

AECA Update

We really hope to see you in a few weeks at the AECA Conference!!! If you haven't registered you can get more information on our website

arkansasearlychildhood.org

Also, be looking for election ballots arriving to your house in November! We'd love to have everyone vote!!

Thanks so much for the contributions to the newsletter this time! If you would like something posted in the next newsletter, please have it to me by November 7th! You may email it to me at jkgates@asub.edu or mail it to P.O. Box 1000 Beebe, AR 72012



Come Celebrate!!!

AECA's 50th Birthday at the AECA Conference in Hot Springs, October 13-15!

REGISTER TODAY!!!

We are seeking election candidates for the 2012 AECA Board. The following positions are open:

President-Elect

1st Vice President-Publications

Treasurer

Member-at-large #2 and #3

Please contact Barbara Gilkey as soon as possible if you are interested!

gilkeybj@archildrens.org

AECA Program Conference Chair Position Available

The AECA Executive Board is looking for an individual to serve as our next program chair. The conference program chair position is a three-year commitment.

First Year: The individual shadows and assists the current conference chair.

Second Year: The individuals are responsible for coordinating the conference on their own.

Third Year: The individual will have someone shadowing/assisting them with the conference chair responsibilities.

There is a stipend for this position. You must be a current member of the Arkansas Early Childhood Association.

A cover letter and resume is requested to apply for the program chair position. The deadline to submit your resume is December 1, 2011. If you have questions about the position or would like more information, please contact Deniece Honeycutt, current President-elect, at honeycutt.deniece@gmail.com

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2011 AECA Service Project BRING YOUR BAGS!!!

We are so excited about our AECA 2011 Service Project!

Each year we try to find a project that will help children and families in our state. This year we are donating to the non-profit Bags Not Rags.

They collect gently used luggage and conference bags, etc. so that foster children have a real bag to carry their belongings in. Please bring your gently used bags to the conference or contact your local affiliate and drop them off.

For more information go to: www.bagsnotrags.com

**AECA Mission Statement : Enhancing the lives of children, families
and early childhood professionals in the state of Arkansas.**

2011

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SECA Representative

Joanna Grymes
Jonesboro

SECA UPDATE

What a great value your membership in the Arkansas Early Childhood Association and the Southern Early Childhood Association bring to you! SECA has some new resources for you. One is *Dimensions Extra* – once you have devoured your issue of *Dimensions*, access the *Dimensions Extra* on the Members Only page of the SECA website for follow up information. What a terrific addition to our knowledge base.

Also available from SECA are two new resources focused on helping you be advocates for young children, families and our profession. *Connecting the Dots* is a great introduction to being an advocate – it provides small, doable steps to take out the “fear” of addressing others about our very important issues. SECA - as the SOUTHERN Early Childhood Association – is committed to Southern Issues. What are those issues? SECA offers *Southern Issues: Has Anything Changed?* Both of these advocacy resources are available on the SECA Web page.

Another FUN opportunity from SECA is coming up – the SECA Conference in San Antonio! We will be right on the famous River Walk. So many professional development opportunities:

Dr. Michael Levine will be a keynote speaker addressing technology and young children

Director’s Seminar on Friday with Donna Thornton-Roberts

Trainer Institute, sponsored by High Scope

Environmental Rating Scale sessions with Debby Cryer

Featured sessions by Dr. Pam Schiller, Sharon McDonald, Chef Greg Johnson

Opportunities just for students – including funding opportunities to help our student group attend

Check out the SECA web page for more details and plan on attending this terrific professional development opportunity!

As always, as your SECA representative, please contact me if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns. I want to do my best to serve and represent all of our Arkansas membership to the SECA board.

