

Stakeholders Report, July 2007

Services to support Parents as First Teachers:

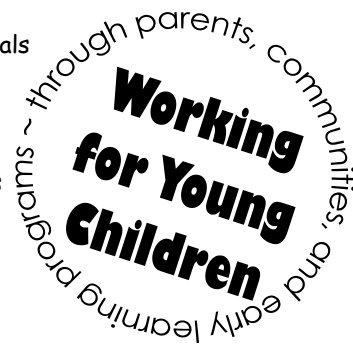
- * 873 referrals for parents
- * AEYC achieved Quality Assured status with the National Association of Resource and Referral Agencies
- * Support to 28 children with special needs for inclusion in early learning
- * Over 850 parents and community members access outstanding resources through the www.aeyc-sea.org and www.southeastfamilies.org websites each month
- * 1,052 parents and children attended one of 30 family night events facilitated by AEYC in 7 communities throughout Southeast Alaska, in partnership with KTOO

Services to build community awareness on behalf of young children:


- * Supporting early childhood liaison staff in the communities of Ketchikan, Sitka, Wrangell and Petersburg.
- * 46 presentations and community outreach events including job fairs, health fairs, Chamber of Commerce, family friendly awards, Economic Impact presentations, and other media, business and community groups.
- * Facilitation and participation of over 150 community partnership meetings

Services to increase the quality of early learning programs:

- * Over 300 training hours delivered to ten communities in Southeast Alaska, attended by 941 participants.
- * 74 Reimbursements of University classes, First Aid, conferences
- * Support of 13 educators in preparing and submitted their CDA application (Child Development Associate credential)
- * 50 Stipends for the Overview, CDA Intensive and specialized infant toddler training.
- * 27 Travel grants
- * Over 27,000 nutritious meals were served to 680 young children in 85 different family child care programs
- * 112 Fingerprinting services



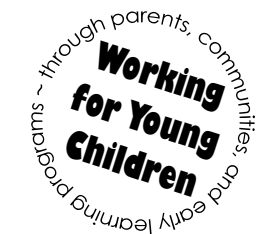
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Fond Farewell for Suey

To all preschoolers past and present, family child care providers, families, teenagers, friends, colleagues: After over 12 years at AEYC, Suey is off to her Fun Farm in sunny Oregon. Come share your appreciation and best wishes! We are putting together a scrapbook for her. Please send a photo, a story, or whatever you would like to add to her memory book. If you live in Juneau, please come to a farewell party:

Friday, August 10
From 5:30-8:30 pm
Sandy Beach log cabin shelter

Bring a nutritious food for a pot-luck picnic.
(Also a pot, pan or other noisy cooking utensil for the cooks parade!)

Please pass the word!



Early Childhood Training Calendar

We are compiling a training calendar for the year, which will be mailed to you by the end of August. For a sneak preview, check the training calendar on our website after August 15th: www.aeyc-sea.org click on training calendar.

Happy Silver Anniversary!

Can you believe it? AEYC, our vibrant young early childhood organization is a quarter of a century old! Where were you in 1982? At our conference this spring we gave a special gift to a couple of early childhood educators that were born in 1982! Over the years there have been so many zany moments, brilliant achievements, and most of all, an outpouring of enthusiastic support by members of the needs and rights of young children in our communities. We hope you enjoy the collage in our centerfold. If you visit the office, look over the mural our board and staff put together at the strategic planning session this spring.

A Day in the Life: Parent's Predicament

The Alaska AEYC Public Policy Committee is working on a special project to help legislators understand the issues faced by parents and child care programs in Alaska. Legislators will be given a scenario of a real Alaskan young child with working parents. They will also receive background information on the issues, and be asked to call their Resource and Referral agency.

By going through the steps a parent completes in searching for a program for "their" child, and completing brief visits with several providers, we are hopeful their eyes will be opened to the need for additional public support of the child care assistance program, the child care grant program, and additional salary incentives linked to professional development. If your program happens to be selected, please treat them as you would any other parent, even if you recognize the legislator. Legislators will be asked not to mention the name of any program they visit in their discussions with the media.

The 12 legislators invited are the Health Education and Social Service committee members from both the Senate and House. They will receive a debrief call from Alaska AEYC after their visits, and will also be invited to share their experiences at the Governor's Council on Early Childhood this December. The visits for the project will take place between mid August and mid September. For more information about the project, please email Tiffany Ryan at tryan@akaeyc.org.

Health On the Move, Southeast Alaska Early Childhood Conference

March 13-15 in Juneau Save the Date! The conference this year will be fabulous!

Thursday March 13: Leadership pre-conference: morning and afternoon session, evening pot-luck event for families.

Friday March 14: Ruthie Bushnell, Featured speaker. A high energy motivational presentation on teaching young children health and nutrition concepts through movement and motor skills. Choices of break-out sessions. Evening banquet featuring Dr. Paul McGhee, on the use of humor in "coping with the stress children can sometime generate."

Saturday March 15: Dr. Paul McGhee, featured speaker, will lead an opening and closing session to further explore the developmental stages of humor in young children, and the health outcomes of building our humor skills. Ruthie Bushnell will offer sessions specifically for school age staff and K-3 teachers. Choices of additional interactive break out sessions.