



The Update

Fall 2004

Association for the Education of Young Children of Missouri

2004 Annual Conference Preview

2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 15 - 16, 2004
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

keynote speaker

DR. THOMAS MOORE



Putting the Pieces
Together for Children

SATURDAY KEYNOTE



STRENGTHS-BASED TEACHING & Interpersonal Helping

presented by **Dr. Walter E. Kisthardt**

Assistant Professor
MSW Program at UMKC



Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm
1:30pm – 4:30pm

Magnetic Training



presented by **Karen Hughes**
NAEYC Senior Director of
Association Relations

Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm
1:30pm – 3:30pm

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We have met the leaders and they are us!

from the

President Dr. L. Carol Scott



Please join me in welcoming some new leaders to the AEYC-MO board! Mike Abel, of the Francis Child Development Institute in Kansas City, is our new president-elect. Lynda Snuffer, of Romper Room Preschool and Child Care in Trenton, is our new treasurer. Finally, our new parliamentarian is David Washington, of the Metropolitan Council on Early Learning in Kansas City. I am so pleased to announce these new board members to you, just as NAEYC begins announcing new leadership development services for our members.

Leadership - is that a word that scares you? Or makes you think of everyone but yourself? But why? A leader is one who shows the way by going first - just as most of you do every day with children or with other early learning professionals. A leader is one who guides the behavior or opinion of others - just as most of you do every day with families of children in your care, fellow professionals, or students. A leader is one who shows the way, who serves as a model for others. Don't you do that every day?

Many of us step into leadership without even knowing that we're doing it, simply by stepping into responsibility. Something needs to be done and you raise your hand and say, "I can do that."

So...you draft the new policy, or bring the refreshments to the next meeting, or make sure the playground gets checked for broken equipment weekly and, then, when something else needs doing, they ask you, because you showed responsibility once before. Here's a little known secret: responsibility leads to authority.

Authority - a badly misunderstood and much maligned word in our times - means simply to be vested with power. It actually comes from the same root word as does "author." When you act with responsibility, you author your power in a group - you write your own ticket. You behave responsibly and others see you as having power.

Power - another misunderstood and maligned word - is the capacity for effective action.

Many of us say that we "don't want power" because we envision that it means power over, or control of, others. But if power is the capacity for effective action, then who wouldn't want it? A child is in danger - don't you want to take effective action to make her safe? Early learning programs in Missouri are in danger - don't you want to take effective action to make your own job and the care and education environments for thousands of children safe?

Once your responsible action lets others see you as an authority - someone who is vested with the power of that effective action, you're a leader...even if you don't know that you are. For many of us, the question is not *whether* we are leaders; it's *what kind* of leaders are we?

The good news about power is that it's not something scary - that it's just the ability to take effective action. If there is any bad news, it's that your power - your action - has an impact. In

fact, perhaps the only thing more frightening than knowing that you have an impact is thinking that you don't. Your action does make a difference; your leadership is important because it changes the world... sometimes by changing one small corner of it.

So, again, I ask that you join me in welcoming these new world changers to our board. And please also join me and the whole board in honoring the world-changing leadership each of you brings to your daily interactions with children, families, and other professionals. To paraphrase a character from an old comic strip, "We have met the leaders and they are us!"

Here's to responsibility, to effective action, to power, to having an impact! Here's to leadership!

Cheers!!

LEADERSHIP
Authority
POWER

The Alliance for the Status of Missouri Women

In 2002, the Institute For Women's Policy Research (IWPR), a Washington, DC think-tank, released a report measuring the status of women in Missouri based on political participation, employment and earnings, social and economic autonomy, reproductive rights, and health and well-being. Missouri received a "C" grade overall. Just average.

And, where are we now? Heading towards a failing grade at breakneck pace.

These issues are too important to ignore and currently they are not being adequately addressed. There is no single organization, private or public, advocating for the overall improvement of women's lives. There are, however, many organizations that focus on one of the five indicators listed in the report. These organizations have made advances in their separate fields but it is time to focus on a comprehensive women's agenda. We must establish a diverse coalition, extending beyond each individual issue area to effect policy changes to improve women's overall status in Missouri.

The Alliance for the Status of Missouri Women was established in November of 2002 immediately following the release of the Status of Women Report. This Alliance is focused on bringing together this diverse coalition in order to develop and advocate for a pro-active women's agenda.

