

# AEYC-SEA

Association for the Education of Young Children - Southeast Alaska

A Bulletin For Early Childhood Professionals

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## The Children Need YOU!

We are now generating so much momentum in support of early learning, and every member counts! The benefits are many - members receive this newsletter, the outstanding YC Young Children journal, discounts on conferences, invitations to special events, and the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference by joining with other passionate educators on behalf of young children. How to join or renew? Simply go on line to [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) click on "Members," and follow the simple directions. Or call our office for a membership form, 789-1235.

## Week of the Young Child, April 22-28

Get ready, get set - GO! April is a great month to communicate this year's theme: Building Better Futures for All Children. The NAEYC.org website lists suggested activities along with resources in the following areas: Which one will you pick up and run with? **Raising Public Awareness, Public Policy and Advocacy, Reading and Writing, Violence Prevention, Child Health.**



## Congratulations!

Three Southeast School Age Program Directors have achieved professional development milestones through financial incentives from Alaska SEED and federal set aside funds for school age leadership development.

**Karla Horner**, director of Ventures School Age program in Sitka completed her Masters in Education with an emphasis in Youth Development from Concordia College in Minnesota.

**Leah Ogoy**, site manager of Harborview RALLY program with the Juneau School District completed her Bachelor's Degree in Child Development through Concordia as well.

**Peggy Floro**, director of Eagle's Nest School Age program in Petersburg is nearing completion of her Bachelor's Degree through Concordia College, too!

Of further note, **Michelle McEdwards** has completed application to CDA Council for her Child Development Associate Credential. We wish her luck in finishing the the CDA process and look forward to honoring her hard earned credential in a future news bulletin!

## National Recognition: Our Newest CDA's

A round of applause for the following early childhood educators that received their nationally recognized Child Development Associate Credential. There are now over 300 people with a CDA in Alaska. **Sarah Reid** of Petersburg, **Terri Falter** of Petersburg, **Carrie Wallace** of Wrangell, and **Kate Hernandez** of Wrangell received her CDA and AA in the same week!

## Family Friendly Employers

Do you know a business or organization that offers support to employees that are also parents of young children? Be sure to nominate them for this year's recognition during Week of the Young Child, April 22-28. You can find a nomination form on the [www.southeastfamilies.org](http://www.southeastfamilies.org) website, along with other great resources on how and why to help employees balance work and life.

## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:

Now open Skagway & Wrangell

Such a simple, yet powerful idea: Send a free, top quality, age-appropriate book every month to children from birth until their fifth birthday. When children, books, and adults are together in one spot, just watch the magic happen. AEYC-SEA is pleased to be the sponsor for Southeast Alaska to register children. In Juneau we are fast approaching 400 children enrolled, with the support of Communities In Schools, Bartlett Regional Hospital, United Way, KTOO, Juneau Public Library, and a number of families and individuals.

Thanks to the efforts of Krissy Smith, AEYC-SEA early childhood liaison, Wrangell has obtained local sponsor matches for 25% of children in the community at \$30 per year per child. White Pass Railroad just stepped forward to sponsor all children in Skagway! We hope to be able to expand the program to more communities in Southeast within the next two years.

## Children's Champions:

Join the NAEYC E-Mail List to receive regular national and state updates and action alerts on important child and family issues being considered by Congress and the Legislature. Call or email the AEYC office, or go on-line at [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) to "Public Policy."

### Please Post!

After you finish reading this newsletter, be sure to post for parents, staff, & co-workers!



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# AEYC-SEA Training Calendar, March-April 2007

## NEW!! Online Statewide Provider

### Training Site

The Alaska SEED Early Childhood Education Training Network link can be found at [www.aeyc-sea.org](http://www.aeyc-sea.org) under the "Training" icon. Click on the link to find out the early learning provider trainings that are available in your community or anywhere in the state. This new system will grow to include even more training opportunities - pass it on!

## Alaska SEED Registry

Starting January 1st, Alaska SEED Registry applications will be processed through the central office in Anchorage. There is a fee of \$25.00 for applications turned in after January 1st 2007. (Fee waived for current AEYC members).

To must be registered to receive a travel and training reimbursement. If you applied for a 2005 ROOTS award you have been entered into the Registry. Application will be available at the conference and can be downloaded from our website.

## Quality Rating System:

### Putting on our Thinking Caps

Thanks to Lolly Miller, Pat Stack, and Paul Sugar for representing Southeast on the Quality Rating System Advisory Committee. A statewide committee is conducting focus groups and reviewing models from other states to recommend a design to fit the needs of our state.

## JUNEAU EVENTS

### Third Thursday Networking Night!

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm at AEYC-SEA  
Topic: Ethics and Professionalism. This workshop will provide a background in the origins of the NAEYC Code of Ethics and will also provide practice in using the code of ethics in everyday professional dilemmas.

