

EDUCATION & PLAY *in Central PA*

Save the Date

October 12 th :	Board Meeting
October 14 th :	Pediatric 1 st Aid
November 2 nd :	Board Meeting
November 21 st :	Director Cohort Meeting
January 27 th :	Pediatric 1 st Aid
March 10 th :	2018 Annual Capital Area Early Childhood Conference



Fall/Winter 2017

Letter from the President

Dear PennAEYC/NAEYC members,

With the changing of the seasons comes some exciting changes to our membership process. As CAAEYC members, you have also been members of our state affiliate, PennAEYC, and our national organization, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our relationship has become even stronger with these two levels of the NAEYC organization. We are now a Chapter organization enjoying an even stronger direct tie with PennAEYC. I am happy to announce that our name is now the Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC. Our website address is now: www.cacpennaeyc.org. What won't be changing is our commitment to you. We will continue to provide the many services you have enjoyed: Scholarship funding, our Annual Early Childhood Conference, Pediatric First Aid training at a reduced cost, the Innovation Grant and other special programs offered throughout the year. PennAEYC and NAEYC membership is new and improved in many ways with increased member benefits that include; ECE resources, professional development opportunities, as well as state and national advocacy efforts. For example, there is now a Group Membership option for child care programs, schools and other EC organizations. Go to www.naeyc.org for more information on these membership options and to renew your membership.

Be sure to mark on your calendars NAEYC's 2017 Annual Conference, which will be held on Nov. 15-18 at Atlanta, Georgia. Check out the NAEYC website at www.naeyc.org for more information and to register for the conference.

Enjoy the autumn season and all its festivities,

Kathy Stennett,
Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC President

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Education of Young Children

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Director's Roundtable Gets a Makeover!!

Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC is forming a director/leadership cohort, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! The mission of the cohort is to bring a selected group of leaders together that have a passion for the early childhood field, and ultimately want to make a difference. The cohort will meet four times, each time navigating topics derived from the cohort members. Participants will gain deeper levels of understanding around early childhood initiatives, issues, and the future of the field. If you are a leader in ECE, or know a leader in ECE, we encourage you or a colleague to submit an application. If you have any questions about the cohort process, feel free to reach out!

**APPLY
NOW!**

Applications can be found cacpennaeyc.org and are due by Monday, October 16th 2017. Acceptance decisions will be made by Monday, October 23rd 2017. Email application to: caaeyc.pa@gmail.com

Save the DATE: March 10th at Messiah College

Join us for our annual early childhood conference at Messiah College. An electronic copy of the conference brochure will be posted on our website in December. Registration will open at the beginning of January 2018. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for details!

We are excited to have Ron Shuali join us again in 2018, but this time around as our keynote speaker! Ron holds a Master of Education specializing in early childhood and has spent over 15 years working and presenting in the education marketplace. He is a best-selling author, top motivational speaker, and presenter and most importantly...he is funny!

Ron's keynote is entitled, The Empowered Educator: 3 Success Secrets to Terrific Teaching and focuses on expanding the current world that we live in by experiencing many different ways that we mis-communicate with children and adults without being aware of it. Ron will unleash 3 secrets to becoming more empowered both inside the classroom and at home in areas like, but not limited to, behavior management strategies, self-regulation and overall general health. He is sure to deliver laughs while leaving you eager to implement these secrets.

We are looking forward to a day of networking, learning, & fun!

The 2018 Annual Capital Area Early Childhood Conference



Did You Know?

Anyone is welcome to join us at any board meeting to find out more about who we are & what we do. Come & see how you can get involved & make a difference for your community.

All board meetings take place from 6:30-8:30pm at:

Follow Me Christian Early Education Center
6003 Jonestown Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Meeting Dates:

- October 12
- November 2
- December 7
- January 11
- February 8
- April 12



Pennsylvania Association for the
Education of Young Children

The purpose of the Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC is to enhance the lives of young children by providing support for adults working with or on behalf young children. Our organization expresses its mission in three broad goals. We facilitate improvements in the professional practice of early childhood development and education, we increase public understanding and support for high quality programs for young children and their families, and we foster collaboration and building a cohesive community early childhood professionals.

Support for NAEYC Accreditation

Did you know that NAEYC has been accrediting early childhood programs for over 30 years? Accredited programs have met NAEYC's ten standards for high-quality early childhood education. These programs have demonstrated that they provide a safe and healthy environment for children, have teachers who are well-trained, have access to excellent teaching materials, and work with a curriculum that is appropriately challenging and developmentally sound.

As your local affiliate of NAEYC, the Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC offers financial support to centers interested in going through the NAEYC accreditation process. For 2017, the Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC is providing a grant to local programs to cover one half of all accreditation fees paid within the year. For more information about accreditation and the grant application, go to www.cacpennaeyc.org and click on the accreditation link, or contact Bev Goodling, the Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC accreditation chair, at bgoodli2@messiah.edu or Michelle Verbecken at michelle.verbecken@gmail.com.

Support is also available from the Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC for the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) accreditation for family day care Homes. Usha Ramamurthy, a family day care home provider is available at ushal834@hotmail.com to answer questions about NAFCC accreditation. This grant application is also found on the Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC website at www.cacpennaeyc.org.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kris LeBeau, Director of The Art of Play Learning Academy, Mechanicsburg, for recently achieving the NAFCC accreditation!

Scholarship Updates

CONGRATULATIONS to the following CAC PennAEYC members who were recently granted a Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Award:

- Sarah Weikert-Wass, Bright Beginnings Child Development Center, Harrisburg
- Barbara Fretz, Kindercare Learning Center, Camp Hill
- Alison Mellott, Early Intervention, Harrisburg
- Amanda Gartzke, Little Lights Learning Center, Carlisle

Innovation Grant 2017

Robyn Blocker - 2017 Innovation Grant Winner

“The Peaceful Playground”



Creating a space where school-agers can thrive and explore...and even take simple risks outdoor, was the goal! Making sure the children are part of the transformation that ultimately allowed them to respect and value their space was the added bonus.







"Children need the freedom & time to play.
Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity."

-Kay Redfield Jamison

Pediatric First Aid

If anyone is in need of pediatric first aid, you are in luck. The Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC is sponsoring pediatric first aid classes. Listed below is information for the next two sessions.

October 12, 2017: 8am – 12pm

January 28, 2018: 10am-1pm

Crosspoint Christian Child Care
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Register today at:

<https://firstaidcaaeycfall2017.eventbrite.com>

