

45th Annual AECA Conference

October 19-21, 2006

Hot Springs Convention Center

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Keynote Speaker:

Frank Charles Winstead

A Celebration of Teaching

Friday, October 20

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.



Frank Charles Winstead has a great sense of humor, is well-read, and is a master storyteller. To illustrate the power and importance of teaching in the new millennium, he highlights exemplary teachers from his past as he artfully weaves numerous anecdotes into his presentation with research from contemporary scholars. Winstead entertains, but he is not an entertainer; rather, he is a gifted teacher and communicator whose messages are genuine, powerful, uplifting, and often poignant.

Teaching is the most important job in the world. In *A Celebration of Teaching*, the audience, through true stories, anecdotes, slides, and memorabilia, will be reminded of the enormous power that teachers have to make a difference. The late Ernest Boyer wrote, "... encounter teaching takes on almost a spiritual dimension. The ripple of influence never stops."



Keynote Speaker:

Mary Jo Huff

Early Literacy Begins With Rhythm, Rhyme & Storytime

Saturday, October 21

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.



Mary Jo Huff is an author, educator, puppeteer, and storyteller who is recognized nationally. She will engage conference participants with her high energy-interactive workshop. Mary Jo will share delightful stories, books, props, and puppets. She will show simple ways to play with language, use imagination and create wonderful places for children to share and learn through the power of story play. Her enthusiasm motivates the audience to be creative. She travels across the country and has spoken to thousands of early childhood teachers, librarians, parents and anyone who will listen and touched their hearts with her humor and wit.

Learn how to integrate stories into your daily curriculum in this idea-packed key-note address. Mary Jo will introduce practical ways you can motivate your students using puppets, props, funny tales, rhythmic language, finger plays and music. Learn how to inspire your children to connect to their world.

AECA UPDATE

is a newsletter of the Arkansas Early Childhood Association, an affiliate of the Southern Early Childhood Association. Membership is open to those interested in the development of young children.

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

Meet the 2006 – 2007 AECA Executive Board

New AECA Executive Board Members:

President-Elect	Traci Johnston
2 nd Vice President – Membership	Barbara Gilkey
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Member-at-Large District #2	Johnnie Bridges
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IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT SECA

JOIN US IN JACKSONVILLE!





Mark your calendar for the 58th annual SECA conference, March 29-31, 2007, in Jacksonville, Florida. Keynote speakers include Dr. Sue Bredekamp, author of the classic *Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs*, and Dr. Thelma Harms, lead author of the widely used environment rating scales.

The theme for the SECA Seminar on Thursday, March 29, is “Quality in Early Childhood: How to Determine Quality and Develop Quality Rating Systems”. The Seminar features a panel of nationally known experts: Anne Mitchell, Dr. Kathy Thornburg, Dr. Ellen Frede, and Judy Collins.

Also on Thursday, Dr. Pam Schiller will present “What You Teach Me Birth to Three” (morning session) and “Starting With Stories: Using Literature as a Springboard to Multiple Intelligences” (afternoon session).

Conference registration information will be mailed in September. You can also keep up with the latest information by going to www.southernearlychildhood.org.

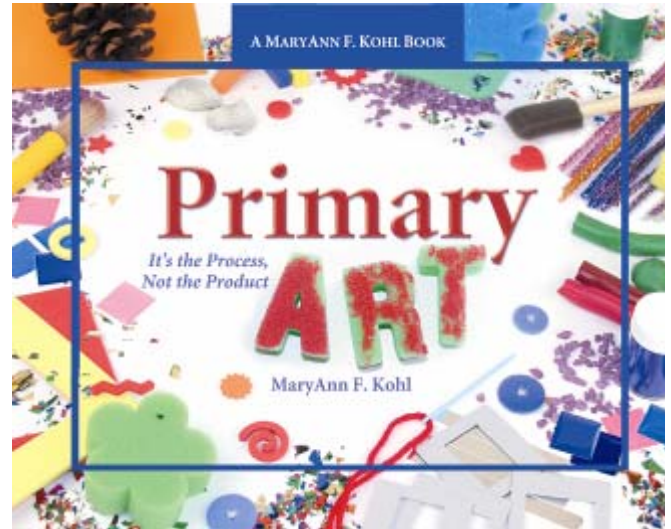
In this issue:

