

## Notes from the Executive Director

Spring 2007

Idahoans saw and heard a great deal about the importance of early childhood care and education during the Week of the Young Child in April! Thanks so much to those who participated in local events to increase awareness and to raise funds through the "Change for Children" fundraising events around the state. We were proud to kick off the celebration with a Proclamation signed by the Governor, a wonderful PSA produced by Idaho Public Television with the First Lady Lori Otter, and child care provider and educator recognition events in many parts of the state.

Our work to increase awareness and to advocate for support for quality early care and education continues beyond this special week each year. Idaho AEYC through the IdahoSTARS project supports ongoing professional development and lifelong learning to provide the best possible environments for our young children while parents work or attend to other activities.

Join us in this important work! You and the families you work with are the voice for Idaho's young children every day. Thank you for the most important work you do - every day!

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Young and 'older' listen to Governor's Otter's Proclamation designating April 22-28 as the Week of the Young Child.

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**Ballot inside.**  
**VOTE**  
**by June 20**

# Week of the Young Child Events—April 22-28

## Idaho AEYC—Boise

April—PSA recorded by First Lady Lori Otter aired on IPTV stations around the state.

April 24—Governor Butch Otter issued a Proclamation declaring April 22-28 the Week of the Young Child in the State of Idaho.

## TV AEYC—Boise

April 21—Held a rummage sale raising over \$400.

April 24—Change for Children booth on BSU campus disseminated information about quality child care and collected donations.

April 26—Recognition event honored early childhood professionals and advocates.

April 28—Staged a Change for Children fund-raising event featuring a Jump House and special guest Elmo.

## SR AEYC

Distributed collection boxes for donations at community businesses and day care sites.

April 28—Collection day on CSI Campus.

## EI AEYC

Collaborated with Tech Prep Child Care group at ISU for awareness-raising.

Placed collection banks in businesses in Pocatello and Idaho Falls.

## PA AEYC

Student affiliate group at U of I staged a Quarters for Quality Campaign on campus raising over \$275.

## NI AEYC

Collaborated with CdA Downtown Business Association and Arts Commission to display children's art work.

Donation banks displayed in businesses.

# Thank You

A hearty thanks to all the volunteers that planned and participated in the events celebrating the Week of the Young Child 2007. Your generous gift of time is appreciated.

And a gracious thank you to all the donors. Donations help support education, mentoring, and training for early care and education providers who wish to improve their skills.

# Photo Gallery



Volunteers in Pocatello spread the word on quality care and collect donations.



Children from Little Luke's Day Care (Boise) wait to visit the Governor.



Making new friends at TV AEYC's Change for Children event.



He's not too scary.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

A meeting of the Idaho AEYC Board of Directors will be held in Boise Monday and Tuesday, July 9th and 10th. Contact Jane at [jzornik@idahoaeyc.org](mailto:jzornik@idahoaeyc.org) for more information. Meetings are open to all members.

### \$\$ FOR SALE

Idaho AEYC T-shirts and fleece jackets are available by contacting [jzornik@idahoaeyc.org](mailto:jzornik@idahoaeyc.org) or calling Jane at 208/345-1090 X25. The short sleeve T-shirts are navy blue or lavender with Idaho AEYC logo on the front. Fleece jackets are long sleeve navy blue with logo. Specify size.

Clothing can also be ordered from our website.

T-shirt \$12      Fleece jacket \$30

Photos compliments of T. Zornik, M. Tyler, and C. Brey. Thank you.

# COLOR ME HEALTHY PROGRAM FIELD TEST SHOWS IT WORKS!



When the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health decided to become part of the solution for combating the increasing trend of overweight and obese preschool children, they turned to a nutrition and physical activity education program called *Color Me Healthy*. This program was evaluated among preschool aged children enrolled at Just for Kids Child Care and the Boise State University Children's Center.

*Color Me Healthy*, developed by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension and the North Carolina Division of Public Health, includes interactive circle time lessons and

imaginary trips that combine color, music, and exploration of the senses to teach children about

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healthy eating and physical activity. The program's primary emphasis is on eating fruits and vegetables and making them fun and acceptable for children.

Children who went through the *Color Me Healthy* program ate significantly more fruit and

vegetable snacks compared to children who did not participate in *Color Me Healthy* lessons. In addition, objective testing showed that children who had been through the program increased their knowledge of fruits and vegetables.

Based on the positive evaluation results, the Foundation is considering providing the *Color Me Healthy* program to more childcare centers throughout Idaho. For questions or comments concerning the program, please contact Kendra Witt at [kwitt@bcidaho.com](mailto:kwitt@bcidaho.com) or 208/286-3461.

## Affiliate Briefs

For more news, visit the Affiliate pages on our website.