On November 18, 2003, members of the Alliance conducted press events in Jefferson City, Kansas City and St. Louis to mark the first anniversary of the release of the IWPR report. At the events, women leaders like First Lady Lori Hauser Holden and former Lt. Governor Harriett Woods highlighted the dramatic setbacks for women and children in the areas of health, education and economic well-being.

On March 27, 2004 the Alliance for the Status of Missouri Women held Women's Assemblies in five communities across the state – Columbia, Kansas City, Kirksville, Springfield and St. Louis. The purpose was to assess priorities in each community on the key indicators outlined in the IWPR report as a basis for developing a Women's Agenda.

State Representative Vicky Riback Wilson served as emcee and the First Lady, Lori Hauser Holden, provided pre-recorded key remarks (recorded by the Women's Council in Department of Economic Development).

Statewide, the Assemblies brought together 109 women and 5 men representing diversity in age, ethnicity, socio-economic level and issue representation. Many attendees indicated they were anxious to continue this work in future assemblies and felt encouraged to invite additional women and men to participate in the work of the Alliance. Many individuals attended representing health, mental health, disabilities, small business owners, corrections, education, domestic violence, case management, environmental issues, the Latina community, banking, food and nutritional services, and real estate.

Across the state, the priority issues (with important sub-issues) were identified as:

Political Participation

- ◆ Increased voter registration and voter turnout
- ◆ Identification and education of progressive women candidates



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AEYC-MO, an organization for early childhood professionals, fosters excellence in early childhood systems and programs through advocacy, education and professional development.



AEYC-MO Annual Conference Sessions

Conference seminars and sessions are listed below by day and time. Each listing contains presentation name, presenters' names, Core Competency Area and Level. For complete session description go to www.aeyc-mo.org, 2004 Conference Information. Register using the form online or the mailed copy your received several weeks ago. You may register using a purchase order number, check or credit card.

Knowledge of Skill Level of Target Audience

Level 1 Knowledge and skills expected of a professional new to the early childhood, with a minimal specialized training/education.

Level 2 Includes Level 1 plus the knowledge and skills commensurate with a Child Development Associate credential, a certificate in child development or equivalent training/education.

Level 3 Includes Levels 1 and 2 plus knowledge and skills commensurate with an associates degree in early childhood education or child development.

Level 4 Includes Levels 1, 2 and 3 plus knowledge and skill commensurate with a bachelors degree in early childhood education or child development

Level 5 Includes Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 plus knowledge and skills commensurate with an advanced degree in early childhood education or child development.

Friday Sessions

Full day seminar
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Magnetic Trainings
Karen Hughes, Professional Development and Leadership, Level 5

Full day seminar
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Strengths Based Training and Interpersonal Helping
Dr. Wally Kisthardt, Professional Development and Leadership

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Decreasing Local Teacher Turnover
Kayla Grosshart & Dana Carroll – V; Program Planning and Development, Level 5

Accreditation Assistance Projects
Julie James Humphrey – VII: Program Planning & Development, Level 3

Brainwonders: Supporting Early Relationships

Mary Beth Mann & Amy Greig – I: Child Growth and Development, Level 2

Making Storytime Fun

Jill Noel, II: Learning Environment and Curriculum, Level 2

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

The Core Competencies and Early Childhood Standards: An overview of their development, content, and application
Terri Foulkes & Julie Cowell – VIII: Professional Development and Leadership, All levels

Internet Resources to Support Constructivist Based Learning

Maxine G. Morris, Ph.D. – II: Learning Environment & Curriculum, Levels 1-5

Missouri's #1 Question: Public Engagement & Advocacy

Cande Iveson & Crystal Williams–VIII: Professional Development and Leadership, Levels 2-5

Development of the Child's Brain in your Classroom

Denise Lovell – I: Child Growth and Development, Level 1

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

How Can I Earn More Money and Do the Job I Love?