-  Need ideas for the upcoming school year? Be sure to check out the SECA article: *Ten Tips to Develop Young Artists' Creativity*.
-  Accept the **Challenge to Local Affiliates** and see how your affiliate can earn the Merit of Achievement award.
-  The 45th Annual Conference is quickly approaching. Inside you'll find a schedule overview and the forms you'll need to register for the conference and pay membership dues.
-  Don't forget to nominate someone this year. It's important to recognize individuals and their contribution and dedication to the field of early childhood. This is one opportunity you don't want to miss!

Ten Tips to Develop Young Artists' Creativity

From *Primary Art* by MaryAnn F. Kohl

1. "It's the process, not the product." The product is merely the end result, not the reason children create art. Children create and explore art to discover and test their own imaginations. However, primary-aged children begin to expect aesthetic results from their art explorations. The choices of materials and activities provided help them focus their creativity and allow for aesthetically pleasing results.
2. Provide basic art supplies for children that can be used freely at a small table or in a comfortable corner. (Basic art supplies include crayons, scissors, paper, tape, glue, paint, chalk, and collage items.) Provide quality scissors and good paints to encourage artistic success.
3. Keep handy containers filled with all kinds of nifty "junk" for artists to explore. Include cotton balls, ribbon, yarn, paper towel tubes, [cartons with small dividers], feathers, buttons, beads, doilies, cardboard scraps, pieces of sponges, plastic berry baskets, packing peanuts, Band-Aids, fabric scraps, labels, Popsicle sticks, small wood scraps, smooth rocks, envelopes, and anything else young artists might find interesting.
4. Surprise children with something new, simple, and fun at least once a week. Introduce a new art material; slip a book into an unexpected place; eat dessert before lunch; make a cardboard box into a puppet theater complete with sock puppets; or tape paper to the underside of a table for drawing on one's back while lying down. Change is the key; surprise is the word; creativity is the result.
5. Use a digital camera to keep a record of children's creative art. Art can then be downloaded onto a computer, printed in color to make memory books, saved on CDs to send home, or displayed in computer slide shows set to music.
6. Check out a famous art print from the library whenever you check out a book, and display it prominently. Don't be surprised to see the great master's style show up in the primary artists' work.
7. Read to children every day. This will cultivate their creativity and motivate them in art, as well as all other parts of their lives.
8. Encourage art outdoors in many ways on many days, rain or shine. Make a crayon rubbing of the sidewalk or the bark of a tree, and keep looking for other textured things to capture in rubbings; weave a fence with plastic contractor's tape; draw with sidewalk chalk; plant flowers; or look at the clouds and imagine shapes and forms.
9. Instead of asking primary artists, "What did you make?" say, "Tell me about your art" or, "What were you thinking when you were creating this?" Open-ended questions open the lines of communication for children to discuss and evaluate their own artistic endeavors.
10. Allow free time for children to imagine and pretend every single day, whether in art, listening to or reading a book, or simply watching the clouds.



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Silent Auction

You can help support scholarships to the AECA/SECA Conferences by donating items or participating in the Silent Auction at the October Conference in Hot Springs. A variety of items are always welcome, such as teacher-made games, books, toys, manipulatives, crafts, etc. Please bring the item(s), the estimated value of the item(s) and the name of the donor to the Silent Auction table on Thursday, October 19, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or Friday, October 20, from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Bidding will be from 9:00a.m.– 4:30 p.m. Winning items can be picked up at 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Barbara Gilkey at 501-455-9896 or gilkeybj@archildrens.org.

Join us in the fun and help support professional development!

Challenge to Local Affiliates

2006 AECA Merit of Achievement Award

To receive the Merit of Achievement Award, a local affiliate must complete all required items and a minimum of three optional items. The award year is September 1 through August 31.

The affiliate must provide appropriate verification of completion of each item. Examples of verification are meeting notices, newspaper articles, and photographs. Affiliates are encouraged to use creativity in organizing and presenting verification of their work.

Verification must be submitted to the AECA historian no later than noon on Friday, October 20th. Items may be picked up on the last day of the conference.

