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We are actively recruiting new members and you can help!

As many of you know, each chapter will be re-organizing this fall in conjunction with NAEYC efforts. If you are interested in becoming more active and/or have acquaintances that you think would enjoy MDAEYC membership, please email us at marylandaeyc@gmail.com!

During this past year, MDAEYC went through a restructuring process to ease the workload requirements of our affiliates and to combine our efforts so that we have the ability to provide meaningful membership activities and support.

We are also interested in emerging leaders who would like to form Chapters in their region. Chapter Officers advocate for early childhood in their communities. Some activities may include helping to set-up “Week of the Young Child” activities in their area, becoming actively involved in public policy, assisting centers trying to become NAEYC accredited, recruiting new members, helping with professional development opportunities. If you are interested in becoming a MDAEYC leader, please [let us know!](#)

Sincerely,

Tracy Jost and Bonnie Mackintosh, Co-Presidents

REJUVENATION CELEBRATION

As part of this re-organizing effort, the MDAEYC board hosted a “Rejuvenation Party” on Saturday, May 23, at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis. Over 45 MDAEYC members met the executive board and enjoyed time together, as well as food, fun and door prizes!

MDAEYC was proud to contribute three \$25 gift cards for door prizes for this event. Additional door prizes were provided by:

Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa Gift Certificate for a One Night Stay, as well as a \$50 Gift Certificate for dinner.

PNC Bank “Grow Up Great” tote-bag with goodies and materials (such as Butterfly Masks for young children) and a \$30 PNC Visa Gift Card

Julian's Hair Design A generous Gift Basket full of hair products!

Kimberly Cianciolo, Independent Avon Consultant

Avon Foot Works, including Lavender Foot Soak, Clay Mask, Overnight Treatment Cream, and Foot Pumice

Thank you to all those who contributed donations and countless volunteer hours for our dedicated early childhood educators.

Please keep an eye on the calendar of events and join us at the next MDAEYC event.

Join Our Mailing List!



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AFFILIATE AND CHAPTER UPDATES

Central Maryland Affiliate

Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties and Baltimore City

Central Maryland's Fall Membership Meeting was held on Saturday, October 1, 2011. The Executive Board of CMAEYC has received a great deal of feedback concerning our members' need for professional development, and we also agree that the public at large, especially our legislators, need to understand the importance of following *Developmentally Appropriate Practice* at all levels of early care and education especially in the public schools. Participants will receive a certificate for two hours of professional development.

The Board continues to meet regularly. Our goals are to:

- Seek working and involved members beyond the Board, including those involved in child care centers (directors and teachers), public schools, family child care, and public policy makers;
- Inspire our members to attend our meetings and join our board;
- Attend conferences and meetings of other organizations to showcase the value of belonging to CMAEYC; and,
- Offer pertinent training/workshops/support and/or sharing information.

Next scheduled board meeting: Saturday, October 15, at 2:00 pm at the home of Me-Anne Sabares-Klemm. Contact [MDAEYC](#) for exact location, if you are interested in attending.

Tentative Schedule of Future Board Meetings

Sunday, December 4, 2011, 3:00 pm
Saturday, February 18, 2012, 2:00 pm
Sunday, March 25, 2012, 3:00 pm
(Program Committee also meeting)
Saturday, May 5, 2012, 2:00 pm

We need members to assist with all committees, especially for program, Week of the Young Child, membership, newsletter, and nominations. We are currently recruiting a secretary. Karla Parise, who has faithfully served as our secretary/newsletter has left Baltimore to take a new job in Massachusetts.

Eastern Shore

Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Somerset, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Wicomico and Worchester Counties

The first meeting of the year for the Eastern Shore chapter will take place at 7:00 pm on September 26, 2011, at the Lower Shore Resource and Referral Center. So far, on our agenda, is the Early Childhood Fair at the Centre in Salisbury in conjunction with the Week of the Young Child.

Donna J. Satterlee *President, Eastern Shore Chapter*

Maryland Community

Prince George's and Montgomery Counties

We are looking for representatives from Montgomery and Prince George's. If you are involved in the early childhood community in one of these counties, please [let us know](#).