Kathy Thornburg & Denise Mauzy - VIII: Professional Development & Leadership, Level 5

Skills Children Learn in Child Care

Kay Billings – VI: Interactions with Children, Level 2

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Help Our Children Be Ready To Learn

Lolita Albers – VI: Interactions with Children, Level 3

Missouri's Professional Development Initiatives for Early Childhood and School-Age/After School Professionals

Terri Foulkes, Julie Westphal, Sue Porting, Beth Ann Lang – VIII: Professional Development & Leadership, All Levels

Saturday sessions

Full day seminar

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Understanding Emergent Literacy:
Developmentally Appropriate
Practice for Promoting the Early
Stages of Reading and Writing.
Jennifer Henk – II: Learning
Environment and Curriculum, Level 2

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Advocacy 101
Mary Stone & Peggy Pearl – VIII:
Professional Development and
Leadership, Levels 1-5

Aloha to Zdravei: Working
Culturally Diverse Families
Amber Sobery – IV: Families and
Communities, Level 3

Come P.L.A.Y. With Us! (Professionals
Learning About Youngsters)
Colleen Ratcliff-VIII: Professional
Development and Leadership, Levels 5

Missouri Accreditation – Just the Facts!
Dana Carroll – VIII: Professional
Development and Leadership, Levels 2-5

Music Across the Curriculum
Thomas Moore, Ph.D. – II: Learning
Environment and Curriculum, Levels 1-5

Promoting Your Skills Using a
Professional Portfolio
Julie James Humphrey – VIII:
Professional Development and
Leadership, Level 2

The Curiosity of Science
Marcia Hildebrand/Mary Lu
Wheeler-II: Learning Environment &
Curriculum, Level 3

8:40 – 10:10

Getting Active with preschoolers
and school-agers
Karen Kelley & Emily Bialczak – I:
Child Growth and Development, Level 3

A Curriculum Framework for
Implementing Woodworking
in an Early Childhood Setting:
teaching woodworking to
early childhood educators.
Kim Sutton & Velynda Cameron – II:
Learning Environment & Curriculum,
Levels 3-5

Kids Are My Business!
Peggy Thoenen – VIII: Professional
Development & Leadership, Level 5

Infant Toddler--Language
Development, Communication
and Culture
Melissa Yates – I: Child Growth and
Development, Levels 1-4

Weaving a Web of Professional
Support: How to Create AEYC
Community and Student Groups
L. Carol Scott, Ph.D. – VIII:
Professional Development and
Leadership, Level 5

10:20 – 11:50 a.m.

Including Parents in the Classroom
beyond 'traditional' methods.
Karen Kelley & Pam Storey – IV:
Families and Communities, Level 2

Infant Toddler – Discoveries
of Infancy
Melissa Yates – I: Child Growth and
Development, Levels 1-4

Problem Solvers
Colleen Ratcliff – II: Learning
Environment and Curriculum, Level 3

They're Not All Gross: Motor
Activities in the Home & Classroom
Amber Sobery & Ashlee Pahlow-II:
Learning Environment and
Curriculum, Level 4

A Little Thanks Goes a Long Way!
Kim Roam – VIII: Professional
Development and Leadership, Level 4

12:00 – 1:30
Luncheon in the Atrium
AEYC-MO Annual Meeting
and keynote speaker,

Dr. Thomas Moore

1:40 – 3:10 p.m.

Lets Go—Basic Overview of
Child Car Safety
Donna Neulinger – VIII: Professional
Development and Leadership, Levels 1-5

Staying Ahead of the Quality
Curve: New NAEYC Accreditation
Standards and Criteria
L. Carol Scott, Ph.D. – VII: Program
Planning and Development, Level 4

Using Sign Language in a
Toddler Classroom
Josephine Fritts & Steven Fritts – II:
Learning Environment and
Curriculum, Level 1

Literacy in the Great Outdoors
Judy Stilwell & Kathy Lorts, VIII:
Professional Development and
Leadership, Level 4

1:40 – 3:40 p.m.

Child Care in Faith Based
Organizations
Robbie Crawford – VII: Program
Planning and Development, Level 1

Record Keeping – Taxes for
Family Child Care
Cynthia Kay Billings – VII:
Program Planning and
Development, Level 3

The Association for the Education of Young Children of Missouri

cordially invites new members to attend the

 **New Member Reception**

Friday, October 15, 2004

at the Clarion Hotel, 3:45 – 4:45 pm

AEYC-MO Membership Scholarships

AEYC-MO announces membership scholarship project...

AEYC-Missouri, its four local affiliate chapters (Central Missouri, Mid-America AEYC, Ozark AEYC, and Rivers Bend AEYC), and NAEYC have joined forces to fund a membership scholarship program for first time members. The project was designed to support the association's goal of increasing and diversifying its membership. This scholarship project will partially fund 120 new memberships with each new member contributing \$10 toward the cost of a one year regular membership.

