

CAAAYC COURIER

Spring 2015 - Summer 2015

Letter from the President

Dear CAAEYC Members,

Spring has definitely sprung!! Many of you have attended the 2015 Annual CAAEYC Conference and/or the Week of the Young Child Walk. It is so wonderful to see how many early education professionals come out to seek new ideas, to network, or to support and advocate for children. We have been honored to award several scholarships to teachers who are committed to making a difference in the lives of children as well as sponsor two innovation grants this past year. We will continue to engage and motivate early education professionals and to provide them with opportunities to understand and support young children and their families.

For more information regarding scholarships, the Innovation Grant, or CAAEYC please visit www.caaeyc.org. Everyone is welcome to join in our mission. Your time and effort will be worth it when you see the lives you can help to impact!! Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or ideas at jgranitz@followmechildcare.com.

Fondly,

Jennifer L. Granitz, M. Ed
CAAAYC President



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CAAAYC Mission Statement

The purpose of the Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAAYC) is to enhance the lives of children by providing support for adults working with or on behalf of young children. CAAAYC expresses its mission in three broad goals.

- Facilitating improvements in the professional practice of early childhood development and education.
- Increasing public understanding and support for high quality programs for young children and their families.
- Fostering collaboration and building a cohesive community of early childhood professionals.

CAAIEYC 2015 Conference Highlights

The 2015 CAAIEYC Conference was a great success! Area early childhood professionals participated in a day of professional growth and networking. The keynote address by Jason Kotecki delighted conferees. Jason shared valuable insight on how to live your best life using both humor and poignant stories that captured the audience's attention and made them reflect on the current "story" they were living and how they might wish to change it.

We, at CAAIEYC, want to extend a special thank you to our conference attendees for their dedication to young children and the early childhood field.



Week of the Young Child FUN!!



CAAIEYC Conference

Professional Development Documentation

Thank you for attending the 2015 CAAIEYC Conference. It is our hope that your day was a positive one for professional growth and networking. Directions regarding how to access your PD hours from the PD Registry were provided for you at the conference. The PD Registry, however, has encountered difficulties uploading the CAAIEYC conference documentation spreadsheet. The vendor is working to correct the issue and anticipates that the documentation of hours should be available in your transcripts by early June. We thank you for your patience as we work through this issue.



**Don't forget...
2015 Innovation Grant
Applications are
due June 15th.
\$1000 can be yours
to do an engaging
project with children.
See the CAAIEYC
website for the
application & details.**

We invite you to learn more about who we are and what we do and welcome you to join us at our monthly board meetings. Other ways to become involved in this organization can be found under the "Events" tab on our website at www.caaieyc.org. If you have a friend or colleague who is not a member, please encourage him/her to visit the CAAIEYC website to learn more. It is as a collective that we can exact change in this field and have a positive impact on the families and children we serve.

Director's Roundtable

Thank you to everyone who has participated in Directors' Roundtable this year. At this time, we will be re-evaluating this program to determine what changes in format may be needed, what we are doing well, and how we may better serve the needs of our area directors. We invite you to share your mindful feedback regarding this program by emailing brightbeginningscc@verizon.net.

CAAAYC Conference 2016



SAVE THE DATE: March 5, 2016

Back by popular demand, we are excited to announce that Jason Kotecki will return as our keynote speaker at the March 5, 2016 conference. Jason will share his artistic talent, humor and wisdom in the 2016 keynote address titled: *Adultitis Strikes Back: How to Find Balance, Beat Burnout, and Work Happy*. For those of you who may wish to learn more about Jason, please visit his website at <http://escapeadulthood.com/blog/>. We also invite you to find out exactly what stage of Adultitis you may be experiencing by visiting the following link: <http://adultitis.org/intake/>.