



Central Virginia Association for The Education of Young Children  
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**From the President:**

“Successful adults grow from carefully nurtured children.”

As I start my term as your President, I want to thank each of you for all you do for children and ask you to join me in making this a successful experience for all of us.

On behalf of all of you, I want to extend my thanks to Nancy Gercke and Meg Sewell for the time and the work they put into leading the affiliate over the last two years as co-presidents and to the board for their efforts to support the affiliate.

CVAEYC along with Piedmont AECE and Valley AEYC are responsible for the VAECE Conference 2010. This conference is a source of revenue for us. I am hoping that you all will get on board and help over the course of the next year and at the 2010 conference.

Kathy Flanders

**Your Board:**

Join me in Welcoming your Board:

- Deborah Anderson~ Member-at-Large**
- Michelle Cox ~ Member-at-Large & Accreditation Chair**
- Stephanie Drumheller~Vice President**
- Nancy Gercke~Past-President & Membership Chair**
- Charity Haines ~Secretary**
- Becky Lowry~Member-at-Large & Professional Development Chair**
- Meg Sewell~Past-President & Public Policy Chair**
- Brookes Sims~Treasurer**
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## NEEDED: COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS

Co-chairs are Welcomed

- NEWSLETTER EDITOR—Edits and formats the CVAEYC Newsletter 3-4 issues a year.
- NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION—Reproduces, compiles and mails the newsletter –3-4 times a year
- WEEK-OF-THE-YOUNG CHILD—Plans for the celebration/recognition of the Week of the Young Child which occurs in April







## Multiple Attachments

“ A secure attachment to a caregiver is where a young child recognizes a caregiver as a ‘secure base’ from whom exploration is possible, and who can be returned to if exploration leads to stress that the child can not handle alone. This is not simply an emotional bonding, which emphasizes closeness, but is broader in scope and recognizes the need for children to develop their autonomy.”

This observation about attachment was made by John Oates from the Open University in the United Kingdom in the Bernard van Leer Foundations Journal, **Early Childhood Matters** (November 2007). Oates continues to explore the issue by addressing the issue of multiple caregivers. He argues...

“Unfortunately attachment theory, as proposed by John Bowlby and developed subsequently by others, is often misrepresented as stressing the importance of the biological mother alone or healthy attachment development. Indeed Bowlby’s concept of ‘maternal deprivation’ has often been (mistakenly) seen as asserting that the bond with the mother is the crucial and only relationship affecting attachment. Instead, Bowlby stressed (and his views have been borne out by later research) that children can and do form multiple attachments to those who give a degree of support and care over more than short periods of time. Attachments take time to establish, hence frequent changes of caregiver are not conducive to secure attachments being made, but becoming an attachment figure is possible for fathers, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and also adoptive parents.”

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