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May, 2011

Spring, 2011

Fall Conference

“Learning Begins in Wonder”

With the

ooey gooey lady®!

SAVE THE DATE

September 23 & 24

Ramada Plaza Hotel Casper, Wyoming

President’s Message



Scott Moncrief

I would like to welcome you to the Wyoming Early Childhood Association’s (WECA) newsletter. The Board of Directors is excited about what we have

available for you during 2011. In April, we are conducting our annual spring training in Riverton. The workshop training will focus on fun ways to get children active and moving throughout the day. In September, we will be hosting our 31st fall conference with the Ooey Gooey Lady as a featured speaker. Please watch the website for additional information on both of these events.

WECA is an organization dedicated to serving its membership. Please let us know how we can continue to support the early care and education community.

It is a great time to be involved in the early childhood field!

**Week of the Young Child
 April 10-16, 2011**



Over 100 children participated in an exercise class for WOYC in Teton County.
 Photos by Betsy Carlin



WOYC sign made by the children attending the event in Jackson.

Public Policies Report**Debi Dawe, Cody**

Our trip to the Nation's capitol came at a time when we were hearing about a government shut down. As you know this did not happen. However talks continue and yes cuts in children's programs are on the cutting block.

We were asked to remind our representatives that early childhood funding has had little if any funding increases. Current economics has made many more families eligible for child care assistance, Early Head Start and Head Start. HOWEVER;

- One in six eligible children receive child care assistance
- Less than half of eligible preschoolers are enrolled in Head Start and
- Only four percent of eligible babies and toddlers are enrolled in Early Head Start

We provided Senators Enzi, Barrasso and Congresswoman Lummis with the following requests:

- to pass a Continuing Resolution that does not reduce current investments in the Child Care & Development Block Grant, Head Start and Early Head Start.
- Adopt the Presidents request for and increase an investment of \$1.3 billion for the CCDBG.
- Increase funding for Title 1 so school districts have more flexibility to expand the use of these funds to help younger children in higher quality settings and school.
- Expand the Child Care and Dependent Care Tax credit and index the credit to inflation and make it refundable.

Realizing it is an optimistic time in our economy, our elected officials assured us that children and families needs were being discussed. Sen. Enzi's office expressed gratitude to NAEYC's involvement.

We are blessed that Wyoming can show by example that we are committed to a balance budget. Be sure to thank your elected people. They are accessible and willing to allow us to be a voice.

WECA is in need of people to be voices in Public Policy if you are interested please call Debi Dawe 307-587-6584. As a board we are working on issues of Childhood Obesity & child care licensing exemption, watch for the information we will be presenting at WECA fall Conference.

Thank You!

The Wyoming Early Childhood Association would like to thank Noamie for presenting this great workshop! Over 50 people registered and enjoyed a fun day, learning how to get their children up and moving!

We also want to thank Donna Harrison, owner of the Smart Start Academy, her daughter, Melissa and her staff for providing the space, equipment, and arranging for the food for the day. Donna bakes a tasty dinner roll and is an Area Representative who takes her position seriously!

Thanks to: **DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for the donation of lots of fun supplies that will be given away at the 2011 Fall Conference.

FALL CONFERENCE LITERACY BASKETS!

PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE NEW CREATIONS, THEY ARE ALWAYS A HIT!

2011 Fall Conference Headline Presenter**Lisa Murphy is
the ooey gooey lady®!**

Lisa Murphy, B.S., has been involved with early childhood education for over 20 years. She has taught and worked with children in various environments including Head Start programs, kindergarten, private preschools, family childcare, park and rec centers, group homes and many child care centers.

Lisa is the founder and CEO of **Ooey Gooey, Inc.** As *the ooey gooey lady®*, Lisa presents over 150 workshops each year to audiences across the country on various topics related to early childhood education, specifically how to be more play-based in the classroom. She has been featured in various publications including *Child Care Business Exchange*, *Parents* and *Pre-K Today*. Lisa has authored four books and has created dozens of teacher training DVD's. A highly sought after keynoter for educational conferences, Lisa uses humor and real life anecdotes to reach and engage her audiences. Lisa's standing room only seminars have become nationally known for their information, humor, inspiration and energetic delivery. Frequently asked if she has ever been a stand up comic, Lisa practices what she preaches and continues to blend the laughter with the learning! Lisa has become known for her ability to link hands-on activities to educational standards and is dedicated to creating child-centered, play-based early childhood environments. Her commitment to reinforcing the importance of play in the lives of children is obvious in both her professional and personal life.

Lisa lives in Upstate NY with her husband Tom and their dog Otis. She is always working on new books and articles but is no longer allowed to announce when they will be finished... You can learn more about Lisa at www.ooeygooey.com and can follow her adventures on Face book, YouTube and Twitter.

- _Appeared on 9NEWS/NBC Denver with Steve Spangler as a part of his Science Mondays program.
- **Publications:**
The Ooey Gooey® Handbook
Ooey Gooey® Tooey: 140 activities for young children
Play... the foundation that supports the house of higher learning
Even More Fizzle Bubble Pop and WOW! Simple science for young children
What to say when the wolves come knockin' in Indiana
What to say when the wolves come knockin' in California
What to say when the wolves come knockin' in Illinois

**2011 Spring Training Workshop
April 30th, 2011
Smart Start Academy
Riverton, Wyoming**

Moving and Learning

Presented by

Noamie Niemitalo

**Director of Campbell County Memorial Hospital
Early Childhood Center**



We had a great time!

So, just exactly what is Moving and Learning?

It is a strategy for preventing and reversing childhood obesity in children.