### NAFCC Accreditation Self Study Group

Nafcc (National Family Child Care Association) Accreditation study group Saturday meetings-ongoing. Call Sheila at AEYC for place and time or for more information on becoming an accredited Family Child Care Provider.

### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Peter Alsop is coming to town!

A family concert with Peter Alsop is planned for April 22. Juneau Youth Services is sponsoring the event, with support from AEYC and KTOO. Time and location to be announced (watch for flyers). Peter was a featured keynote presenter at the AEYC conference in 2001.

### Start a Family Child Care Home

Interested in starting a family child care? Drop in to the open house at AEYC on Saturday April 28 between 10 am and 12 pm. We will be here with resources, answers to questions, and lots of encouragement. There is a crisis level shortage of care in Juneau and in Ketchikan right now. A great time to start a business of caring! You can also call our office for information at any time.

## All Together Now: See You at the Conference!

Many of you are all set to network, re-energize, be inspired, and connect at the conference. If you are a spontaneous type of person, don't be shy - just show up anytime, register at the door, and join in as much as you can!

**Thursday March 15**, 6-8 pm Multicultural Celebration and potluck at T&H Community Center (bottom of Hospital Drive); **Friday, March 16**, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at UAS, Egan Library, featuring Brett Dillingham with break out sessions **Friday; March 16**, 6-8pm Recognition banquet at the Baranof Hotel, with keynote by Father Michael Oleksa; **Saturday, March 17**, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at UAS, Egan Library, featuring Father Michael Oleksa. For more information, see our website at [www.aeyc-sea.org](http://www.aeyc-sea.org)

## Overview of the Field of Early Care & Education

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A 20 hour training (some self-study and some workshop) offered as follows:

**Sitka: April 20 and 21**, place to be announced. Watch for registration flyers to be sent to each program during the first week in April.

**Juneau: May 4 and 5**, at AEYC offices

Watch for announcement fliers in each community to register. Pre-registration required.

## UAS Courses, Spring 2007

**ECE 132, Young Children and Families, 1 CR**

DIST AUDIO, Thursday, 5:15p - 6:45p, 3/22 - 5/3

**ECE 141, Classroom Management for Young Children, 1 CR**

DIST AUDIO, 5:15p - 6:45p, 3/21 - 5/2

**ECE 142, Social Development for Young Children, 1 CR**

DIST AUDIO, Monday, 5:15p - 6:45p, 3/19 - 4/30

For more information or to register, call: (907) 465-6458 or view the entire Spring 2007 schedule at: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/schedule/spring07/index.html>

## Summer classes at UAS: Check these out!

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS~Summer 2007 Courses in Juneau!

Visiting professors:

Dr. Christine Chaille, Portland State University; textbook author for ED 465 science

Dr. Kathryn Castle, Oklahoma State University; textbook author for ED 605

Fred Hiltner, Harborview Elementary 1st grade teacher & JEA representative

June 4-8, ED 465: M-W Dr. Chaille; Th-F Fred Hiltner

June 11-15, ED 605: M-F, Dr. Castle (Friday classes end at noon!)

Cost per graduate credit is \$268 for residents and \$547 for non-residents  
Details about registration, housing and sightseeing in Juneau will be forthcoming.

**Call Delores Graver at 1-866-465-6424 to get on the mailing list!**

## Alaska One Broadcasts Sunday Mornings at 10:30 am

**Earn licensing credit** by watching the program and writing a one page summary of the broadcast. Include three ideas you already use in your program, and three new ideas from the broadcast you plan to incorporate. Send your summary to AEYC-SEA to receive a certificate.

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## AEYC Cookbooks NOW ON SALE!

Our office has been collecting special recipes for over a decade, and has assembled them into a beautiful cookbook. The book is currently at the printer and is available to food program participants for \$15 for their first copy, which includes shipping costs (\$20 for non-participants, which are being used as a fundraiser to support our organization). There are almost 300 pages of recipes, food program crediting information, and much more! Send a check to AEYC-SEA for your book.

## Recipes for Fun! From the AEYC-SEA Lending Library

**Sack of Spuds**, from *Green Thumbs: A Kid's Activity Guide to Indoor & Outdoor Gardening*, by Laurie Carlson

### Materials

- 2 or 3 potatoes
- Heavy-duty plastic lawn bag
- Gravel
- Soil
- Knife



### Process

Prepare the potatoes for planting by cutting them in pieces so that each piece has at least two "eyes", or buds, to sprout roots. Let the pieces dry out for a day or two.  
Fold down the top of the bag a few times so that it will stay open. Put a layer of gravel on the bottom of the sack. Then, fill it with soil about 4 inches deep. Plant the potatoes and keep them watered. Place the sack in a box or laundry basket, so that you can move it to a sunny window or patio. Add more soil as the potatoes grow. Pretty soon you'll have fresh new potatoes to enjoy. Boil them and add some chives from your herb pot.