**North Idaho AEYC**, serving the five northern counties of North Idaho, is electing new officers. For more information, contact Ioana Siegler, President at [isiegler@msehs.org](mailto:isiegler@msehs.org).

**Palouse Area AEYC**, serving the Palouse Region and the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley, has a new president and is doing some rebuilding. Contact President Claire Yenish at [claireyenish@verizon.net](mailto:claireyenish@verizon.net) to get involved.

**Eastern Idaho AEYC**, serving South Eastern Idaho including Pocatello, Idaho Falls, and the surrounding regions, held its annual Early Childhood Conference May 4-5 at ISU. Keynote speaker, Dr. Vincent Kituku, inspired over 200 participants. Contact Cathy Brey ([cbrey@qwest.net](mailto:cbrey@qwest.net)) or Meg Kennedy ([megaton39@aol.com](mailto:megaton39@aol.com)) for meeting dates.

**Snake River AEYC**, serving Twin Falls County, the Magic Valley, and Wood River Valley, has monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Contact President Gena Anderson ([anderson0073@msn.com](mailto:anderson0073@msn.com)) to locate the next meeting.

**Treasure Valley AEYC**, serving the Treasure Valley, is led by President Jeanne' Hayden. During the Week of the Young Child, the group recognized 6 outstanding individuals. Jodie Davila, Rebecca Phillips, Nancy Nye, Hob Boazman, Jeanette Kreider, and Senator Mike Burkett were the 2007 Award Recipients. Contact Jeanne' Hayden at [haydenj@slrnc.org](mailto:haydenj@slrnc.org) for information on meeting dates and times.

**Did you know** that 22 child care facilities around the state are working to help develop a voluntary quality rating system for Idaho? The sites are offering input, revising paperwork, and testing new approaches such as *Strengthening Families Through Early Care and Education*. *Strengthening Families* is a child abuse and neglect prevention approach designed especially for child care providers. Idaho's quality rating system, *Reaching the STARS*, will be offered to the public early next year. For more information, check out [www.idahoaeyc.org](http://www.idahoaeyc.org) and click on *Programs* and then *Reaching the STARS*.

**Did you know** that business owners may receive tax advantages when obtaining an Employer Identification Number (EIN) rather than using an individual's social security number (SSN) for their business. Check with your accountant or tax preparer to determine if an EIN is right for you.

## Website Spotlight: Early Childhood Information Clearinghouse—A wealth of information!

[http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/portal/alias\\_\\_Rainbow/lang\\_\\_en-US/tabID\\_\\_3444/DesktopDefault.aspx](http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/portal/alias__Rainbow/lang__en-US/tabID__3444/DesktopDefault.aspx)

# By-Laws Change Proposal — Members **VOTE Required**

The Board of Directors presents the following changes to the Idaho AEYC by-laws. Members please review and vote on each change. Changes are marked in the following way: **red language** indicates text to be **deleted**. Underlined text is language to be **added**. For your reference, a complete copy of the by-laws can be found on the Idaho AEYC website. A vote of the membership is required to change the bylaws. Please use the ballot to indicate your preferences.

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## Article IV, Affiliates

- Each affiliate shall elect or appoint a voting representative to the Idaho AEYC Board of Directors. Typically this will be the affiliate President or designated alternate. If an affiliate does not meet the responsibility of appointing a voting representative and participate in meetings and electronic requests, the Executive Director and President of Idaho AEYC will request a meeting with the affiliate membership to discuss alternatives.

## Article V, Administering Body

- The Board of Directors shall consist of elected officers, one representative or designated alternate from each affiliate, **Committee Chairs** and up to five Members-at-Large.
- There shall be at least **one** two face to face meetings of the Board of Directors during the membership year.
- There shall be at least bi-monthly conference calls and more frequently if needed.
- A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## Article VI, Officers

- The officers of Idaho AEYC shall be President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President, **and committee chairs**. The Board of Directors will elect officers.
- Terms of office of Members-at-Large shall be two years with one half elected the first year of the President's term and the other half elected in the third year of the President's term. All terms of office, except President are for two years. The President's term of office is for **three** four years—one year as president elect, two years as President, and one year as Past President. All terms of office shall begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year elected and extend to July 31<sup>st</sup> of the final year of term. Except for the initial year, officers will be elected as follows: the President and Secretary shall be elected in even numbered years and the Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in odd numbered years. (Even numbered years are defined as those terms of office that end on July 31<sup>st</sup> of an even calendar year.) The President will be elected during the third year of the sitting President's term.

## Article VII, Nominations and Elections

- Election of officers by the Board of Directors shall occur **within one month of the election of Board of Directors by the general membership** at the July face-to-face meeting.

