

January 2008

Presidents' Message

Have you ever thought about what it means to be a professional in early childhood? In our society, professionalism frequently is associated with high salaries. That obviously isn't the case for most in our field. Another association with professionalism today is high levels of educational attainment. Does that mean that those educators working in early childhood centers who do not have degrees are not professionals? Having a specialized knowledge base is surely one piece of the puzzle, but advanced degrees alone hardly seem to be the appropriate measure of professionalism for early childhood educators. Another marker that some people use to identify a professional is the amount of time the individual spends at work. Does that mean that any early childhood educator who works 10 hours a day is a professional? We know that isn't always true.

So how are you doing with the meaning of an early childhood professional? Does it help to think about specific individuals whom you consider to be early childhood professionals? What separates those individuals from others? As you reflect on these individuals and what they have in common, did you think about how these educators consistently strive for improving, refining and increasing their effectiveness with children, families and colleagues? Whatever their level of training or education, they are open to learning more. They have thought about what it means to provide high quality early childhood programs, and how that is best accomplished.

There is another essential ingredient. An early childhood professional cares not only about what happens within their room, but also about the quality of the educational experience for

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young children outside their immediate responsibility. Have you ever thought about how the children you invested in this year will fare with their next teacher? And what happens to those children and families after they leave your center? Professionals often need to be advocates, and that can be hard to do on your own.

The question then becomes how is professionalism demonstrated and supported? We believe that it starts with being part of a community of peers that informs its members and shares discussion about issues and research-based solutions that create systemic change for young children. Membership in your professional organization connects you with other early childhood professionals at the local (CVAEYC), state (VAECE), regional (SECA) and national levels (NAEYC). We welcome you to join the conversation.

Nancy Gercke and Meg Sewell, CVAEYC Co-Presidents

Local News - CVAEYC

Lending Library Re-activated

- Are you looking for an early childhood publication for a class you are taking?
- Do you need some new ideas for the classroom of children you are teaching?
- Are you a director of a child care center and you need to train a new staff member on a specific topic?
- Do you need a resource of activities to conduct a parent workshop?

The Lending Library has books, magazines, compact discs, video tapes, audio tapes and CD-ROMs on a variety of early childhood topics. Titles of publications are listed on the CVAEYC website: <http://avenue.org/cvaeyc/>

You can check out resources between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the YMCA Child Care Center which is located on Westfield Rd. between Rt. 29 and Commonwealth Dr., near Comcast. Resources can be checked out for a month and the professional courtesy of returning the materials promptly and in good condition is expected.

If you have resources which you would like to donate to the library, please contact Nancy Gercke at ngercke@comcast.net

REMINDERS

- *Directors of Preschools and Child Care Centers* meet from 1:15 to 2:15 on the 2nd Wed. of each month at the Malcolm Cole Child Care Center near UVA Hospital. Meetings will be cancelled if Albemarle Co. Schools are closed due to inclement weather. Mark your calendars for Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12.
- CVAEYC members *who have participated* in *Medical Administrative Training* (MAT) can get partial reimbursement by completing the form on the CVAEYC website (<http://avenue.org/cvaeyc/>) and mailing it to Barbara Brown at the "Y" Child Care Center 442 Westfield Rd., Ch'ville, 22901.

KUDOS go to—

The "YMCA" Child Care Center for use of their space for workshops! Special appreciation is extended to Tiki Crawford, Becky Lowry, and other "Y" staff members for setting up for the workshops.

What are you going to do for the **"Week of the Young Child"** next April? How will you, your fellow teachers, and the children you work with celebrate the **"Week of the Young Child"** in April, 2008? Locally, CVAEYC plans to designate April, 2008 as the **"Month of the Young Child"** --- You'll have lots of time to do activities! Check out www.naeyc.org/woyc for ideas and resources.

Co-chairs, Month of the Young Child
Julia Broome & Ellen Dietrick

Professional Development Opportunities



Social Emotional Teaching Strategies Training Series

This training series is being offered by Children, Youth & Family Services. The cost of the each training is \$30.00, which covers materials and lunch. **If you register for all four the cost is \$100.** An entire module will be presented at each training day. You may receive CEU's for these trainings.