How? By being more intentional about the quality and quantity of physical activity children are engaged in, and by reinforcing the importance of good nutrition for children and their families. Perhaps the best way to tell you what

Moving and Learning is, is to tell you what it isn't.

This is not about physical education classes for children. This is not about pulling children out of the classroom or the home and going to the gym. This is not about team sports and it's not about athletic competitions.

Moving and Learning is an adaptation of Head Start's I am Moving, I am Learning, which is research based and developmentally appropriate. It shines a brighter spotlight on children's holistic health and well-being. It makes a stronger connection between physical fitness, emotional wellness, and school readiness. It introduces a new intentionality to movement and nutrition in order to prevent childhood obesity. And, it provides a rich array of resources, strategies, and action steps for implementation in programs.

The goals of the program are to increase daily physical activity, improve the quality of movement activities planned and facilitated by adults, and promote healthy food choices for Wyoming children and families. The sessions are designed to energize the adults who work with children and to ensure that children discover the joys of daily physical activity.



ACCREDITATION

Penny Kinsinger, Accreditation, Sheridan

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For more than 80 years, the National Association for the Education of Young Children has worked to raise the quality of programs for all children from birth through age eight. A major part of NAEYC's efforts to improve early childhood education is through different systems of accreditation for programs that are committed to meeting national standards of quality:

Accreditation of Programs for Young Children

Since 1985, NAEYC's national, voluntary accreditation system has set professional standards for early childhood education programs, and helped families identify high-quality programs for their young children.

Accreditation of Associate Degree Programs

NAEYC accredits high-quality Associate Degree Programs that prepare early childhood educators.

Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Programs

NAEYC also recognizes high-quality Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs, as part of the accreditation system of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Anyone interested in an Accredited Program in Wyoming or in the US can go to the web site www.naeyc.org. Click on the National Association for the Education of Young Children/naeyc. The web page has an NAEYC Accredited search tab. The search maintains lists of Accredited Programs. Download to Excel. There are now 43 programs listed in Wyoming.

The Accreditation Process is a time consuming process for improvement purposes. Programs must meet the NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria. This is the Mark of Quality in Early Childhood Education.

Criteria documents are based on questions and feedback from programs and stakeholders, the experience and expertise of NAEYC assessors. Evidence must be found by a rating where the criteria and indicators are met.

The tools for study include a study guide, sources of evidence, tools for study (family surveys), teaching staff surveys, assessments for study, evidence, program, and portfolios for the children and the classrooms. This also includes update materials Torch flyers and the Gilliam Report.

Programs that are interested in becoming Accredited have four steps, first enroll and complete a self study, second submit an application, third candidacy, and fourth meet the Standards/Accreditation decision and maintain the Standards.

ACCREDITED PROGRAMS IN WYOMING

Afton Child Development Center

All Ready Preschool

All Ready Preschool Slade Elementary School

All Ready Preschool-Lingle - Ft. Laramie

All Ready/Mills

Already Preschool-Linford

Bar Nunn Preschool

Bridger Valley Child Development

Casper College Inga Thorsan Early Childhood Learning Center

Child Development Center Region 2 Preschool

Children's Developmental Services of Campbell County

Children's Learning Center - Big Piney

Children's Learning Center - Pinedale

Children's Learning Center William Preschool

Children's Learning Center William Preschool

Cody Children's Resource Center

Douglas Child and Family Development Center

Evansville / All Ready Preschool

F.E. Warren AFB Child Development Center

Glenrock Early Childhood Center

Grant Elementary Preschool

Guernsey Early Childhood Development Center

Kemmerer Child Development Center

LCCC Children's Discovery Center

Lincoln Uinta Child Development Center - Evanston

Lovell Children's Resource Center

Lusk Early Childhood Center

North Casper TANF Preschool (PM)

Paradise Valley All Ready Preschool

Powell Children's Resource Center

Preschool @ Midwest School

STRIDE Learning Center

STRIDE Learning Center

Sweetwater County Child Developmental Center

Sweetwater County Child Developmental Center

Thayne Child Development Center

Thermopolis Children's Resource Center

Torrington Learning Center

University of Wyoming Early Care and Education Center

Wheatland Early Childhood Center

Willard Elementary Preschool

Wind River Preschool

Worland Children's Resource Center

WECA AWARD NOMINATION FORM - 2011

Each year WECA recognizes outstanding people and organizations in the field of early childhood. Nominations are received from professionals who deal with children daily. Please nominate a person who you feel has made a significant contribution to education and care of young children.

These awards will be given at the Fall Conference, September 24, 2011

Nominee Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email

School/ Program/ Agency

Position:

Nominated for:

Early Childhood Professional (must be a WECA member)

Friend of Early Childhood (a business or organization)

K-3 Teacher (must be a WECA member)

Qualifications: (Previous experience, education, volunteer efforts, etc.)

Please state your reasons for nominating this person:

Your Name:

Date:

Phone:

email:

Nominations are due by August 15, 2011

Please cut or copy form and mail to:

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1990-1994	Anita Sullivan	Jackson
1994-1997	Connie Lucas-Branson/Lynn Palmer	Jackson & Guernsey
1997-2000	Mark Bittner	Laramie
2000-2004	Ginny Harmelink	Casper
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2009-2010	Pam Stevens	Thermopolis

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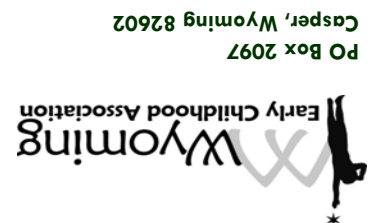
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