## Article VIII, Meetings

- The membership shall be informed by mail, e-mail or fax and through the Idaho AEYC website of the date and place of the Annual Meeting at least four weeks prior.
- One representative from each affiliate plus a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute** A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings.

## Article IX, Budget

- An independent fiscal review shall be completed annually. The level of fiscal review shall be selected from the following options: 1) Single Audit, which audits both financial and compliance and is used when there are more than \$300,000 in funds from a federal source; 2) Compliance Audit, which reviews policy and procedures and ties them to specific guidelines; 3) Financial Audit, which looks only at financial documents; 4) Compilation Review, which is a review of the financial statements. The level of fiscal review shall be determined each year by the Board of Directors or by federal requirements. The requirements for fiscal oversight specified by any grantor of funds shall always be met.



Joining Together for Quality Early Care and Education

# Idaho AEYC Ballot 2007

Postmark or submit electronically  
by June 20, 2007

Read the candidate biographies (page 7) and then vote for *three (3)* candidates to the board. The board will meet in July and elect its own executive committee.

Melissa Bandy	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kris Freeland	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Margie Gonzalez	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beatrice Harris	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Betty McQuain	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Patterson	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

Read the By-laws proposals (page 4) and then vote FOR or AGAINST the changes.

Article IV as proposed	FOR	___	AGAINST	___
Article V as proposed	FOR	___	AGAINST	___
Article VI as proposed	FOR	___	AGAINST	___
Article VII as proposed	FOR	___	AGAINST	___
Article VIII as proposed	FOR	___	AGAINST	___
Article IX as proposed	FOR	___	AGAINST	___

## 4 Ways to Vote — You Choose

- 1) Vote online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=934263876866>
- 2) Return this ballot (or a copy) by mail to: Idaho AEYC, Attn Jane Zornik  
1471 Shoreline Drive, Suite 202 Boise ID 83702-9105
- 3) Fax this ballot to: Idaho AEYC, Attn Jane Zornik Fax 208/345-6569
- 4) Email your vote to: [Jzornik@idahoaeyc.org](mailto:Jzornik@idahoaeyc.org)

***Vote NOW for your representatives on the Idaho AEYC Board!***

# Nominee Biographies

Nominees for this year's election are listed below. Terms begin August 1, 2007. Please read through the nominee biographies, complete the ballot on page 5, or vote online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=934263876866>. You can also mail, fax, or email your response to [jzornik@idahoaeyc.org](mailto:jzornik@idahoaeyc.org). **Vote or postmark ballot by June 20, 2007.**

## **Melissa Bandy** (Eagle)

Melissa has worked in early childhood education for over 10 years. She began her teaching experience at The Children's School of Boise in the K-2 classroom, and the Cooperative Preschool at St. Michael's as a Two's teacher. Melissa co-owned an Infant Toddler program called The Whole Child. She received her Master's degree in the Blended Certificate (Early Childhood/Special Education) in 2005. She has been married to Phil for 14 years and they have three young children (Craig 12, Mitchell 7, and Sam 15 months). Melissa is currently teaching Early Childhood Studies at Boise State University as an adjunct faculty member. Melissa is completing a 2 year term on the Idaho AEYC Board where she served as Treasurer and Chair of the Fundraising and Finance Committees.

## **Kris Freeland** (Moscow)

Kris's formal education is in Elementary Education and Computer Science. She taught pre-K/Kindergarten for four years and taught computer applications for second through sixth grade. For the past eight years, Kris has worked for Idaho Public Television in several capacities, initially as the Education Specialist and liaison between the K-12 community and the station. Currently she is the Station Manager and Outreach Director at KUID, the north Idaho public station in Moscow. In addition to her role at KUID-TV, she teaches Kindergarten half time for the Moscow School District.

## **Margie Gonzalez** (Caldwell)

Margie has more than 27 years experience in Idaho working in diversity and community outreach. She has been actively involved in building community partnerships and in working for social change for Hispanics in Idaho. Continuing her service to the State of Idaho and its Hispanic population, Margie is the Executive Director of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs. As Director, she works with community leaders, national leaders, and state legislators representing and advocating for the needs of Idaho's Hispanics. She has been with the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs for nine years and during her tenure she has taken the lead in bringing programs and resources to the state that focus on the needs of its population. Margie has been a catalyst in coordinating statewide events and projects.

## **Beatrice Harris** (Boise)

Beatrice earned her PhD in 2005 at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln where she focused her graduate studies on quality child care. She is currently an assistant professor at Boise State University in the Early Childhood Studies Department. Beatrice serves as a Mentor/Coach for Idaho AEYC and also works as an assessor performing environmental ratings in child care centers for IdahoSTARS. As a member of TV AEYC, Beatrice is a co-advisor for the BSU Student Group Affiliate. She is also serving on the BSU Child Care Advisory Board.

