

ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN

*Joining Together for Quality Early Care and Education*

## The Week of the Young Child – All in One Day

### Idaho Stars – A Gala

Nearly 100 participants gathered in mid-April in the Silverstone Plaza in Meridian to enjoy food, music, visiting, and friendly bidding wars on silent and live auction items. Volunteer emcee and auctioneer, **Stan Burton**, kept the activities moving throughout the evening with humor and even a few quick dance steps.



### High Noon at the Capitol

The crowd gathered just before noon in front of the Capitol in downtown Boise waiting to hear the Governor's Proclamation declaring April 11-17, 2010 as the Week of the Young Child in Idaho. **Ron Crane**, State Treasurer, presented the Proclamation.

Former First Lady **Patricia Kempthorne** took the podium next emphasizing the importance of the early years in a child's life.



**Roger Sherman**, Executive Director of the Idaho Children's Trust Fund, explained that the best way to prevent child abuse is to educate, inform, support, and work with parents to help them build strong, healthy families. He shared that April was Child Abuse and Prevention



Awareness month. Blue and silver pinwheels were distributed symbolizing the effort to keep children safe.

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### Sticking Your Neck Out



A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2009 Stick Your Neck Out for Idaho's Children Award. **Dr. Janice Fletcher**, University of Idaho professor, was recognized for her career work with bachelor's and master's level early childhood educators. Former First Lady of Idaho, **Patricia Kempthorne**, presented the award. Mrs. Kempthorne received the first Stick Your Neck Out Award in 2005.

The benefit, which raised almost \$7000 to support quality early care and education for the youngest children in Idaho, capped a full day of activities.

### Spring-Summer 2010

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BSU Students	<i>to be determined</i>

### Save the Date

NAEYC Conference & Expo  
Anaheim, CA  
November 3-8, 2010

Early Years Conference  
Boise, ID  
Nov. 18-19, 2010

# Board News



## President's Message

Rosemary Shockley  
President 2010-2011

This newsletter is in memory of a very special lady, Karen Mason. I didn't feel that the President's Message would be complete without memories shared by all of the past presidents who worked with Karen. These memories begin with the start of Karen's tenure as the Executive Director of the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children.

### Doug Fagerness 1999-2001

Tirelessly? I have noticed that in speeches intended to laud other people at occasions such as retirement parties, awards presentations, or introductions of keynote speakers that the person being honored is often referred to as having worked tirelessly.



That could not be said of Karen Mason. Karen worked courageously, persistently, doggedly, enthusiastically, joyfully, endlessly, continually, and just plain hard. She never worked tirelessly.

At an Idaho AEYC retreat at Bogus Basin I remember climbing up the mountain on which the lodge is perched during a break between meetings. I was walking with Karen. Before too long my need for breath precluded my ability to talk. That was probably a good thing since I then had the opportunity to listen to Karen.

She was frustrated that she was, as she put it, "out of shape." I wasn't feeling very sympathetic since my lungs were now burning and my legs were starting to feel pretty shaky. Karen then went on to tell me about her illness, and started what began a long and intimate dialogue as Karen continued her ascent of the enormous metaphorical mountain she was compelled to climb.

Karen did not climb with immunity to fatigue, to pain, to disappointment, to

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## Board Conference Calls

September 14, 2010

December 7, 2010

## Meet Idaho AEYC's Newest Board Member

Dr. Geoffrey Black is the Chair of the Economics Department at Boise State University. He received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Washington in 1995, with specialties in public finance and environmental and natural resource economics. He also has a Master of Science in Geology with a specialty in geothermal hydrogeology. Dr. Black's most recent research concerns regional economic development. In this light, he has conducted research on the economic development impacts of early childhood education and the equity issues of its provision and serves on the boards of trustees for organizations promoting educational excellence. In addition to his interest in early education, Dr. Black is conducting research on the economic impacts of investments in alternative energy projects and research facilities in rural areas. He has also done extensive research in natural resource development and contract structure.