New member scholarship applications will be available to early education professionals who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Preparing to work in, or currently working in the field of early care and education.
- Enrolled in Missouri two or four year college early childhood or child development program, or currently

living and/or working in an early childhood program or school age child care program in Missouri.

- Represents one or more of the following groups; family child care providers, students, males, African Americans, and rural child care providers and young people 18-25 years old.
- Identifies ways in which he/she plans to become an ACTIVE member of a local affiliate chapter of AEYC-MO and/or the state affiliate.

As an AEYC-MO member, will each of you accept the responsibility of sharing this information with colleagues who fit the guidelines of this project and encouraging them to apply for a membership scholarship? As current members, you are aware of the many wonderful benefits of membership in the association at all four levels--NAEYC, Midwest AEYC, AEYC-MO and your local affiliate chapter.

As members, we want to ensure that beginning professionals and others who are long-time early childhood folks, but who may not know about AEYC, have the same opportunities that we have had.

If all of us are willing to assume the responsibility for nurturing the professional growth of those new to our profession, those from underrepresented groups, and those who tell us that they've never heard of AEYC, we will have given back a small portion of the gifts each of us has received from those who have supported us along our professional journeys. Thank you in advance for promoting the scholarship project!

The membership scholarship application is available on the next page and on our website at www.aeyc-mo.org, or by calling the AEYC-MO office at 877-296-2852 or 573-884-3374. The scholarship information will also be disseminated to early childhood groups throughout the state.

The Alliance for the Status of Missouri Women (continued from page 3)

Social & Economic Autonomy

- ✦ Access to affordable healthcare
- ✦ Providing Access to Education for women

Health and Well-Being

- ✦ Access to and funding of family planning services
- ✦ Access to affordable healthcare

Employment and Earnings

- ✦ Eliminating earnings disparities between women and men
- ✦ Affordable, quality and safe childcare

On April 30th participants in the Alliance Assemblies, from March 27th, as well as new participants joined the Alliance organizers at a one-day retreat in Jefferson City to assist in formulating action steps related to the priorities for action identified at the Assemblies. With approximately 35 individuals ready to take action the retreat participants reviewed the priority goals identified by Assembly participants and explored actions needed to

achieve the topic area goals. A document reporting the proceedings of the Alliance Retreat was distributed to all retreat participants.

The final Women's Agenda Document will be completed and ready for presentation after Labor Day 2004. On September 17, 2004, the Alliance will convene a meeting of all alliance members and interested organizations and individuals to discuss and develop a plan of action to implement this agenda in 2005 to impact change and improve the status of women in Missouri.

AEYC-MO has been represented at the Alliance meetings during the summer of 2004 and has offered support for the Alliance's developing agenda. As professionals supporting affordable, quality child care for families, and professional development opportunities and compensation for the early childhood workforce, membership in the Alliance seems to be a mutual benefit to both groups. Be watching for more Alliance news in the winter edition of The Update.

AEYC-MO Membership Scholarship Application

Applicant Name _____

Home Contact Information

Work Contact Information

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

County _____

Phone _____

Email _____

If I am selected as an AEYC-MO membership scholarship recipient, I will be involved in the following ways: (✓ check as many as apply)

attend Annual Conference

attend Child Advocacy Day (in January)

read AEYC-MO newsletter; The Update

support my local AEYC group by serving on a committee

attend local meetings

My role in the field of early childhood care and education is: (✓ check only one)

Center Director

Classroom Teacher

Other (please specify) _____

Student

Family Child Care

Please provide the following demographic information to aid the selection committee:

Gender: male female

Age: 18-25 yrs 26-35 yrs 36-45 yrs 46-55 yrs 56-65 yrs over 65 yrs

Location: metropolitan area medium city/suburb small town rural area

Racial Identity: White

Hispanic/Latino

African American

Other (please specify) _____

Asian/Pacific Islander

Applicant Signature _____

Please print legibly and use black or blue ink. Applications must be postmarked or faxed by October 30, 2004. Once completed, mail application to:
AEYC-MO Membership Scholarship Application *1400 Rock Quarry Rd. * Columbia, MO 65203 * Fax (573) 884-0598

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Uptown Shops and Eateries

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AEYC-MO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM INFORMATION
ARE ON THE WEB SITE AT WWW.AEYC-MO.ORG.

