

Title of Training: Responsive Circle

Board Present: Jennifer Bowman – President, Rebecca Dunahoo – President Elect, Michelle Weise – VP Communications, Emma Tempest – Secretary, Anna Cannon – Washington County Member-at-Large, Terri Teters - Ex-Officio, Elizabeth Scudder – Advisor, Debbie Mays – Advisor, Susan Edwards – Advisor

Participants in attendance: 13

The meeting was called to order at 6.30pm by Jennifer Bowman. Jennifer welcomed the participants to the NWAECA meeting. She thanked Debbie Mays for sharing the tour of her setting last month and for being present today to facilitate the meeting. These Responsive Circle meetings will be a regular event in our NWAECA calendar this year and we hope you will leave feeling connected and with new ideas to take back to your settings to help the children and families you serve, as well as to help yourself as we navigate these new challenging times.

Business

1. Jennifer shared a free crisis counseling resource, [Promoting Positive Emotions \(PPE\)](#) that is available to anyone who needs support with building coping skills for the recovery process, managing Covid related stress and identify and meet children's needs.
2. **Saturday Oct 17th** AECA Virtual Conference - Ole Pete Key. Register FREE for AECA Members, \$39 for non-members www.arkansasearlychildhood.org/conference
Please take a moment to update your details on your membership profile and select NWAECA as your local affiliate
3. **Thursday Oct 29th** The Scott Family Amazeum will be having their [Educator Night Out: With a Spin](#) on October 29 and NWAECA will be partnering with them again. There will be a drive through event and presentations held virtually.

Debbie Mays and the attendees discussed changes and challenges they have faced due to Covid. Some ideas that have been shared can be found in our Google Doc that anyone can add to – please check it out and add your ideas and solutions to it, we all work better together! bit.ly/NWAECAGoogleDoc Please reach out to your colleagues, friends, and us here at NWAECA. You are not alone! We are all in this together!

Meeting was adjourned by Jennifer Bowman

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th November 6.30-7.30pm

Link: bit.ly/NWAECA-Zoom

Topic: The Social Emotional Aspects of Navigating EC Classrooms during Covid19

Presenter: Leslie Corbell

Minutes shared by Emma Tempest