Prior to coming to BSU, Dr. Black was a professor at Bates College in Maine and Marist College in New York. He also served as an Economic Analyst for the Washington State Department of Ecology where he conducted analyses of the economic impacts of environmental legislation. He has also worked for major oil producing firms in Wyoming and for smaller alternative energy development firms on projects in California, Nevada, and Montana. He is currently on the Board of Directors for a California firm specializing in geothermal and biomass electrical generation.



## Introducing the Local Affiliate Council (LAC)

In the summer of 2009 the board discussed and began implementation of a revised governance model. The board of directors would consist of past president, president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and 2 members-at-large. Officers would serve 1 year in the positions. All members will be elected to the board for 2 year terms.

In addition to the board of directors, a local affiliate council (LAC) was established to advocate, advise, and make recommendations to the Idaho AEYC board of directors on behalf of the local affiliate council, the local affiliate chapters, and individual members of the local affiliate chapters.

The LAC is the critical two-way communication link between the board and the local affiliate chapters and their members.

The board president elect is the board representative on the LAC. The LAC has a representative from each local affiliate chapter. Current representatives are: Barbi Harrison (NIAEYC), Sue Harpold (TVAEYC), Jennifer Patterson (SRAEYC), and Judy Boren (EIAEYC).

## Why No Election this Year Board Member Changes

Idaho AEYC is in a state of change as the agency institutes the local affiliate council concept and prepares to search for a new executive director. To maintain as much stability and consistency as possible, retiring board members agreed to extend their terms for another year.

Some vacancies did occur during the past six months and those vacancies were filled by appointments from the president of the board in accordance with the By-laws.

In January, Melissa Bandy resigned her position on the board to accept the appointment as co-executive director and then interim executive director. Past president Rosemary Shockley was moved back to the presidency.

In April Scott McDonald resigned and Geoffrey Black (see bio this page) was appointed to fill the vacancy in May.

# Remembering Karen

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## The March is On

Pinwheels in hand, the crowd proceeded up Capitol Blvd. to the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial where they joined others who were gathering for the dedication of Karen's Bench in memory of **Karen Mason**.



## The Bench Dedication

What a positive energy surrounded the family, friends, and colleagues gathered together to remember and celebrate the life work of Karen Mason! In every respect, it could not have been a more beautiful spring day.

Speakers evoked laughter and tears as we all remembered. There were personal memories, collective memories, shared memories, and private memories. It was all good.

Finally, the unveiling of the plaque adding Karen's personal quote to the solemn and serene surroundings of the Memorial.



**The Children of Today  
Are the Hope for Tomorrow.  
Take Action – Support Quality  
Early Care and Education  
for Idaho's Children.  
– Karen Mason 2010**

## Many Thanks

Appreciation is extended to all who helped in myriad ways. The powerful collective energy focused to honor someone we all respect was nothing short of amazing. In honoring Karen, we also honored ourselves and the work that we all do for children.

## President's Message *continued*

frustration. She put those things aside as she purposefully worked to accomplish all that she could for Idaho's children.

Tired was a heavy stone around Karen's neck. She did not let it stop her or even slow her down. So, it's not only Karen's accomplishments that inspire me, it's the way she accomplished them. Tired is not easy to transcend.

## Janice Fletcher 2001-2003

In a stroke of good fortune, Karen Mason was hired part time as executive director during my first months as Idaho AEYC president. The National Association for the Education of Young Children immediately gave us the overwhelming task of re-organizing the state and local affiliates. We had to re-organize financial procedures and operating procedures, AND we had to find new space for our office.



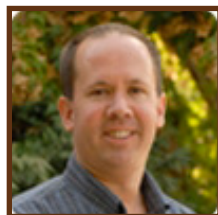
Karen hit the ground running and she never looked back. By the time my term ended, Karen had garnered grants, overseen a rewrite of our bylaws, developed fiscal avenues for taking on new programs, and secured excellent space for our office.

When we had a board training and retreat at Bogus Basin, Karen brought food, office supplies, and a full agenda to the conference table. I can still see her loading all that up the steps and racing around to make sure all our work groups were efficient and effective.

