

CAA E Y C

Chattanooga Area Association for the Education of Young Children

A word from our President



Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to be your new President of Chattanooga Area Association for the Education of Young Children. I spent a year as President Elect learning from our Past President Karen Whaley and hope to continue the good work she has done. I can tell you the board members are committed to serving the providers of this community and put in many volunteer hours each week to ensure wonderful opportunities for the early childhood professionals within the 10 counties we serve together. I currently direct a non-licensed preschool and Parent's Day Out program at Brainerd United Methodist

Church but prior to that I have worked in many areas of early childhood. I have worked in public schools and corporate childcare centers in Indiana before moving to Miami where I operated a licensed Family Childcare Home for special needs preschoolers. I worked as a Resource and Referral counselor, Directed centers, and worked for the University of Miami as a state trainer on special needs children. I was able to serve as a National Accreditation Observer for NAFCC and served on many boards while Florida was developing their universal pre-k program. I am also a National Red Cross Instructor and in my spare time, I hang out with my husband and children ages, 5, 6, and 20.

I am truly grateful for the work all of you do to ensure our children are safe, healthy, and life-long learners.

Sincerely,
Emily Nasca

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MARCH—MAY 2011

Upcoming Events

- MONTHLY CAAEYC BOARD MEETING
MARCH 15, 2011 8:30—9:30 AM
- CHILD ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE —
MARCH 31—APRIL 1, 2011
- WOYC KICK OFF EVENT
ARIL 5, 2011 6—8 PM
- PRE-DINNER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY
APRIL 14, 2011 3:30—5:30 PM
- AWARDS BANQUET—SILENT AUCTION
APRIL 14, 2011 6:00—8:00 PM

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WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD (WOYC)

The Week of the Young Child Banquet is coming up very soon. At this banquet, several people are honored for their dedication and contributions to the early childhood profession. It would be ideal for directors and staff members to look at the criteria for the awards and nominate...nominate...nominate!

Attached is the criteria for nominating professionals for awards. The awards are as follows:

Lu Lewis Early Childhood Teacher Award

Hilda Avant Service to Young Children Award

Marguerite Hullander Training and Professional Development Award

Again, we would love for everyone to take a good look at the criteria for these awards, reflect on the caliber of professionals working in your center and acknowledge them for the good work that they do. You can nominate more than one person on your staff.

This is a wonderful way to let the professionals know that what they do is absolutely appreciated and acknowledged. Please take the time to reflect upon your staff and let them know you are aware of the high level of skills that they are utilizing.



WOYC KICK OFF EVENT @ Clear Creek Church of Christ

HEALTH AND SAFETY

When: Tuesday, April 5, 2011 @ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Clear Creek Church of Christ

Cost: \$10.00 for member—\$15.00 for non members

6:00 – 6:50 (choose one)

DR. MARC CROMIE – ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES

JOHN BILDERBACK, DIRECTOR OF STEP ONE PROGRAM FOR HCDE – HEALTHY EATING AND ACTIVE LIVING

EMILY NASCA, CAAEYC PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL RED CROSS INSTRUCTOR– DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

7:00 -- 7:50 (choose one)

DR. MARC CROMIE – ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES

JOHN BILDERBACK, DIRECTOR OF STEP ONE PROGRAM FOR HCDE – HEALTHY EATING AND ACTIVE LIVING

EMILY NASCA, CAAEYC PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL RED CROSS INSTRUCTOR– DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Receive up to 2 hours of training credit...no food available.

Lu Lewis**Early Childhood Teacher Award**

The Lu Lewis Early Childhood Teacher Award is to be given to an outstanding teacher of young children ages birth through eight years old. This award is open to CAAEYC members, or any other teacher who may fit the following criteria:

1. Nominee must implement developmentally appropriate curriculum.
2. Nominee must have taught a minimum of 5 years in an approved, licensed and accredited program.
3. Nominee must demonstrate ongoing professional development.