NAEYC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 10-13, 2004

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

INFORMATION IS ONLINE AT
WWW.NAEYC.ORG/CONFERENCES

CRUCIAL EARLY YEARS CONFERENCE

October 9, 2004

MCCLUER NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

MIDWEST AEYC CONFERENCE

April 14-16, 2005

“Celebrating Strong Beginnings”

MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

INFORMATION IS ONLINE AT WWW.MWAEYC.ORG

CONFERENCE ON THE YOUNG YEARS

March 10, 11, & 12, 2005

TANTARA RESORT
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STEP UP

Help Secure Opportunities for Education and Increased Compensation

A series of meetings will be held throughout the state to review Missouri's early childhood education workforce brief "Who is Educating Missouri's Youngest Children?" and identify how professionals can help to secure funds for quality initiatives (e.g. WIN, T.E.A.C.H.®)

The training is worth **1.25 clock hours** and covers:

Core Competency Area VIII: Professional Development & Leadership

CDA Goal VI: Professionalism

All trainings will be from 6:45pm to 8:00pm.

DOOR PRIZES!

For more information, please contact the OPEN Initiative at (573) 884-3373 or toll free at (877) 782-0185

DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR THE TRAININGS:

Hannibal – Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Marion County Board for the Developmentally Disabled Center
3175 Palmyra Rd (State Rt. W) Hannibal, MO

St. Louis – Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Brentwood Community Center
2505 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO

Columbia – Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Center for Family Policy & Research
1400 Rock Quarry Rd., Columbia, MO

Kirkville – Tuesday, October 12, 2004

MACC Kirkville Higher Education Center
2105 E. Normal, Kirkville, MO

St. Joseph – Tuesday, October 26, 2004

Brookdale Presbyterian Church
31st and Edmond, St. Joseph, MO

Moberly Tuesday, October 26, 2004

MACC Career Center
101 College Ave., Room 29, Moberly, MO

Kansas City – Wednesday, October 27, 2004

Penn Valley Community College
Francis Institute, Room FI-006, Kansas City, MO

Cape Girardeau – Thursday, October 28, 2004

Glenn Auditorium at Dempster Hall (SEMO)
Corner of Henderson & New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, MO

Lebanon – Wednesday, November 10, 2004

Lebanon Technology & Career Center
Early Childhood Education Room 53
757 Brice Street, Lebanon, MO

Springfield – Thursday, November 11, 2004

Community Partnership of the Ozarks
330 North Jefferson, Springfield, MO

The trainings are sponsored by the **OPEN Initiative** and supported by **AEYC-MO**.

MO's Professional Achievement and Recognition



The Professional Achievement and Recognition System (PARS), administered by the OPEN Initiative, is a database that verifies and tracks teachers' qualifications for various professional roles and recognizes educational achievement on Missouri's Career Lattice.

Teachers and directors working with children birth through school age are encouraged to enroll in the Professional Achievement and Recognition System. For more information, please call the OPEN office (toll free number: 1-877-782-0185). OPEN recognizes and congratulates the following professionals who have furthered their education and advanced at least one level on Missouri's Career Lattice:

Vanessa Anthony of Cornerstone Center for Early Learning is now at Level 2b

Penny Archer of Lebanon Head Start Center is now at Level 4a

Felicia Baines of Turn the Page Child Development Center is now at Level 2a

Louise Basler of St. Genevieve School District RII is now at Level 2a

Lisa Baum of Kinder Care Learning Center is now at Level 2b

Amanda Bigger of Academy of Fine Arts is now at Level 3b

Christina Bruce of Lil Rams Child Development Center is now at Level 3b

Eleanor Cameron of Childrens Enrichment Center is now at Level 5b

Vickie Casanover of Guardian Angel Settlement Gabriel CCC is now at Level 3b

Nichole Chesher of End of the Rainbow Child Development Center is now at Level 4a

