

CAAAYC COURIER

Save the Date

- October 20th: CAAEYC
Meet-n-Greet
- November 10th: Director's
Roundtable
- November 10th: Connect For Quality
- March 11th: CAAEYC
Conference



Fall / Winter 2016



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Letter from the President

We are eagerly preparing and planning for our 2017 CAAEYC Conference. Applications are being accepted for workshop proposals now. Professionalism will be our primary focus. Annarose Ingarra-Milch will be the featured keynote speaker. As always, we hope to provide early educators with an array of topics that they can gain knowledge from in the hopes of applying it directly to the children they work with. So much progression has been occurring in the Early Education field. More opportunities are available to seek out education and many early educators have been finding their passion. One central aspect of a young child's life that has not changed and will continue to stay an integral part of child development is play. Fred Rogers once said, "Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." This resonates so strongly for many, especially those early educators working with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. As we all strive to maintain quality standards and work tirelessly to attain goals that at times seem unachievable, remember the simplicity of children. They just want you to get down on their level and PLAY!!

Fondly,

Jennifer L. Granitz, M. Ed.



Have you considered an Innovation Grant?

2016 Winners!

Congratulations to our Innovation Grant Winners for 2016 who are Jaime Lengel from Bright Beginnings and Amanda Gartzke from Little Lights Learning Center. Both winners plan on creating play spaces that incorporate nature & open ended elements that children can utilize by allowing their imaginations to soar!

Opportunities for \$1000 to initiate the classroom project of your dreams!!

Don't wait...apply today at

www.CAAEYC.org

Pediatric First Aid

If anyone is need of pediatric first aid, you are in luck. CAAEYC is sponsoring 3 different dates. Cost is \$40 per person BUT if you are a CAAEYC member the cost is ONLY \$20. The dates are as follows:

Saturday - October 29th
Saturday - January 21st
Saturday - May 20th



All classes are being held from 10am-2pm at the:

Capital Area Early Childhood Training Institute (CAECTI)
2001 N. Front St. Bldg 1, 3rd Floor- Conference room
Harrisburg, PA 17102

Register today at:

<https://firstaidcaeyc.eventbrite.com>

2017 CAAEYC Annual Conference

The Power of Professionalism

March 11, 2017



Annarose Ingarra-Milch is an author, inspirational speaker, and founder of ROI Training and Consulting, LLC.

You might remember Annarose from previous years as she is a frequent facilitator at CAAEYC conferences. She draws upon her lifetime experiences as an educator, trainer, serial entrepreneur and retired law enforcement officer to share uplifting messages of self-empowerment. Her engaging personality has landed her on television and radio talk shows, as well as in numerous newspapers and magazines.

A few years ago, Annarose offered a featured speaker session based on the lessons of her novel, "Lunch with Lucille." Since then, she has been crowned Ms. Pennsylvania Senior America, offered a TEDx talk, "Age is an Asset" and was awarded the Sally Lee Achievement Award from YWCA Tri-County Area.

This year, Annarose's keynote presentation is entitled: *The Power of Professionalism*.

When you hear the word 'professional' do your thoughts jump to doctors and lawyers, people in lab coats and suits carrying a briefcase? Or do you think of yourself?

No matter where your job title is noted on the organizational chart, there is one common skill that everyone must share to ensure overall success. That skill is "Professionalism." Professionalism carries a lifetime of self-fulfillment and makes an individual stand out in a crowd.

But what exactly is 'professionalism?' And how can you harness the power of professionalism in everything you do?

Join Annarose as she shares insights into what professionalism looks like, feels like, sounds like, and even smells like. After all, it's been said, "It's not the job you do, it's how you do the job".

Did You Know?

CAAEYC offers support for NAEYC accreditation

Did you know that NAEYC has been accrediting early childhood programs for over 30 years? Accredited programs have met NAEYC's ten standards for high-quality early childhood education. These programs have demonstrated that they provide a safe and healthy environment for children, have teachers who are well-trained, have access to excellent teaching materials, and work with a curriculum that is appropriately challenging and developmentally sound.

As your local affiliate of NAEYC, CAAEYC offers financial support to centers interested in going through the NAEYC accreditation process. For 2016, CAAEYC is providing a grant to local programs to cover one half of all accreditation fees paid within the year. For more information about accreditation and the grant application, go to www.caaeyc.org and click on the accreditation link, or contact Bev Goodling, CAAEYC accreditation chair, at bgoodli2@messiah.edu or Michelle Verbecken at michelle.verbecken@gmail.com.

Support is also available from CAAEYC for the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) accreditation for family day care Homes. Usha Ramamurthy, a family day care home provider is available at usha1834@hotmail.com to answer questions about NAFCC accreditation. This grant application is also found on the CAAEYC website at www.caaeyc.org.

CAAEYC Mission Statement

The purpose of the Capital Area Association Education of Young Children is to enhance the lives of young children by providing support for adults working with or on behalf young children. CAAEYC expresses its mission in three broad goals. We facilitate improvements in the professional practice of early childhood development and education, we increase public understanding and support for high quality programs for young children and their families, and we foster collaboration and building a cohesive community early childhood professionals.



CALLING ALL DIRECTORS...

One of the fabulous programs CAAEYC is able to offer to its members is our Director Roundtable. This coming year, we plan to offer two sessions. Our first session will be held on November 10th from 12:30-2:30 at the Giant on Linglestown Road in the community room. **Lunch will be provided.** Our plans are to host an informative session highlighting the scholarship opportunities available including T.E.A.C.H., Rising Stars, CAAEYC among others. We will then have a panel discussion with DHS and PA Key representatives in the spring to discuss policies and procedures. Please check the caeyc.org website for details. Most directors find these roundtable sessions very informative. The two topics being offered are bound to help all. So, whether you attend as a director or send appointed staff – the knowledge gained will be most valuable. Join us!

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