Karen was a woman of vision, and a woman of action. She had grand ideas, grand plans, and yet she hoisted water over her shoulder to quench thirst of people, and she picked up the trash and cleared tables. What a leadership model she leaves as a legacy!

## Hob Boazman 2003-2005

Webster's defines mentor as a "wise and trusted counselor or teacher." And if there was a picture of a mentor, it would have to be Karen. I believe Karen may have been the most



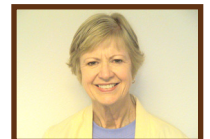
developmentally appropriate person I have ever met when it came to working with adults.

If you were new to the field and not quite sure what to do, she would hold your hand. If you had been in the field for some time she would listen, and help you decide what was best. And if you were one of her close friends Karen would probably tell you exactly what you needed to hear!

Bottom line: Karen would guide and support you based on who you were. Karen was wise – wise enough to know when to talk and smart enough to know when to listen. Karen was trusted by everyone. If there was a question, Karen would know the answer. And if she didn't, she would point you in the right direction and follow up to make sure you got to where you needed to be.

Karen is what we all should strive for in the field of early childhood education. The state of Idaho has lost a truly special person that mentored us all.

## Alice Anderson 2005-2007



Walking into the Idaho AEYC office, I was often greeted by a smiling face and a hearty, "Hello, how are you!" by one of the finest people I have ever known. Karen always made me feel special – that I could do anything, such as be president of Idaho AEYC. She was always willing to help – often doing much more than she should have. Her energy always seemed unlimited. Her enthusiasm was contagious. I always left meetings with renewed energy for the cause of serving young children better.

I was privileged to attend an NAEYC convention in Atlanta, Georgia with Karen and Julaine. We had a great time rooming together and attending several workshops. Karen was always looking for ideas that could work for us in Idaho.

I also have fond memories of Idaho AEYC Board get-togethers at Karen's house. It was such fun getting to know her and other board members in the relaxed atmosphere of her lovely home.

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# Sharing Memories

## President's Message *continued*

The thing I missed the most about not being on the Idaho AEYC Board of Directors was not being able to see Karen. I am so privileged to have known her.

### Rosemary Shockley 2007-2009, 2010-2011

Karen was a very special lady in so many different ways. She was truly a strength for many of us. As I worked with Karen, never a time went by that she didn't ask about me personally and my family.



She was truly more concerned about those around her than she was about herself. This came through in all of her dealings with people. Her greatest concern was for others, especially the children of Idaho. She fought tirelessly for the children and to make a difference in the lives of those around her.

The thing I miss most is her cheerful smile and caring nature.

### Melissa Bandy 2009-2010

A key individual who put child care and early education on the table in Idaho is our dear friend, mentor, and colleague Karen Mason. Through her foresight and endless efforts, she provided our state with a vision for Idaho's early care and education system that continues on. Karen said, "*Child care is a business that not only supports children's early development, but also supports employees of businesses – both large and small. The success of each child is also the success of the family, employers, and our state.*"



Idaho AEYC was Karen Mason's life work, and our field was so privileged to have had almost 10 years of her everlasting foresight and just plain hard work. The stories and laughter I hear the most around the Idaho AEYC office is of Karen's strength and willingness to do anything to get the job done. Whether it's cleaning the stained carpet, moving REALLY HEAVY furniture,

or just sitting firmly with the legislative committees year after year as a strong voice for early care and education, Karen Mason was always there.

For me, what I miss the most about Karen is her gentle hands. I would always watch her hands as she would skillfully move us through a board meeting or continue a difficult conversation in a committee with a whole new burst of energy and a smile. Her hands for me were always thinking – calm, yet ready to pounce at any moment. During uncertain times, I'd return to Karen and her gentle hands to ask for help. I sure do miss those hands!

### Closing Note:

As you can see, Karen made an impact on everyone she met and everywhere she went. Although she is truly missed, her spirit and legacy live on in all that we do as members of the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children and for the children of Idaho.

