



ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN
Promoting Excellence in Early Care and Education

New Executive Director Announced

Idaho AEYC Welcomes Beth Oppenheimer

The Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children is pleased to announce that Beth Oppenheimer has been named Executive Director.

Idaho AEYC is a non-profit organization working to promote excellence in early care and education throughout the state of Idaho.

Previously, she was the Associate Director for the Student Union Building at Boise State University. She has also worked as conference coordinator at the University of Idaho, and has worked on education, policy, and development issues for the Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area and the Institute for Women's Policy Research.

Originally from Springfield,

IL, she has worked and lived in Washington, DC, Missoula, MT, and Moscow, ID.

Oppenheimer holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Montana. She is a strong advocate for women's and children's rights, human rights, and conservation issues. As the mother of two young children she recognizes the critical importance of early childhood education.

She and her family have lived in Idaho since 2002.



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Event Dates

Early Years Conference
 Boise, ID
 November 18-19, 2010

Week of the Young Child
 April 10-16, 2011

Idaho AEYC Gala
 April 2011

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Local Affiliate Council

NIAEYC	Barbi Harrison
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TVAEYC	Sue Harpold
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EIAEYC	Judy Boren
U of I Student	Dollinger/Thornton
BSU Students	to be determined

News

Assessors Meet for Training

The Idaho assessment team got together for its semi-annual meeting on November 4th and 5th, 2010. Topics discussed included reliability and keeping things consistent, star rating verification visits, reviews of assessment procedures, post assessments, and updates on the Mentor/Coach and CCHC programs.

In October 2010 all eight Idaho assessors attended Environment Rating Scale (ERS) training in North Carolina with the authors of the scales (ITERS-R, ECERS-R, FCCERS-R and SACERS). A large part of the November 4th and 5th meeting was spent debriefing about the Environment Rating Scale training in North Carolina. There was much sharing, discussing, brainstorming and learning about the rating scales and assessments!

What an amazing team!



For additional information regarding the assessment process or questions on assessments, contact:

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Pictured (from left): Holly Whitworth (Region 7), Arlene Miller (Regions 5 & 6), Kathleen Lucas (Region 3), Jennifer Brown (Region 4), Brenda Breidinger (Region 4), Tracy Gagnon (Assessment Specialist), Molly Tyler (Region 1), Shana Codr (Region 2), and Carol Bodily (Regions 5 & 6)

Staffing Changes at Idaho AEYC

With the appointment of **Beth Oppenheimer** as the Executive Director of Idaho AEYC, Interim Executive Director **Melissa Bandy** will move to the position of IdahoSTARS Project Director.

Brenda Breidinger, who has guided the IdahoSTARS project since 2003, is retiring at the end of the year. During this transition period, she will be working from a home office and can be reached at 208.761.1100.

Tami Reichel, who has been working with the Mentor/Coach program and the QRIS has left Idaho AEYC. Moving into the QRIS specialist position is **Megan O'Neill**, who has been the Office Assistant.

Patty Keyes who has been helping answer phones for the very busy vendor specialists as a temporary employee for the past month has moved into the Office Assistant position.

Meet Patty Keyes

Patty Keyes joined Idaho AEYC in early October as a temp and was asked to stay on as a permanent team member a few weeks later. Her background includes a BA in Social Science and work in state, county and non-profit arenas, always with a service and support emphasis. More recently she has spent several years as caregiver to elderly and ill family members.

Being at Idaho AEYC fulfills Patty's desire to work with upbeat people in a positive setting for the betterment of society.

Patty is a Boise native, who along with husband Dave raised both their children here.

Now that the kids are grown, their favorite pastime is riding Triumph motorcycles.



Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Continues to Grow

Kudos to all who are participating in the QRIS and congratulations to those who have earned a STAR rating.

Total Participating Facilities = 125
 Total STAR Rated Facilities = 8

5 STAR Rated Facilities

Learning Garden: A Developmental Preschool	Post Falls
Ready, Set, Grow	Boise

4 STAR Rated Facilities

Christ the King Child Development Center	Coeur d'Alene
Deb n Rienna's Daycare	Idaho Falls
Fingerprints Children's Center	Lewiston
Funshine Home Away from Home	Idaho Falls
Roni's House Family Childcare	Notus
ASISU Early Learning Center	Pocatello

Number of Facilities with Assessments

Completed by November 1, 2010

Region 1 15	Region 5 6
Region 2 7	Region 6 16
Region 3 18	Region 7 12
Region 4 44	

In Appreciation

October 1 to November 15

Idaho AEYC is grateful for the generous support received from the following organizations and individuals. Their contributions enable us to continue to improve the quality of life for Idaho's young children and their families by improving professional practice in early care and education and building public understanding and support.