The Awards Committee will select the winner from those nominated. The Award is given at the discretion of the committee. Recipient will receive:

\$100 for classroom supplies
Comprehensive Memberships to NAEYC, TAEYC, SECA, and CAAEYC
Award and two reservations for the Week of the Young Child Banquet

Please complete this form and return by the **April 8, 2011** deadline to:

CAAEYC Nominating Committee
2300 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404
Fax: (423) 629-4653

LU LEWIS NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Center or School Currently Employed _____

Ages Taught _____ Position _____

Center/School Phone _____ Length of Employment at this location _____

Total Years Teaching Experience _____

To complete this nomination please attach the following:

- ✦ Professional reference from principal, director, licensing counselor or instructor who has observed the nominee on the job.
- ✦ Parent reference from someone who has observed the nominee on the job.
- ✦ Description of a typical day in the nominee's classroom.
- ✦ Attach nominee's philosophy of early childhood education.

List ongoing professional development (workshops, books, etc..) in which you have participated in the last three years.

WOULD NOMINEE BE WILLING TO BE OBSERVED? YES NO

Hilda Avant

Nominations are now being accepted for the Hilda Avant Service to Young Children Award. The recipient of this award will receive a personalized plaque and will be recognized during the annual **CAAAYC Week of the Young Child Banquet.**

The award recipient must meet the following criteria:

- Residence: The award winner must reside within the geographic boundaries of the Association’s membership.
- Ethics: The award winner must be a person who has given evidence of the highest standard of conduct and ethics in his or her profession, whether that be childhood education, child development, or another field.
- Service: The award winner must have performed a current **outstanding service** or contribution for young children that can be objectively described.

CAAAYC membership is not required to be nominated for this award.

Please complete this form and return by the **April 1, 2011 deadline** to:

CAAAYC Nominating Committee

2300 Bailey Avenue

Chattanooga, TN 37404

FAX: (423) 629-4653

Please feel free to attach any additional relevant information.

HILDA AVANT NOMINATION FORM

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone ____/____/____ Work Phone ____/____/____

How long has the nominee worked in the early childhood field or on behalf of young children? _____

Please describe the nominee’s current job: _____

How long has the nominee been with his or her current employer? _____

How long and in what capacity have you known the nominee? _____

What attributes does this person possess which has allowed him or her to excel in their chosen field?

Nominated By: _____

Phone: _____

*Lana Green*

Lana Green, M.Ed.

(Program Director, Gold Sneaker Initiative, YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga) currently serves as the Gold Sneaker Coordinator for the Gold Sneaker Initiative, a statewide grant funded initiative designed to improve the lives of children in childcare in Tennessee by improving practice in the three main policy areas of physical activity, nutrition and tobacco free environments. Prior to accepting this position Lana served as a Learning Support Specialist for the Cleveland City School System and the Bradley County Safe Schools, Healthy Students grant for five years. Before entering the public school system in administration, Lana served as the director of a private Christian preschool for two years. Lana began her career in education as a public school teacher with nine years total experience in kindergarten, third grade and fourth grade. She received her undergraduate and graduate degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She currently serves on the Tennessee Obesity Taskforce as a member of the Early Childhood Team, and is a member of the United Way of Greater Chattanooga Project Ready for School Advisory Committee. Lana has been a group exercise instructor at her local Cleveland YMCA for over six years leading classes in muscle conditioning, cycling, and Zumba. She is the mother of one twelve year old son.

Pre-Dinner Training Opportunity

Topic: Gold Sneaker Speaker: Lana Green

Place: East Brainerd Church of Christ, 7745 E. Brainerd Road

When: Thursday, April 14, 2011

Time: 3:30 – 5:30 pm

The cost is free !

Deadline to pre-register is Friday, April 8th

Dinner and a Speaker

**Featuring: Lana Green, M. ED.,
Program Director of Gold Sneaker Initiative, YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga**

Topic: Healthy Choices with a K. I. S. S.