Wanda Coleman of Perfect Gift Nursery and Learning Center is now at Level 4b

LaDonna Cross of Asia's Learn & Play House is now at Level 2a

Pamela Cross of Urban League MLK Head Start is now at Level 3b

Jacqueline Davis of Childgarden Child Development Center is now at Level 2a

Tusdee Dawkins of Country Day Care is now at Level 2a

Sabrena Decker of Lebanon Head Start Center is now at Level 2b

Angela Fannin of Lenoir Child Care Center is now at Level 2b

Lu Anne Gaines of A Discovery Zone is now at Level 2b

Patricia Green, licensed home care provider, is now at Level 2b

Heather Hatcher of Lil' People's Home Daycare is now at Level 2a

Donnitta Howard of ABC Child Care Center of Pine Lawn is now at Level 2a

Lisa Janis of Affton Lindbergh Early Childhood Education is now at Level 5b

Latausha Kee of Webster Child Care Center at Laclede Groves is now at Level 2b

Tarita King of Open Arms Preschool and Learning Center is now at Level 2a

Katherine Lowery of Cornerstone Center for Early Learning is now at Level 5a

Peggy Mann of Webster Child Care Center at Laclede Groves is now at Level 2b

Emily Marko of Berry Patch Professional Child Care Center is now at Level 3b

Sandra Martin of Hematite Head Start is now at Level 2a

Phyllis McAlister of Step by Step Preschool is now at Level 2a

Lisa McCart of The Little School LLC is now at Level 2a

Tawana McDaniel of Asia's Learn & Play House is now at Level 3b

Takei McDonald of Webster Child Care Center at Laclede Groves is now at Level 2b

Barbara Michaels, licensed home child care provider, is now at Level 3b

Saundra Monroe of Step by Step Preschool is now at Level 2b

Christina Moore of St. John's Employee Childrens Center is now at Level 3b

Dammie Mosley of YWCA Overland Head Start is now at Level 2b

Elizabeth Mueller of Cornerstone Center for Early Learning is now at Level 3b

Theresa Neal, licensed home child care provider, is now at Level 2a

Charlene Nelson-Welch of Childgarden Child Development Center is now at Level 2a

Stacy Nitsch of Jewish Community Centers Association DCC is now at Level 2b

Angela Norton of Children's World Learning Center is now at Level 3b

April Phillips of Kirbyville Preschool is now at Level 3b

Shirley Phillips of Affton Lindbergh Early Childhood Education is now at Level 5b

Yasmina Pickett of Stella Maris Child Center is now at Level 2a

Patricia Powell of Kingdom House Day Care Center is now at Level 3b

LeAnn Price of Lemay Child and Family Center is now at Level 3b

Gloria Ray of Stella Maris Child Center is now at Level 2b

Deborah Reaka of First Kids is now at Level 2b

Jennifer Robbins of Childrens World Learning Center is now at Level 2b

Kristen Samuels of Ridgeway Community Developmental Child Care is now at Level 2a

Mary Shiverdeck of Jefferson College is now at Level 3b

Robin Smith of Alphabet Soup Learning Center is now at Level 2b

Kathleen Steenhusen of Roeland Park Child Development Center is now at Level 4b

Khurysan Suber of Early Childhood Education Center is now at Level 2b

Pamela Tillotson of Kids Kastle Childcare is now at Level 2a

Stephanie Todd of Blue Springs Family YMCA Early Learning Center is now at Level 3b

Valerie Ware of Radiant Faith Day Care and Preschool is now at Level 3b

Verena Wilkerson of Moberly's Finest Child Development Center is now at Level 3b

Lisa Williams of Moberly's Finest Child Development Center is now at Level 2a

Jenifer Witt of Walnut Creek Day School is now at Level 4a

Congratulations!



Congratulations and thank you to these wonderful early education professionals. Your dedication to professionalism and continuing education is an inspiration to us all!

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To benefit the **Kathy R. Thornburg Leadership Fund**

WHO → All Conferees are invited to submit bids

WHAT → Exciting trips and prizes

WHERE → Exhibit and Registration area of
The Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

WHEN → October 15-16, 2004 at the AEYC-MO Annual Conference

WHY → To support Missouri's emerging early childhood leaders

The Kathy R. Thornburg fund is still in its infancy, but has already provided conference scholarships for ten AEYC-MO new members. The fund's goal is to support the professional development of emerging leaders in Missouri's early childhood workforce. These new leaders are AEYC-Missouri members who serve the association as local leaders, attend and assist with conferences and Week of the Young Child events, and advocate for Missouri's young children and their families.

Your donation will make it possible for AEYC-Missouri to continue to help Missouri's early childhood workforce grow professionally, and become tomorrow's leaders!

Gifts are tax deductible and may be made using your credit card or by check to the AEYC-MO office: **Kathy R. Thornburg Fund**, c/o AEYC-Missouri, 1400 Rock Quarry Road, Columbia, MO 65211-3280.