## More than a Visionary

With diverse experience in the fields of social work and education she assembled business leaders and communities to bring attention to the science of brain development as the foundation for a child's self worth, economic worth and self esteem to ensure a sustainable economy.

Bricks and mortar for schools, excellent playgrounds, toys and books are only pieces of what Karen Mason worked to improve. She championed neighborhoods where children can run and play as she did growing up in Idaho Falls. Caring about people is at the heart of what she learned from her parents, Dick and Aris Boyle.

In Karen's words, "We need infrastructure that provides all of these parts for our children. The success of each child is also the success of the family, employers, and our state."

Under her watch as Executive Director of the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children, a child care licensing bill was passed in 2009 to provide children with better child care through licensing and safety measures. Weeks before her death on Feb. 27, 2010, a Quality Rating and Improvement System was enacted

to improve the chances for children to grow up healthy and happy. Last year, under Karen's leadership, Idaho AEYC was bestowed the Alfred P. Sloan Award as a business with a culture of flexibility of greatest benefit to its employees.

The Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial in Boise, a place where peace inspired her and where struggles and loss guided her, memorializes her life's work with a bench and bronze plaque.

*Speaking at the Bench Dedication on April 16, 2010, Mary Lou Kinney, first president of Idaho AEYC (1984-1985), offered the following eulogy.*

## We will try. We promise!

Karen embodied all of what it takes to advocate for young children in Idaho!

Karen was persistent. She was bold. And she definitely didn't cut you any slack! Karen was passionate in making our Idaho communities better places for young children to grow and learn!

Whether it was building the framework for Idaho AEYC to serve children and families or testifying in front of the Idaho Legislature, Karen never forgot her purpose. Her vision of the small faces and hopeful eyes of young children motivated her time and again to plow through the political rhetoric and push people to an action plan – for quality child care, for educational opportunities for early childhood professionals, for more child care subsidies to help families – to name just a few.

Karen motivated all of us!

To her parents and brothers: We thank you for your daughter and sister-- and the "gifts" she shared with us. How very proud you must be of Karen and all that she has given her community and state!

To Mark, her husband: We thank you for your constant understanding, love, support and patience for Karen as she daily gave so much of herself to early childhood education efforts in Idaho.

And to her son, Tom: A parent always wants to leave a positive legacy for their child. Your mother has certainly done that for you!

Karen, when we sit on your bench, we will think of your many discussions on our early childhood challenges in Idaho. And, we are sure that we will always continue to hear you say, "Well, let's just get started and do something! Why can't we do that?"

And we will try. We promise.

# Idaho AEYC News



**Melissa Bandy** joined Idaho AEYC in January 2010 as the Interim Executive Director for Idaho AEYC. Previously, Melissa worked

for the national organization, ZERO TO THREE as an Infant Toddler Specialist for Idaho's State Training and Technical Assistance Office, and was on the board for Idaho AEYC for over 5 years. Melissa came to Idaho AEYC to help with the transition and loss of Idaho AEYC's director, Karen Mason.

Melissa's responsibilities include providing oversight for all Idaho AEYC funded projects; to administer and direct Idaho AEYC activities to fulfill the Idaho AEYC mission and goals and to supervise any staff hired for Idaho AEYC projects; to draft proposals to gain additional resources through grants, donations, general support, and interagency agreements; and to supervise Idaho AEYC office staff.

Melissa lives in Eagle with her husband and three boys 15, 10 and 4.

## **Melissa Waylan**

joined the Idaho AEYC team in August 2008 after 14 years of traveling courtesy of her husband's



employer, the US Air Force. As a Data Entry Specialist, her primary responsibilities are maintaining and updating the Professional Development System (PDS) database. She also enjoys applying her attention to detail and organizational skills to other data input projects associated with the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) or Strengthening Families. Outside of work she can generally be found gardening, quilting, and enjoying her family.