When: Thursday, April 14, 2011 – 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Where: East Brainerd Church of Christ, 7745 E. Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN

Dinner Catered by: CARRABBA's

SILENT AUCTION— 5:00—7:00 pm

Registration Cost: \$15.00 for Members \$20.00 for Non-members

Deadline to pre-register is Friday, April 8th

*Training verification will be given for each WOYC training session.
Attendees must be present to receive a training verification certificate.*

REGISTRATION FORM : WOYC EVENTS

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Center: _____ Membership Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Kick-Off Event Tuesday, April 5 6:00 pm–8:30 pm

Cost: _____ \$10.00 Member _____ \$15.00 Non-member

Pre Dinner Training: Thursday, April 14, 2011 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Cost: FREE!

SILENT AUCTION, Thursday, April 14, 2011 5:00—7:00 pm

WOYC Dinner: Thursday, April 14, 2011 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Cost: _____ \$15.00 Member _____ \$20.00 Non-member

Deadline to pre-register is Friday, April 8th

You may not register at the door.

Mail or bring payment to: CAAEYC, 2300 Bailey Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404

CELEBRATE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD 2011

The 2011 Week of the Young Child will be held April 10-16.

The theme for 2011 is **Early Years Are Learning Years.**

Celebrate Week of the Young Child

Early childhood education is vital to our community. Children need a strong early learning foundation to succeed in school, and go on to succeed in life.

Make a difference in your community:

- Support early literacy programs. Early reading skills are crucial for young children to be ready for school.
- Reach out and thank parents, teachers and all adults who help young children get a great start.

Support policies at the local, state, and federal levels that provide high-quality early learning opportunities for all young children.

CHILD ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE

The **2011 Child Engagement Conference** is scheduled for March 31 and April 1, 2011, at the Chattanooga Trade and Convention Center.

This Conference is for the early childhood professions working with children from birth through five years of age. Dr. Robin Mc William, Director of Siskin Child and Family Research Center, will have a general session on both days. His research includes infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with or without disabilities. A special focus will be on child engagement, service delivery models, and collaboration with families.

A few of the break out sessions will include:

- Meeting Standards through Play-based Curriculum
 - Extreme Makeover (Classroom Edition)
- Inclusion: Everyone Engaged, Music, Movement and Drama
 - Engaging Young Children through the Arts,
 - Reggio Emilia Approach and
 - Bears, Centers, Groups, Oh My!

The Conference will also offer a tour of a classroom implementing the Engagement Class Approach. To learn more about the Conference, please visit www.childengagement.com. Siskin Children's Institute, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Signal Centers, the United Way and the Chattanooga Area Association for the Education of Young Children.

NAEYC Membership Application

Memberships must be in the name of an individual, not a center or school. Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

E-mail address _____

Home phone _____ / _____ Work phone _____ / _____

Check one: _____ New membership _____ Renewal (ID# _____)

Choose the membership option best for you:

Choose **Affiliate** or **Independent** membership (NAEYC encourages Affiliate membership, as it includes benefits provided by early childhood associations affiliated with NAEYC in your state).

Then choose **Comprehensive, Regular** or **Student** level. Check the appropriate lines below:

Note: all memberships include a subscription to the journal *Young Children*.

Affiliate Membership

Includes one year membership in NAEYC and your affiliated state, local, and regional association.

Affiliate Name/Number: CAAEYC—TN #459

_____ \$105 Comprehensive Affiliate Member

_____ \$70 Regular Affiliate Member

_____ \$70 Student Affiliate Member

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FOR WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:

NAEYC Membership

P. O. Box 97156

Washington, DC 20090-7156

Join us on line at <http://www.naeyc.org/membership>

Or call Member Service Dept. at 1-800-424-2460 ext. 2002



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**week of the
young child**



Young children are the future of our communities, and there are many ways that Chattanooga, Tennessee can come together for children. April 11th to 17th is "Week of the Young Child," a time when we can reach out in our communities to help young children. Take some time to support early literacy initiatives, thank teachers who work with our children, and work towards public policies that benefit all young children.

For more information, call CAAIEYC at 423-629-4174.

**THE 2011 WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD WILL BE HELD APRIL 10-16, 2011
THE THEME FOR 2011 IS EARLY YEARS ARE LEARNING YEARS**