REQUIRED ITEMS

1. Submit Affiliate Officer Report to AECA office and to AECA president by June 30. All officers must be AECA members. [Verified by the AECA association manager]
2. Conduct regular affiliate meetings that include a business session.
3. Sponsor an educational exhibit/display at the AECA conference. [Verified by Non-commercial exhibit chair]
4. Participate in tasks for AECA conference. [Verified by conference coordinator]
5. Submit a minimum of three items for the AECA scrapbook. [Verified by AECA historian]
6. Donate at least one item to the AECA silent auction. [Verified by scholarship committee]
7. Affiliate president or representative attends AECA Leadership Workshop and board meetings. The affiliate representative at these meetings may not be a member of the AECA executive board. [Verified by AECA secretary]
8. Send a copy of affiliate newsletters or meeting announcements to each member of the AECA executive board.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

1. Participate in Arkansas Children's Week.
2. Host a visit by an AECA board member at local affiliate event.
3. Local affiliate pays full or partial expenses for at least one member to attend SECA conference.
4. Local affiliate pays full or partial expenses for at least one member to attend AECA conference.
5. Sponsor an outreach program to persons or agencies outside AECA. (administrators, parents, agencies concerned with young children)
6. Participate in a community service project.
7. At least 75% of local affiliate board members attend AECA conference.
8. Increase membership by 10% or more over preceding year.
9. Conduct seven or more affiliate meetings.

Overview of the Conference

The Arkansas Early Childhood Association is excited to offer a full 2 ½ day conference with one flat conference rate.

Thursday, October 19

Snack Bar open	7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Conference Registration	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Conference Sessions	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Conference Sessions	1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
AECA Board Meeting	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Friday, October 20, 2006

Conference Registration	7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Snack Bar Open	7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Exhibits Open	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Affiliate Scrapbook Display	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Interest Sessions	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Silent Auction	9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
General Session	9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Networking Exhibitor Event	11:00a.m. – 12:30p.m.
Interest Sessions	12:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 21

Snack Bar Open	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Conference Registration	7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Early Bird Session	7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Exhibits Open	7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
General Session	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Interest Sessions	10:15a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Fun Fair	11:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Sessions Listed by Competency Areas

Child Growth and Development

- ☼ Autism Spectrum Disorders: Epidemic or Over-Identification
- ☼ Creating Portfolios with Kids in Out of School Programs
- ☼ Social-Emotional Development and School Readiness
- ☼ Boys and Guidance! Why Should We Talk About It?
- ☼ Television can be a Teacher: Positive & Negative Impacts of Television Viewing on Child Development

Creating Caring Communities to Support Learning and Development

- ☼ Arkansas School-Age Quality Initiative Project & School-Age Activities
- ☼ A Bag of Laughs: Using Humor to Manage Stress
- ☼ Behavior – There is a Magic Wand: A Resiliency Model
- ☼ Welcome the Children: Making the Connections to Real Objects in the Classroom
- ☼ Teacher, TEACH me how to behave!
- ☼ Can't We All Just Get Along? – Positive Discipline Strategies for School-Age Youth
- ☼ Multisensory Strategies for Promoting Positive Behaviors and Reducing the Frequency, Duration, and Intensity of Negative Behaviors

Assessment and Evaluation

- ☼ The Assessment Connection: Techniques of the Trade
- ☼ Do You See What I See? (Trainer Track)
- ☼ An Introduction to the Ounce Scale: Infant Toddler Assessment

Family

- ☼ “I said, You said, and then the Interpreter says....”
- ☼ Welcome the Children: Working with Latino Families and Children
- ☼ The Parenting Journey

Community

- ☼ Get the Full Effect of Marketing and Advocacy
- ☼ The Art of Advocacy

Program Management

- ☼ Making a Clean Sweep
- ☼ Creative Organization
- ☼ The Program Administration Scale: Measuring Childhood Leadership and Management
- ☼ Put Time on Your Side