Southern Maryland

Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties

In Southern Maryland we are proud to have partnerships throughout the community that allow for us to be involved in various activities in all three counties. We are looking for representatives throughout the tri-county region to let us know the latest and most up-to-date information of events and activities. If you are willing to volunteer and serve our community educators, please [let us know](#).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

"My favorite moments are to see the children that I had in care, come back to me with their little ones to keep. It shows me that I must have done something right."



Bonnie Drayer is NAFCC and Maryland State Credentialed Family Provider, President of the Calvert County Family Day Care Association, contributes to the Southern Maryland Chapter, and has been educating Young Children and Families for over 33 years

Western Maryland

Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, and Washington Counties

We are looking for representatives for each county in the Western Maryland region. If you are involved in the early childhood community in one of these counties, please [let us know](#).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUST PLAY

Mark your Calendar

The Importance of Make-Believe

by Dr. Joyce Gerber

Professional Development
Central MD Affiliate
Saturday, October 29, 2011

If you're a dreamer come in. If you're a dreamer, a wisher, a liar, a hopper,
a pray-er, a magic-bean-buyer. If you're a pretender come sit by my fire.
For we have some flax golden tales to spin. Come in! Come in!
~Shel Silverstein

"Social/Emotional Development in
Early Childhood:
Recognizing the Importance of
Social/Emotional Development
in Planning Early Childhood
Programs"

Saturday, October 29, 2011
8:30 am – 12:00 pm at

Randallstown Community Center
3505 Resource Drive
Randallstown, MD 21133

Guest Speaker:

Deborah J. Cassidy, Ph.D.
Director, North Carolina Division of
Child Development
State of North Carolina

Continental breakfast and
registration is from 8:30 – 9:00 am,
and the lecture and discussion
program will begin at 9:00 am.

The cost of the workshop is \$5.00,
payable by October 14th to
CMAEYC. (After October 14th the
reservation fee is \$ 10.00.)

Contact Vickie Kaneko,
410-402-8662 (daytime),
with questions or to register.

Dorothy and Jerome Singer stated in their book Make Believe that
make-believe play adds richness to children's lives by sharpening their
senses. Imaginative and fantasy play "increases their ability to explore new
contexts and to try out new situations in odd combinations. This exploration
makes children sensitive to the creativity of others. It also lays the groundwork
for their own creative development."

For younger children, use rhymes like "Baa, Baa Black Sheep" to
encourage them to get down on the floor on their hands and knees and crawl
around pretending to be sheep and saying "Baa, Baa" while you sing the nursery
rhyme. By hearing their own words or those of others, they are, in effect,
practicing vocabulary and learning new ways to express themselves. As they get
older, add more physical activities related to the development of both gross and
fine motor skills and body awareness. As they use their bodies, they refine and
develop skills that enable them to feel physically confident, secure and self-
assured. Have the children act out actions such as sleeping, walking, eating,
bathing, running, and swimming. Then have them make sounds such as roaring,
crying, laughing, yelling, and snoring. Next they should imitate the actions of
animals such as wiggling like snakes, flying like birds, swimming like fish, jumping
like kangaroos, crawling like lions, and hopping like rabbits.

Make-believe can help to improve language development, memory,
problem solving, creativity and critical thinking skills. Research indicates that
children who have well developed imaginations learn reading and vocabulary
more rapidly. Make up guessing games by cutting pictures out of magazines and
pasting them on cards. Have each child choose a card and he/she has to act it out
and make the sounds of the objects indicated on the cards. The other children
must try to guess the object. Possible ideas are: cars, airplanes, trains, buses,
boats, and bicycles. Try actions and sounds of nature such as wind, rain and
thunder.

Let yourself go! Creative children and adults are very responsive to their
bodies and are tuned in to the details of their environment including sights,
sounds, smells, and objects to touch and explore. The most important tools for
adults to have are the desire to participate in being an imaginative partner with
children, and a readiness to use everyday materials in unusual ways.

**Dr. Joyce Gerber was part of a committee that wrote the Play Symposium grant as
part of the Professional Development opportunities MDAEYC offers its members.**