



Hello! I am Judy Simpson, current President of Missouri-AEYC. I am running for election as Vice- President. I served on the NAEYC Affiliate Council for two years and have been President of MO-AEYC for two years. I have also served as the President of Rivers Bend AEYC and have been a member of NAEYC and MOAEYC for over 25 years.

As a state affiliate, MO-AEYC conducted a self-assessment, reviewed how we were operating as a non-profit organization, and determined if we were a High Performing Inclusive Organization (HPIO). As part of this process, we reviewed our By-Laws and made suggested changes. The MO-AEYC Board approved the changes and you voted to approve them.

WOW!! That was a lot of work but we still had work to finish. Our application to be directly affiliated with NAEYC was submitted on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Good – you might say. We are done. Nope – not done. In fact, this is just the beginning. In December 2016, we received notification stating MO-AEYC has been recommended to the NAEYC Governing Body to become fully affiliated with NAEYC effective September 2017.

Many new challenges have to be met – to make us the best-equipped, best-trained, early childhood organization in the nation. High performing inclusive organizations recognize the uniqueness of individuals, groups and organizations. Becoming a high performing inclusive organization is dependent upon simultaneous growth and development of those individuals and groups and of the organization.

My passions are two-fold: quality childcare as evidenced by the NAEYC Accreditation Academy and helping MO-AEYC become the HPIO organization that we want to be. We can do this but only if we work together. The mission of MO-AEYC and NAEYC is to promote excellence in early childhood programs and systems through education, professional development and advocacy. If you permit, I would like to spend the next four years helping MO-AEYC become the best HPIO Affiliate in the nation. I would be proud to serve with you as Vice-President to accomplish our mission.