All sessions run from 8am to 3:30pm. For registration and location information please contact:

Child Care Quality Program
Children, Youth & Family Services
116 West Jefferson Street
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902
434 296 4118 ext. 241
www.cyfs.org

- January 19, 2008** **# 1 Promoting Children's Success : *Building Relationships and Creating Supportive Environments* :** Examining attitudes about challenging behaviors, understanding the relationship between challenging behavior and social/emotional development, creating environments in which children can be successful. Building positive relationships, designing the physical environment, schedules, routines, transitions, activities that promote engagement, monitoring and giving positive attention. @ ACOB 5th Street .5 CEU
- February 23, 2008** **#2 Social Emotional Teaching Strategies**
Identifying the importance of teaching social/emotional strategies, developing friendship skills, enhancing emotional literacy identifying feelings in self and others, controlling anger and impulse, developing problem solving skills. @ . ACOB 5th Street .5 CEU
- March 8, 2008** **#3a Individualized Intensive Interventions:**
Determining the Meaning of Challenging Behavior : Positive Behavior Support (PBS) dimensions of communication, building a PBS team, Functional Assessment, Hypothesis Development @ TBD .5 CEU
- May 17, 2008** **#3b Individualized Intensive Interventions:**
Developing A Behavior Support Plan : Behavior support plans, prevention strategies, replacement skills, effective teaming, monitoring outcomes @ TBD .5 CEU

REGISTRATION FORM for Social Emotional Teaching Strategies

Please make check or money order payable to and return to CYFS, ATTN: Sharon Churchman, 116 West Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902

NAME: _____

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 Child Care Professional Development Overview
 2007-2008

Call CYFS 434-296-4118 ext 241 for more information. There is a registration fee for all trainings.

January 19

February 23

March 8

May 17

<u>Social/Emotional Development Series **</u>	<u>Social Emotional Development Series **</u>	<u>Social Emotional Development Series **</u>	<u>Social Emotional Development Series **</u>
Promoting Children's Success: Building Relationships and Creating Supportive Environments (This is a 6 hour session)	Social Emotional Teaching Strategies (This is a 6 hour session)	Individualized Intensive Interventions (This is a 6 hour session)	Individualized Intensive Interventions (This is a 6 hour session)
	<u>CPR First Aid</u> (This is a 6 hour session)		<u>MAT training</u> (This is a 6 hour session minimum)
	<u>Children With Disabilities: Who is at Risk?</u> Respecting Developmental Differences (2 hours)		<u>Curriculum</u> Play Exploration- the value of play (2 hours)
	<u>Understanding Children: Basic Patterns of Growth and Development</u> (2 hours)		<u>Understanding Children: Relationships and Learning</u> (2 hours)
	<u>Children's Activities:</u> Creative Ideas for Science (2 hours)		<u>Children's Activities:</u> Language and Literacy (2 hours)

** Please see Social Emotional Teaching Strategies Training Series description
 Class Size Limited to 20 CPR/First Aid and 8 MAT Training

CVAEYC Winter Workshops-2008

- Thurs. Jan. 24, 6:30-8 p.m.: Encouraging Children Creativity Throughout the Day. Come find out what creativity means for young children. Julia Broome, PVCC Instructor, will present a variety of different kinds of creative activities that you can use throughout the daily routine.
- Tues. Feb. 26, 6:30-8 p.m. Respecting Cultural Differences of Young Children. Sibylle Rotach-Hunt, Second Language Teacher for Albemarle Co. Schools, will present teaching and learning strategies that are responsive to differences in children's culture, language, religion and individual backgrounds.
- Wed. March 26, 6:30-8 p.m. Preschool Language and Literacy Development. Nancy Gercke, Early Childhood Educator, will present a variety of meaningful, child-centered language art experiences that correlate with a healthy diet of literacy ingredients. In addition, how to incorporate strategies that meet a range of preschool children's development will be included.

To Register: contact Nancy Gercke via e-mail (ngercke@comcast.net) or phone (434- 973-3105).

Note: non-members will be charged a \$10. fee for each workshop. In order to balance the CVAEYC budget, it was necessary to increase the fee.

PVCC Early Childhood classes offered in spring 2008:

- CHD 125 (Creative Activities for Children)
- CHD 205 (Guiding Behavior of Children)
- CHD 207 (Administration of Child Care Programs)

Registration for new students starts January 3, 2008.

Classes start January 14. See the PVCC website, www.pvcc.edu for details.

52nd Annual VAECE Conference 2008

Attention! Are you interested in attending the VAECE Conference in Reston, Virginia during Feb. 14-16? Be aware that there will be NO

On-Site registration. This means that you MUST register ahead of time.

To find out more details and to register go to: www.vaece.org

CVAEYC Scholarship to '08 VAECE Conference

- Are you a CVAEYC member?
- Would you like to attend the VAECE Conference in Reston, Va. on Feb. 15 & 16?
- Is this your first time to attend a VAECE Conference?

If your answer to all 3 questions was "yes" then you are eligible to apply for a scholarship which covers registration fee and a hotel for 2 nights.

To apply:

1. Write a short statement about why you should be selected to receive this scholarship.
2. E-mail (ngercke@comcast.net) or mail (1895 Pine Cone Circle, Ch'ville 22901) your statement to Nancy Gercke by Fri. Feb. 11.

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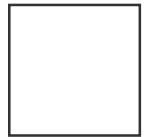
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