAEYC Public Policy Chair

Spring Project to do with Preschoolers

Items needed:

Egg shells
Construction paper(bright colors)
Tempra paint
Scissors
Glue

Directions

- Save your egg shells (wash & dry them)
- Crush them into small Pieces (uses small motor skills)
- Have children cut out large egg shapes out of many colors of construction paper.
- Glue egg shells to egg shapes in any designs the children want
- Paint the shells any colors you want to decoratye the eggs
- This is a fun activity to do with children and it lets them be creative. They can make it their own project and do any designs that they want to do. Have fun!! Be creative !!