Professionalism

- ☼ Professionalism: What's the Big Deal?
- ☼ Together We're Better: Program Quality, Professional Development, and Mentoring
- ☼ A Pathway to Professionalism
- ☼ One Person Can Make a Difference
- ☼ They Gave Me This Program, Now What? (First Timer Session)
- ☼ The “Ahhh” of Fireworks and Porky Pig (Trainer Track)
- ☼ The Trick to Making It STICK! (Trainer Track)
- ☼ Creating Culturally Competent Learning Opportunities (Trainer Track)
- ☼ Trainer Orientation I (Trainer Track)

Sessions Listed by Competency Areas Continued

Supporting Learning and Development through Curriculum Planning and Implementation

- ✿ Building Blocks for Early Childhood Environmental Education
- ✿ On Safari.....a hunting we will go!
- ✿ Experience It...Extraordinary Learning Opportunities the 4-H Way
- ✿ Adventures in Learning (AL) - An Overview
- ✿ Explore Adventures in Learning (AL) - Curriculum Resource Packets for Preschool Classrooms
- ✿ Fun with Math: Using Children's Book Characters to Teach Mathematical Concepts
- ✿ Implementation of RIE as Infant Curriculum
- ✿ Fine Motor Activities Across the Curriculum
- ✿ Social Studies: Making Connections to the Child's World
- ✿ Reading Your Way to Math and Science
- ✿ Curriculum- Ideas and Action = Connections
- ✿ Our Best Ideas
- ✿ Oh, The Places You'll Go: Dr. Seuss and Language Arts Activities
- ✿ Using Children's Literature to Support Science Standards- Based Curriculum
- ✿ Phonological Awareness Strategies and Assessment
- ✿ Sensational Science Centers
- ✿ Hibernation & Sleep for People: A Great Unit for Winter & Groundhog Day
- ✿ Changing Lives not Just Changing Diapers: Individualized Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers
- ✿ Pay Now or Pay Later- Giving children, parents, and staff the tools they need to create emotional stability in young children.
- ✿ Connecting Stories to Active Learning
- ✿ Don't Even Think About It...Teaching Without Planning
- ✿ The Many Senses of Play-Doh
- ✿ Learning About Letters in Preschool- the DAP Way
- ✿ Encouraging and Supporting Positive Behavior in Young Children
- ✿ Teacher Tricks, Tips and Timesavers
- ✿ Connect with School-Age Children Through Games
- ✿ Feel the Beat: Incorporating Suzuki Rhythms in Your Classroom
- ✿ The Project Approach in the Early Years
- ✿ Time Well Spent: An Exploration of the Daily Schedule
- ✿ Puppets: A Magical Education Connection

A Reminder from SECA

Every vote counts!

We have three outstanding candidates for SECA president-elect: Georgia Lamirand (Oklahoma), Beth Parr (Georgia), and Judy Whitesell (South Carolina). If you have not already cast your vote, do it today! This year voting is easier than ever—simply mark your choice and drop the postcard ballot in the mail. The deadline for ballots to be received in the SECA office is October 1.

The beginning of a new school year is a busy time; don't lose your ballot among the name tags, emergency forms, and parent handbooks on your desk. Vote today!

AECA Special Events

1 First Timers 1

Sponsored by: ASU Childhood Services

Have you ever attended an AECA conference before? If you are attending for the first time, we have a session just for you! Please make plans to join us Friday, October 19, from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. for “They Gave Me This Program, Now What?” Learn the *who, what, and where* about attending a conference, and get your questions answered. We are here to help you **MAKE THE MOST** of your first AECA conference. Indicate you are a “first-timer” by checking the appropriate box on your conference registration form.

Exhibit Space

- It’s not too late to reserve an educational or commercial exhibit for the conference. We also have several marketing
- opportunities available. For more information, check out our web-site or contact the AECA office at 501-771-1680.

Are you a Trainer?

If so, you know how difficult it can be to receive needed training hours. There will be a variety of sessions on all three days designed specifically for trainers.

Fun Fair

Please share your ideas at the 5th ANNUAL FUN FAIR, Saturday, October 22. Join us in the excitement and you may learn new ideas for your classroom. Proposals for a fun fair booth are being accepted now. For more information contact Kimberly Witte at 479-443-4037 or kwitte@centraltolife.com

Literacy Lounge

Come in and relax in the reading room and cozy lounge.

This library will be set up to demonstrate an appropriate environment for both infant/toddlers and preschoolers. Get great ideas for library and cozy areas as well as developmentally appropriate literature and language materials.