Funders

- CATCH—American Academy of Pediatrics
- Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation
- Herbert D. McAvoy Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation
- Home Federal Foundation
- Idaho Children's Trust Fund
- Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Pacific Source Charitable Foundation
- U.S. Bancorp Foundation

In-Kind Contributors

- ALS International

Cash Donors

- Kathleen Miller Green
- Kris Freeland
- Joe and Katrice Walters
- Mark Mason (through United Way)
- Mission Fish (through E-Bay)
- NAEYC - conference travel stipend

Volunteers

- Colleen Fellows
- Joe Walters
- Tony Zornik

Did You Know...

...as a member of Idaho AEYC, you are also a member of NAEYC as well as your local affiliate?

Founded in 1926, NAEYC is the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children with nearly **90,000 members**, a national network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates, and a growing global alliance of like-minded organizations.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8.

Have you added your voice to the chorus? If not, join today at www.naeyc.org.



...Idaho AEYC has a ListServ?

If you are interested in early childhood news and resources, sign up for the Idaho AEYC ListServ. Receive announcements regarding public policy, training, professional development, news flashes, and other topics relevant to Idaho early care providers and educators. Sign up by emailing Jane at jzornik@idahoaeyc.org.



Left: Contract worker **Donna Clement** looks up from monitoring scans to smile for the camera.



Right: Volunteer **Tony Zornik** drills holes to mount a shelf in the new Idaho AEYC kitchen area.

Thank You! YOU help us make a difference!

Idaho AEYC Receives Grant from Pacific Source Charitable Foundation

One way Pacific Source helps local communities is by supporting an active, vital charitable foundation. Since its incorporation in 1992, the Pacific Source Charitable Foundation has assisted thousands of people through grants to numerous nonprofit organizations. Grants have funded school-based health centers, community-sponsored clinics and health centers, rural health clinics, local health departments, and other nonprofit health and human service agencies. These organizations offer access to affordable and needed services to low-income individuals and families.

Idaho AEYC received a grant of \$25,000 from Pacific Source Charitable Foundation in October in support of the IdahoSTARS Child Care Health Consultant Program.

Free Delta Dental Website Helps Identify Dental Conditions

Delta Dental has established a free website with helpful information for those working with young children.

Working in the schools, the dental sealant clinic teams recognized the wide variety of dental conditions that anyone working with children may see. To help, Delta Dental has developed a website that has pictures of a lot of these dental conditions, along with guidelines for seeking treatment.

The website is free to use and can be found at:

<http://go.deltadentalid.com/identify>

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Being **green** is easy – especially when we can save money and support the environment.

Idaho AEYC is now distributing the newsletter electronically. If you or someone you know does not have access to the Internet, please use the contact information above to arrange accommodations.

We are excited about moving to a **greener** approach. Thank you for helping us achieve this efficiency by keeping your current email address on file.

Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children

VISION

Inspire and lead those who touch the lives of Idaho's children.
Encourage commitment to the ideal that every Idaho child deserves to live a satisfying childhood that allows him/her to develop to full potential.

MISSION

- To improve the quality of life for Idaho's young children and their families by:
- Improving professional practice in early care and education
 - Building public understanding and support
 - Building and maintaining a strong, diverse, and inclusive organization

Joining Together to Promote Excellence in Early Care and Education

Join other early childhood colleagues to speak out on behalf of Idaho's children for high quality and adequately funded programs and services. You can join online or contact the editor for more information. Thanks to these members who have joined or renewed between October 1 and November 15: Dianne Allen, Kisha Bayly, Neena Bhatnagar, Shelly Counsell, Gina Dingman, Susan Edwards, Evin Fox, Holly Franklin, Beth Ann Fuller, Shelby Gerger, Kari Giesbrecht, Jenna Haddock, Margaret Hale, Lyndsay Hickman, Jana Huffaker, Caroline Imbrie, Teresa Johnson, Leimomi Jones, Cathy Kowalski, Sascha Kuhlman, Amy Lindsay, Marla Maile, Betsy McTear, Margaret Meacham, Janis Minford, Margaret Mjelde, Rebecca Moler, Courtney Myers, Beth Oppenheimer, Crystal Perez-Avila, Donna Rhoten, Nicole Shadduck, Rosemary Shockley, Jami Stroud, Robin Terrace, Kim Torgerson, Paige Tracy, Christina Weymouth, Emily Williams, Rosario (Charo) Wohlsen, Yvette Wyatt, and Mark Zimmerman.

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