Joanna Grymes

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Featured Keynote Speakers:
 Greg Johnson, Chef and Father
 Dr. Michael H. Levine, Ph.D.
 Sharon MacDonald
 Dr. Pam Schiller
 Representative Mike Villareal

63rd Annual SECA Conference
 Hyatt Regency San Antonio
 February 2 - 4 2012

Laying the Foundation for Lifelong Learning

Featured Sessions by:
 Dr. Debby Cryer, Ph.D.
 and
 Nature Explore

Find out more at:
www.SouthernEarlyChildhood.org/seca_conference.php

SECA
 Southern Early Childhood Association

Maggie Reynolds/ Deltha Sharp Scholarship Award

Complete this form and mail it to AECA: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
PO Box 2898
Little Rock, AR 72203
Phone: (501) 771-1680

The Arkansas Early Childhood Association awards up to two scholarships annually to its members. This scholarship will pay for a portion of an individual's expenses to attend the 62nd Annual Southern Early Childhood Association Conference. The 2012 conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, February 2-4, 2012. The scholarship will include conference registration and \$350.00.

Criteria to be considered for a scholarship included:

- Applicant must be a member in good standing in AECA.
- Applicant must be a first-time attendee of a SECA conference.
- Applicant must provide evidence of commitment and dedication to the goals of AECA
- Applicant must provide evidence of leadership potential.

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient must be willing to volunteer for the SECA conference for at least 2 hours during attendance. The recipient must also submit a short write-up (200 words or less) for the AECA newsletter concerning his or her learning experiences at the SECA conference. In additions, assistance at the AECA Silent Auction is also required during the following AECA Conference.

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Professional Title: _____ SECA ID # _____

Place and Location of Employment: _____

Application Checklist

Include all of the following in the application

Professional Resume

Cover letter that includes:

- Professional experience
- Participation in AECA and/or local affiliate
- How attendance at a SECA conference would benefit the children of Arkansas
- Why you chose to be an early childhood professional
- Any additional information to support your eligibility

Letter of nomination from an AECA member

Scholarship Form

Signature _____ Date _____

Application must be POSTMARKED by October 8, 2011

AECA UPDATE

AECA Outstanding Member Award Nomination Form

Complete this form and mail it to AECA: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
PO Box 2898
Little Rock, AR 72203
Phone: (501) 771-1680

Person Being Nominated: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please include the following in the nomination packet

Nominee's resume (if available)

Cover letter that includes nominee's

Education

Professional experience

Professional affiliation(s)

Professional activities that indicate professional recognition

Contributions to the cause of better childhood education

Leadership roles in local and state associations

Honors and other justifications for award

Nomination form

Reminder: Nominee cannot be a current AECA board member and must be a member in good-standing in AECA.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Nominator's contact information:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominations must be POSTMARKED by October 8, 2011

ARKANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Little Rock, AR 72203



Fall 2011 Schedule

Meetings held at St. Michael's – 1125 Malvern Avenue, Hot Springs

Monday, September 19, 2011

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Making Books from Recycled Materials

Demonstration of a variety of materials for creating books from recycled materials

Participants will make a book and receive storytelling tips

Presented by Diana Courson

Monday, October 17, 2011

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Making Music Fun for Everyone

Techniques for involving children in music experiences

Ideas for creating a music prop box

Favorite CDs to use with children

Presented by Terri Helms

Director, First United Methodist Church Child Development Center

Monday, November 21, 2011

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Framework Basics – Preschool

Introduction to the Arkansas Early Childhood Education Framework Handbook

A fun, interactive way to learn more about what is inside the handbook,

including Benchmarks and the Developmental Rating Scale

Presented by Michelle Pounds

Arkansas State University Childhood Services

Training Hours for attendance at HSECA Meetings

CEUs (Continuing Education Units) will be awarded at each of the 3 meetings

Hours count toward DHS Licensing Requirements for annual training hours

Training registered in the TAPP Registry – <http://professionalregistry.astate.edu>

-----**Contact Dot Brown @ 501.525.4829 for information about HSECA**

NO CHARGE OR PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. DOOR PRIZES AT EACH MEETING

April 22-28, 2012 – Arkansas Children's Week

Theme: Join Us under the Storytelling Tree