AECA Conference Checklist

- Send in your registration form.
- Send in a proposal for the Fun Fair.
- Send in nominations for awards.
- Make hotel reservation(s).
- Invite co-workers to attend with you.
- Keep checking the web-site for more information



Please check, if applicable: This is my first AECA Conference I have a special need: _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____



	Pre-Registration	On-Site Registration	
AECA Members (For more information see <i>Membership Application</i>)			
Full Conference (Thursday, Friday & Saturday)	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ _____
Saturday Only	\$ 25	\$ 35	\$ _____
Student (Enclose copy of current student ID)			
Full Conference	\$ 20	\$ 30	\$ _____
Saturday Only	\$ 15	\$ 25	\$ _____
Students <u>CANNOT</u> use the discounted rate AND the *DCCECE Scholarship.			
Non-Members			
Full Conference	\$ 80	\$ 90	\$ _____
Saturday Only	\$ 55	\$ 65	\$ _____
		Sub Total	\$ _____
Credit for *DCCECE Scholarship (please deduct if applicable)			\$- _____
		Total	\$ _____

Scholarship Application **Applications must be received by October 6, 2006**

Scholarship funds are provided by the Arkansas **Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education (DCCECE)**. Scholarships are available only to persons who work in licensed or registered early childhood programs in Arkansas. For more information on the scholarship call the AECA at 501-771-1680.

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED ONLY IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE SCHOLARSHIP.

Program Name _____ Child Care License/Registration # _____

Program Address _____ Phone Number _____

 Signature of Scholarship Applicant Director/Owner Signature Date

***Scholarship valued at \$40 for full conference, \$15 for one day. Remainder of fees **MUST** be sent in with registration form.**

Payment Method Sub Totals

Check enclosed (payable to AECA) Regular Conference \$ _____

Official Purchase order attached: PO # _____ Membership Fees \$ _____
 (Payment or purchase order **MUST** accompany this registration form) (attach application)

Registration forms received after October 6 will be processed at the on site rate. **Total** \$ _____

Mail this form to: AECA, Attn: Donna Wetherford, PO Box 6000, Hot Springs, AR 71902

Refund of registration fees will be made upon receipt of written request postmarked before October 1, 2006.
A \$5 processing fee will be charged on each refund. No refunds after October 1. Credit card payment not accepted.



An Affiliate of the Southern Early Childhood Association

Please Print

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Fax # _____

E-mail _____

- New Member Renewal Full-time Student Address Change

DUES INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP IN AECA, SECA AND YOUR LOCAL AFFILIATE.

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Student</u>
Early Childhood Assn/Central AR (EEA-CA)-Little Rock area	25.50__	24.25__
ECA/Faulkner County (ECA-FC)-Conway area	25.50__	24.25__
Hot Springs Early Childhood Assn (HS-AECA)-Hot Springs area	28.50__	26.75__
Magnolia Early Childhood Association (MECA)- Magnolia area	26.50__	24.25__
Mid-AR Early Childhood Association (MID-AR ECA)-Searcy area	25.50__	24.25__
NE Arkansas Early Childhood Assn (NE-AECA)-Jonesboro area	28.50__	27.25__
NW Arkansas Early Childhood Assn (NW-AECA)-Fayetteville area	25.50__	24.25__
Ozark Mountain AECA (OM-AECA)-Harrison area	25.50__	24.25__
Petit Jean Valley AECA (PJ-AECA)-Morrilton area	25.50__	24.25__
River Valley Early Childhood Assn (RV-ECA)-Fort Smith area	25.00__	23.75__
SEDelta Early Childhood Assn (SEDECA)	25.00__	24.25__
White River Early Childhood Assn (WR- ECA)-Batesville area	25.00__	23.75__
AECA/SECA only	23.50__	22.25__

Make checks payable to AECA and mail to:

**AECA
PO Box 2898
Little Rock, AR 72203**

Questions, call Julie at 501-771-1680

Maggie Reynolds/Deltha Sharp Scholarship Award
Nomination Form

Before mailing, please copy both sides of this form for future reference.