## **Betty McQuain** (Idaho Falls)

Since acquiring her Bachelor's degree in child development in 1978, Betty has had a variety of professional experiences in working with young children and their families. She has spent many years in the early childhood classroom as a teacher for Head Start and a number of private and public preschools, and has also worked as a licensed family child care provider and child care program director. She has provided training to parents through parent education programs and to peers through early childhood conferences. She currently is college instructor in the Child Development Program at Idaho State University. She is a mother to four daughters, a grandmother to 6 grandchildren, and a perpetual student.

## **Jennifer Patterson** (Jerome)

Jennifer has lived in Jerome for the past 12 years with her 2 children Brayden and Kaitlyn. She graduated from College of Southern Idaho's Early Childhood Education program in 2000. She attends Idaho State University where she is working toward her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She currently works in CSI's Early Childhood Education Program as the Preschool Lab Facilitator.

# Congratulations T.E.A.C.H.<sup>®</sup> Scholarship Recipients and Sponsors



Idaho AEYC salutes the following T.E.A.C.H.<sup>®</sup> Scholarship recipients upon completion of their Early Childhood degrees during the 2006-2007 school year. Congratulations on your achievements! A special thank you goes to the sponsoring centers and programs that employ the graduates. We applaud your vision of quality in the early childhood workforce. The young children and families you serve are truly fortunate. Equally important are the Mentor/Coaches who help scholars implement theory in their workplace. Mentor/Coaches' names appear in parentheses.

## A.A.S. Degree Graduates—Idaho State University

**Kaylene Cortes**

*Kaylene Cortes Child Care*

**Donalyn Skidmore**

*Donalyn's Childcare*

## CDA Credential Recipients North Idaho College

**Jackie Adams** (Cathy Kowalski)

*The Cottage Child Care & Learning Center*

**Barbi Harrison**, 2nd Setting

*Christ the King Lutheran School*

**Clara Jennings**

*The Cottage Child Care & Learning Center*

**Tanya Lillie** (Kathleen Miller Green)

*Loving Care Children's Center*

**Debbie Pearce**

*TLC Child Care Center*

## CDA Credential Recipients Mountain States Early Head Start

**Nan Adams**

*Christ the King Lutheran School*

**Jaime Clark**

*Christ the King Lutheran School*

**JoAnna Dukovich**

*A Place for Kids*

**Amanda Monette** (Cathy Kowalski)

*The Cottage Child Care & Learning Center*

**Abby Russell** (Beth Ann Fuller)

*North Star Child Development Center*

**Jaime Vanderpool**

*A Place for Kids*

## CDA Credential Recipients Community Action Partnership

**Tina Smith** (Darla Amundson)

*Precious Little Hands Day Care*

## A.A.S. Degree Graduates—Boise State University

**Maria Flores** (Sherri Lauer)

*Friends of Families and Children Head Start*

## A.A.S. Degree Graduates—Treasure Valley Community College

**Nancy Gomez**

*Idaho Migrant Council Head Start*

**Maria Gutierrez** (Gina Dunn)

*Idaho Migrant Council Head Start*

**Rosalinda Macedo** (Kerrie Raines)

*Idaho Migrant Council Head Start*

**Carina Madrigal** (Gina Dunn)

*Idaho Migrant Council Head Start*

**Dalila Salinas** (Gina Dunn)

*Idaho Migrant Council Head Start*

## CDA Credential Recipients Idaho State University

**Karla Bloom** (Arlene Miller)

*Kare Bear Child Care*

**Rebecca Harker**

*Countryside Daycare*

**Glenda Marshall** (Deanah Fullmer)

*Sho-Ban Tribes Early Childhood Program*

**Shannon May** (Arlene Miller)

*Cute As a Button Day Care*

**Lucinda Mortensen** (Bonnie Moses)

*Reach for Rainbows*

**Reynese Ridley-Ball** (Deanah Fullmer)

*Sho-Ban Tribes Early Childhood Program*

**Susan Robertson**

*ISU Idaho Falls Early Learning Center*

**Judy Stamper** (Jolene Johnson)

*E.I.C.A.P. Head Start*

**Sharon Valentine** (Kathleen Cramer)

*Wonderland*

**Linda Wright** (Ivonne Hartman)

*The Wright Choice Daycare*

# 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
- To improve professional practice in early care and education
- To build public understanding and support
- To build and maintain a strong, diverse, and inclusive organization

## VALUES

### Idaho AEYC values children.

Celebration of the joys of childhood

Hope for the future

Integrity and responsibility

Leadership development

Diversity and inclusion

Respect for children, families, and the early childhood profession

Educational opportunities

Nurturing relationships

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