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Association for the Education of Young Children - Southeast Alaska
A Bulletin For Early Childhood Professionals

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Working for Young Children
through parents, communities, and early learning programs

Hello and Welcome

We welcome Emily Coate as our new Special Projects Coordinator. Emily comes to us with extensive education and knowledge in the early childhood field. She will be coordinating the E-learning project, the conference, various community outreach activities, and "Health on the Move" STEPS to Health project.

Filling the Program Associate position is Robin Bergey. Robin will use her extensive office skills to keep our office organized and running smoothly. Robin has experience in classrooms and as a family child care provider, and her warm, helpful, welcoming voice is only a phone call away!

Thanks to United Way Leadership

Partnerships for Families and Children is now coordinated by Kristin Mahle from the United Way of Southeast Alaska. Check out www.southeastfamilies.org for the latest PFC projects, community resources, and calendars with local events in Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau, Wrangell, and Petersburg. United Way offers leadership and support in so many ways in Southeast Alaska, and we appreciate their focus on early learning!

Flu Shots: It's time of year again!

Flu shots are recommended by Public Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics for children 6 months to 5 years old, as well as early childhood educators, as they are considered in the high risk category for the illness. Get your flu shot at Juneau Public Health by appointment; or you may walk-in on Wednesdays from 1-4 pm. For flu shot information in other Southeast communities, go to www.southeastfamilies.org and click on your community. The phone number for Public Health is listed there.

Governor's Summit on Early Learning

Kudos to Governor Palin for hosting a summit December 5 & 6, which was well attended by legislators, policy makers, and business leaders. Look for a summary of the recommendations soon on the www.BestBeginningsAlaska.org website.

Happy Healthy Holidays

from the Kicking Kiwis (AEYC staff) & the AEYC Board!

We invite you to join us at AEYC in setting team goals to get our "Health on the Move" this winter. By making small activity and nutrition changes at work, we can enjoy more energy for our work with and on behalf of young children—and be positive role models too! For example, at the AEYC office we are taking two fifteen minute walks each week, and having "tasty treat Tuesdays" bringing in fresh fruits or vegetable snacks to share. We are looking forward to hearing from other teams out there and celebrating all of your healthy successes during the March conference. Until then, we wish all of you and yours a safe and healthy holiday season and start to the new year.

Got Knowledge?

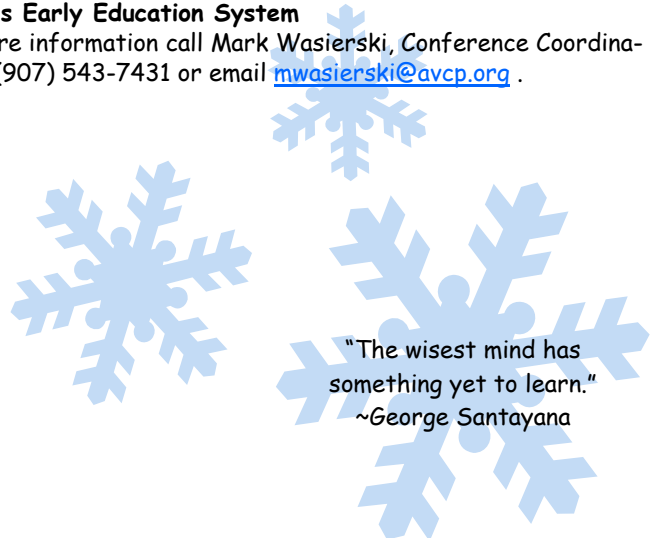
Come share it with us! AEYC is looking for presenters on topics relating to the theme of "Health On the Move" for the upcoming AEYC conference in Juneau, March 13-15. Please email or call Emily at ecoate@aeyc-sea.org by January 7th if you are interested. Presenters from outside Juneau are especially encouraged to submit a workshop proposal. Hope to hear from you!

Alaska Head Start Association Conference in Juneau

February 4-6, 2008

The Conference Theme is: **Head Start, Cornerstone of Alaska's Early Education System**

For more information call Mark Wasierski, Conference Coordinator at (907) 543-7431 or email mwasierski@avcp.org.



"The wisest mind has something yet to learn."
~George Santayana



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AEYC Training Calendar, January-February 2008

Plan Your Professional Development!

We would like to help you be an intentional professional by assisting you and your staff in developing a training plan. Call Sheila to schedule an appointment to discuss your training needs and options. You will come away with a training plan in hand!

...Speaking of the March Conference...
Be looking for a flyer in the mail soon with more detailed conference information.
Mark your calendars now: March 13-15 for HEALTH ON THE MOVE!

Earn Your CDA in 2008!

Join our CDA Study Group! The 2nd Saturday of Every Month 9 - 11 am at AEYC Offices, and by teleconference. Learn about the process, get support in putting together your resource file and application, and earn training all at the same time! Call Sheila to register.

Sign Up for E-Learning!

New E-LEARNING Modules are open for enrollment! If you have access to a computer and cable modem, log on to www.abcdalaska.org and take the "Are you ready for e-learning?" quiz. If you pass, follow the links to register! Each module is worth 20 hours of quality early childhood training hours. Call Emily Coate for more information.

Networking & Nurture Nights in Juneau

Third Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at AEYC
Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our winter training nights. Please call to register. Light supper is served so you can come right from work!

