

November 2010

Please vote on Tuesday, November 2!

It really matters to you and the children and families in your care.

Maryland AEYC Restructuring Continues; Board Elections Soon

Your Board of Directors is continuing its work on how to reorganize Maryland AEYC, its regional and student chapters, and its Central Maryland Affiliate, as well as making improvements in its communications practices, its public policy program, and its professional development activities. Look soon for more detailed information, and an opportunity to make your own suggestions. When it's all in place we plan to hold a "coming out party".

Also in the works is our annual election of officers. This year we expect a major turnover in the Board. Look for a postcard with a ballot on it in the weeks ahead, and please return it with your votes. Thank you!

NAEYC Conference in Anaheim, November 3-6

We hope to see you in Anaheim this week for NAEYC's amazing annual extravaganza of early childhood, over 20,000 colleagues and 880 sessions. Next year's Conference will be at the other Disney place, Orlando, Florida, from November 2-5, 2011. The Professional Development Institute, with a theme of "Curriculum, Assessment, & Teaching: Putting It All Together!" will be in Providence, Rhode Island, from June 12-15, 2011.

Ehrlich, O'Malley Talk About Young Children

The Maryland Family Network hosted sessions in September and October for both candidates for Governor. Former Governor Ehrlich, in September, said "The best way to ensure jobs is a quality education, and the best way to ensure a quality education is to start early." He encouraged providers to seek out private partnerships to improve quality. Governor O'Malley mentioned, in addition to his initiatives to reduce infant mortality and eradicate childhood hunger, his understanding that in forthcoming big budget choices Maryland needs a Governor who "understands just how vitally important the lives of our most vulnerable citizens are, especially at their earliest years."

Still Some Spaces for MDAEYC's November 20 Play Symposium

Less than 10 spaces remain available for the Play Symposium. Go to <http://www.mdaeyc.org/docs/Nov2010PlaySymposiumRegistrationForm.pdf>, fill out and mail the form, and e-mail to mdaeyc@gmail.com to be included.

Breaking National News:

1. The Federal Department of Health & Human Services has announced that the Child Care Bureau has become the Office of Child Care, putting it on an equal footing with the Office of Head Start.

2. The Office of Head Start is establishing 4 new training & technical assistance centers focused on quality teaching & learning; parent, family & community engagement; cultural & linguistic responsiveness; and program management & fiscal operations.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO ACHIEVE ACCREDITATION . . .

**Central Maryland Association for the Education of Young Children
Invites You and Your Staff to our**

NAEYC/MSDE Accreditation Workshop

Saturday, November 13, 2010, 9:00 - 12:30

**Randallstown Community Center, 3505 Resource Drive,
Randallstown, MD 21133**

- 9:00 - 9:30 Registration, Bagels & Coffee, Networking
 - 9:30 - 10:15 NAEYC Presentation
 - Accreditation
 - Portfolio Development
 - Funding Sources
 - 10:15 - 11:00 Question and Answer Session
 - Questions submitted during presentation
 - 11:00 - 11:15 Recognition of NAEYC accredited centers
 - 11:15 - 11:45 MSDE Presentation
 - Accreditation
 - Scholarships
 - 11:45 - 12:15 Question and Answer Session
 - Questions submitted during presentation
 - 12:15 - 12:30 Recognition of MSDE accredited centers
- SPACES ARE LIMITED**

Send your name, address, workplace, position, and a \$10 reservation fee, check payable to CMAEYC and mail to:

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