

EDUCATION & PLAY *in Central PA*

Save the Date

April 12 th :	Board Meeting
April 14 th :	Pediatric 1 st Aid
April 21 st :	Playdate in the Park (WOYC)
July 28 th :	Pediatric 1 st Aid
November 7 th :	ECE Fellowship Meeting



Spring/Summer 2018

CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER

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Dear ECE Professionals,

What an exciting time this is as we gather together to support and learn from each other at our 2018 Capital Area Early Childhood Conference! While you may know about us only through this annual event, there are many programs and services that are available to our NAEYC members. Membership is just a click away as you visit NAEYC's website at <https://www.naeyc.org/get-involved/membership/join> or by visiting our website at www.cacpennaeyc.org for membership information and the membership link. We proudly partner with PennAEYC in their vital public policy and advocacy work, which is focused on ensuring high-quality early care and education opportunities for Pennsylvania's youngest children.

It is our privilege to work alongside you in the early childhood field as the Capital Area Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children (CACPennAEYC), your local chapter of the state affiliate, PennAEYC, and the national parent organization, NAEYC. We are a non-profit organization committed to serving children, their families and early childhood professionals in Central Pennsylvania. We offer college tuition scholarships, NAEYC accreditation grants, our Innovation grant, along with Pediatric First Aid trainings, this annual conference and our new Directors' Fellowship cohort. There are special events to celebrate the Week of the Young Child (WOYC), April 16-20, along with other programs throughout the year to celebrate all of us as ECE professionals.

For more information on many CACPennAEYC programs and supports, please see inside this newsletter and visit our website. We invite you to become a NAEYC member to enjoy many outstanding services and resources for early learning educators. Join us today as we work together to make our Voice heard on behalf of the children and families we serve.

In appreciation for your caring efforts to support children's learning,

Kathy Stennett, President
Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC

ECE Leaders Can Make A Difference!

Capital Area Chapter of PennAEYC is gearing up for round two of gathering passionate leaders to form an ECE Fellowship Cohort.

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 participants. Individuals will be able to 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!

Applications can be found at <https://cacpennaeyc.org/fellowship-cohort>
Email application to: cacpennaeyc@gmail.com



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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 of 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 of early education professionals.

"The most powerful leadership tool you have is your own personal example."

-John Wooden



Week of the
Young Child™

Early Years Are Learning Years®

Join hands with us to support the importance of early learning!! Let's spread the word to our community & families about the awesome work you do with children!!

We welcome all early education professionals to reserve a promotional table for this event. Your table should include a fun, hands-on game or activity that will engage children.

In addition, any information that you would like to share regarding the service you provide to children and families is encouraged.

*Celebrate the Week of the
Young Child with us!!*

2nd Annual Playdate in the Park

FREE EVENT

When: April 21, 2018

Time: 12-3 PM

Where: Possibility Place Playground

(George Park: Nyes Road and Heatherfield, Paxtonia, PA 17112)

Playdate in the Park!

Table Registration

Complete Registration Form and Mail with your Payment by 4/7/18

Registration Fee: \$10 per table

Email pamela@growingadventures.net if you have any questions.

Make checks payable to *CACPennAEYC* and send to:

WOYC EVENT, P.O. Box 347, Grantham, PA 17027

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Activity: _____

E-mail address: _____

(Please print clearly; e-mail required for event reminders and updates such as parking or weather related issues)

Innovation Grant 2018



CACPennAEYC is pleased to announce the opportunity for early childhood educators to apply for a

\$1,000 innovation grant.

Our purpose is to recognize the importance of quality in early childhood education and the teachers who ultimately provide a developmentally appropriate environment with passion and love.

*APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT <https://www.cacpennaeyc.org/grants>

Application Deadline is: APRIL 1, 2018

Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Opportunities

You may be eligible to apply for assistance to fund your continuing education! If you are a CACPennAEYC member and are employed in an early childhood education program, you may request up to \$1000/year for:

- A completed, with a passing grade, college course.
- Director Credential coursework (PA Key approved) or renewal
- CDA course instruction (for credit or non-credit)
- CDA assessment fee (if not eligible for PA Keys CDA Assessment Voucher Program)
- CDA renewal course instruction and application fee
- Education-related expense fees, such as technology fees, course fees, or books

Scholarship Updates

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

- Christina Ford, Child Care Consultants, York
- Usha Ramasmurthy, Family Child Care, Mechanicsburg
- Jennifer Wertz, Child Care Consultants, York

Find out more about the Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Program at [Scholarship Assistance Program](#) or contact:

Bev Goodling, bgoodli2@messiah.edu
Sue Mitchell, susanmitchell714@gmail.com

Did You Know?

Did you know that NAEYC revised the [Early Learning Program Accreditation Standards and Assessment items](#), effective July 1, 2018? Now is the time to begin thinking about NAEYC Accreditation, in light of this revision, geared to create a smoother process for programs. 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 chapter of PennAEYC, CACPennAEYC offers financial support to centers interested in going through the NAEYC accreditation process. For 2018, CACPennAEYC is providing a grant to local programs to cover one half of all accreditation fees paid within the calendar year. For more information about accreditation and the grant application, go to cappennaeyc.org and click on the accreditation link. Questions? Contact the Accreditation Committee chair, Bev Goodling at bgoodli2@messiah.edu.

Support is also available from CACPennAEYC for the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) accreditation for Family Day Care Homes. Usha Ramasmurthy, a family day care home provider is available at usha1834@hotmail.com to answer questions about NAFCC accreditation. This grant application is also at cappennaeyc.org.



"Time spent playing with children is never wasted."

-Dawn Lantero

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.

April 14, 2018: 10am – 2pm

July 28, 2018: 10am-2pm

Crosspoint Christian Child Care
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Register today at:

<https://firstaidcappennaeyc.eventbrite.com>