January 17th: Joy is your host. The topic is Advocacy.

February 21st: Nikki will be your host. The topic will be Art.

KTOO Family Nights

Juneau: 1st Tuesday of the month
Families share a light supper, view a short PBS video, listen to a special guest reader, and do a fun activity together. Each month explores a different theme.

January 8: Winter Fun

February 5: Recycling

March 4: Giant Fruits & Vegetables

SE Community Trainings

RURAL OUTREACH NEWS & EVENTS

Ketchikan:

Jan. 14th Sign Language

Feb. 11th What's On Your Walls?

Both trainings at Gina Palmer's. Call 225-4602 for more information.

KTOO Family Nights

January 17th Fire Safety

February 21st Cars, Trucks and Vans!

Wrangell:

January—SIDS/Shaken Baby, time & place tba

Early Care & Learning Overview

in KETCHIKAN: January 25th & 26th

Watch for a flyer in early January. This is an intensive training worth 20 hours. The training begins Friday evening from 6-9:30 and runs all day Saturday, with some pre and post training lab work. You can apply this training toward the required state licensing hours and your CDA. Call to Register.

Special Tele-Training Opportunity for Center Directors!

"Be The Administrator You Want to Be" Keri Krout, national speaker, center director from Washington State, and highly acclaimed conference presenter will be leading monthly discussions for center directors. To participate you need only dial in from any phone. You don't have to leave your program! Call Joy to register for the January and February sessions and to obtain dial-in phone instructions. She will email a reminder to you the day before the teleconference. Following the training, all participants will receive a training certificate. KERI WILL ALSO PRESENT A DIRECTOR'S SEMINAR AT OUR MARCH CONFERENCE.

Training Opportunity for Caregivers of Infants & Toddlers

"Prime Times" Infant and Toddler Enrichment Project for Juneau caregivers begins in February. This project brings together center based caregivers and family child care providers for 3 months of interactive training. The group will meet on a monthly basis and focus on the development of infants and toddlers in a group care setting. Information sharing, goal setting, and activity planning will be included in the project. Call Sheila to register.

A Note about Training & Travel Reimbursement Forms

Our new FY'08 Forms are available on our website. Please note you need to include your Alaska SEED Registry ID Number in order to be reimbursed for training, travel, or to receive training stipends. To obtain a SEED Registry Identification Number, download the Registry application form on our website, or complete the application on line, at <http://seed.alaska.edu>. Thanks to University of Alaska funding support, there is no longer a fee! While you are there, explore the SEED website and read about what the Registry can do for you. One benefit is the future ability to print off a transcript of your past training. With your membership ID number, you will be able to go to the website and print off a transcript!

Family Child Care Providers!

In addition to the training opportunities listed above, you are invited to participate in our monthly Family Child Care Study Group, the 2nd Saturday of every month from 12-2 pm at our offices. Share ideas with other family child care providers and earn training credit. Call Sheila for more information.

And do you know about Wonderful Wednesday visits? If you don't and are curious, call Sheila for more information! Training, new learning materials, AND adult conversation in one fun visit truly makes Wednesdays wonderful.

UAS Courses, Spring 2008

ECE 105 Developmentally Appropriate Practice, 1 CR

DIST AUDIO Thursday, 5:10p - 6:40p 1/24 - 3/6

ECE 122 Young Children and Cognitive Development, 1 CR

DIST AUDIO Tuesday, 5:10p - 6:40p 1/22 - 3/4

ECE 125 Math Activities for Young Children, 1 CR

DIST AUDIO Tuesday, 5:10p - 6:40p 3/18 - 4/29

ECE 141 Classroom Management for Young Children, 1 CR

DIST AUDIO Wednesday, 5:10p - 6:40p 3/19 - 4/30

ECE 142 Social Development for Young Children, 1 CR

DIST AUDIO Monday, 5:10p - 6:40p 3/17 - 4/28

ECE 143 Developing Positive Self-Concepts in Young Children, 1 CR

DIST AUDIO Wednesday, 5:10p - 6:40p 1/23 - 3/5

ECE 173 Reflective Teaching, 1 CR

DIST AUDIO Thursday, 5:10p - 6:40p 3/20 - 5/1

ECE 245 Early Childhood Development, 3 CR

DIST AUDIO Tue, Thu, 3:30p - 5:00p 1/22 - 5/3

ECE 270 Practicum, 3 CR

DIST AUDIO Monday, 6:50p - 8:20p 1/14 - 5/3

For more information or to register, call: (907) 465-6458 or view the entire SPRING 2008 schedule at: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/schedule/spring08/index.html>.

Alaska One Broadcasts Six Days a Week!

Alaska One has broadcasts "A Place Of Our Own" six days a week! This is a wonderful show for early childhood educators and parents. Watch the sneak preview of the week's topics on Sunday mornings at 10:30, or get up early and view the show M-F at 5:30am. To view the schedule, log on to <http://www.ktoo.org/tvschedule.cfm>. They also have a companion website with great resources and information expanding on the topics covered. Check it out!

Earn licensing credit by watching the program and completing your choice of activity sheets in the downloadable workbook. Or write a one page summary of the broadcast Include three ideas you already use in your program, and three new ideas you plan to incorporate. Send your summary to AEYC to receive a certificate.