Complete this form and mail to:

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 AECA members to assist with expenses to attend the annual **SECA conference**. The SECA conference will be held in Jacksonville, Florida from March 29 – 31, 2006. Criteria to be considered for a scholarship include:

- Be a member in good standing in AECA
- Be a first-time attendee at a SECA conference outside of Arkansas
- Provide evidence of commitment and dedication to AECA’s goals
- Provide evidence of leadership potential

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient must be willing to serve on the Scholarship Committee, assist with the Silent Auction at the AECA annual conference and provide a mini-session at the following AECA conference.

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Position _____

Professional Experience _____

Participation in AECA and local affiliate _____

Please state how attendance at a SECA conference would benefit the children of Arkansas _____

Why did you choose the profession of early childhood education? _____

Additional information to support your eligibility _____

Application must also include a letter of nomination from an AECA affiliate officer. This letter of nomination must also provide evidence the applicant meets the criteria for the scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

Application must be POSTMARKED by October 1, 2006

**AECA Outstanding Member Award
Nomination Form**

Before mailing, please copy both sides of this form for future reference.

Complete this form and mail to:

Arkansas Early Childhood Association
PO Box 2898
Little Rock, AR 72203
Phone: (501) 771-1680

Date: _____

Affiliate Organization: _____

President: _____

Person Being Nominated: _____

Address: _____

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: _____

Signature _____ Title: _____

Nomination must be POSTMARKED by October 1, 2006



Save the Date: September 20, 2006 - 1:00-3:00pm ET

Effective Advocacy in the Pre-K Movement
Pre-K Now's 2nd Annual Satellite Conference
To be broadcast live to viewing sites across the nation

Hosted by George Stephanopoulos
ABC News Chief Washington Correspondent and host of "This Week"

Featuring live interviews with
The Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor of Tennessee
The Honorable M. Jodi Rell, Governor of Connecticut

What you can expect from this year's conference:

- Best practices from advocates whose winning strategies have secured high-quality pre-kindergarten for children in their states;
- Interviews with legislators and governors about the advocacy efforts that helped them move their pre-k proposals forward; and
- Local discussion and planning activities to take the lessons shared and apply them to the pre-k environment in your area.

Make sure your colleagues and friends receive conference details - **invite them to sign up for Pre-K Now e-mail updates**. Visit www.preknow.org to learn more information on how you can get involved as an advocate for pre-K.

The 2006 conference will be broadcast live via satellite from Washington, D.C., making it accessible to pre-k activists anywhere a satellite downlink site can be found. The conference will be shaped and led, in part, by local organizations and individuals who will focus discussion and activities on your state's pre-k movement.

Visit www.preknow.org to get more detail on this conference. If you have signed up to be on the list serve for pre[K]now, watch your inbox over the summer for conference updates and tools to help you find a local viewing site or organize one of your own. Our conference website will make organizing and registering for local sites easy for all participants. And thanks, in advance, for making time for this event and building a more effective pre-k movement with us.

Sincerely,
Libby Doggett, Ph.D.
Executive Director



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2006 AECA Conference – Hotel and Convention Center Info

About the Hotel and Convention Center

The Austin Hotel and the Hot Springs Convention Center are located next to each other in downtown Hot Springs. They are connected by an inside walkway and an outside plaza, and there's just a short walk between the Hotel and the Convention Center.

All conference sessions will be held in the Hot Springs Convention Center.

Making Your Hotel Reservation

The Austin Hotel is holding a group of rooms at special rates for the AECA conference attendees. These rates will be honored until September 18, 2006. After that date, you may not receive the special conference rates.

Room Rates for the Conference are:

- Single Occupancy \$79 + tax per night
- Double Occupancy \$79 + tax per night
- Triple Occupancy \$89 + tax per night

Hurry! Space is limited. To make reservations, telephone the Reservations Department toll free at 1-877-623-6697.

If you would like to "shop around" for accommodations or find additional information to plan your stay in Hot Springs, contact the Hot Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-922-6478 or www.hotsprings.org

The excitement on October 19 – 21, 2006, in Historic Hot Springs National Park will be at the Hot Springs Convention Center. Join your AECA colleagues for three days of education and fun!

You may also contact Embassy Suites at 501-624-9200.