**Megan O'Neill** joined the staff at Idaho AEYC in April 2010 working as the full time Office Assistant. In this new position for the agency Megan supports staff and provides customer service. In addition, she assists with Quality Rating and

Improvement System (QRIS) projects.

Megan comes to the Idaho AEYC team from the Boise School District as an Administrative Assistant, following time spent at home with her two young boys. She has a varied professional background throughout the northwest which consistently focused on customer service and support.

As an Idaho native, Megan is excited about the opportunity to work for an organization that gives so much to so many individuals, families, and communities in the state of Idaho. Megan grew up in Boise and feels privileged to continue to be a part of the Boise community and to raise her two sons in such a wonderful city.

## **Daleen Ann Nelson**

became part of the Idaho AEYC team in late April as the Program Manager for the new Child Care Health Consultant program. As a Registered Nurse, Public Health Nurse, and Child Care Nurse Consultant, Daleen brings many years of varied nursing experience and her love for working with children and families to Idaho AEYC.



Daleen has lived in Boise with her husband for 15 years. She is the proud mother of four grown children who are scattered from Rio Rancho, NM to Owatonna, MN and from Boise, ID to Ft. Bragg, NC. Filling the empty nest are chocolate and black labs and a garden.

## **Barbara Bancroft**

has been working with Idaho AEYC since 2007 when she free-lanced graphic design for three presentation posters, and assisted the web master on the website. Eventually assuming the role of web master, she redesigned Idaho AEYC's website adding dynamic functionality and consistency to the pages. She has been actively maintaining and adding to the website, as well as designing brochures, flyers, and other graphics for the office needs.



This work has included graphic and web design for the Business Summit and the Idaho Stars Gala events.

Barb's experience as a computer programmer, and forms and reports designer has been vital to her success in web design. She is also a watercolor artist and trained in art education. Degrees include a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education and Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems.

Visit her website at [www.idesignbybarbara.com](http://www.idesignbybarbara.com) for a more comprehensive look at her work.

## **Laura Perrine**

joined the vendor specialist group at Idaho AEYC in June. With a BA in Social Science, she has worked as a Customer Service Representative, been a stay-at-home mom, and when possible, she worked day care jobs where she could bring her 3 boys Connor (14), Beck (13), and Myles (10) to work.



After 3 enlightening years of child care at the Refugee Center and another 3 years at the post office in Eagle, she divorced in 2008 and became a single mom. "That has its challenges," says Laura, "but I think I have adjusted. And now I am working at Idaho AEYC with wonderful women and I love my job!"

## **Raysa Diaz**

joined Idaho AEYC as a Vendor Specialist. One of her many talents is her ability to speak Spanish. This skill adds a welcome dimension to the Vendor Specialist team as it enhances service capability to our clients.

Raysa has lived in Boise for four years having moved from Southern California. There she had been a part of a reverse mortgage company where she performed many roles in accounting and human resources. She enjoys the natural beauty of Idaho and the changing seasons.



# Affiliate News

## Dissolution of Palouse Area

With a great deal of collaboration and nearly 2 years of work, the Palouse Area AEYC (PAAEYC) has been dissolved and continuing members have found new affiliate homes with Eastern Washington AEYC and North Idaho AEYC.

Members in the Lewiston, Moscow, and Grangeville area are interested in once again forming their own affiliate chapter but need to have a member base of at least 50 people to get started.

The University of Idaho student association has long been a stronghold of energy and activity in the Palouse area. They will continue but may have to undergo a name change. Members will meet with their U of I advisor Beth Price as the school year begins.

## SRAEYC Plans Fall Conference

Under the guidance of new president Jennifer Patterson, SRAEYC is busy organizing a student group at CSI and planning their fall conference.

Conference speaker, Ashley Merriman – co-author of *NatureShock* – will present a free event Friday evening, Oct. 1. For registration information for Friday night or the conference on Saturday, Oct. 2 at College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, contact Jennifer Patterson.

## U of I Student Association Concludes Busy Year

The U of I student group meets monthly with a goal of educating others on the importance of quality child care and the professional development of early childhood educators. They strive to be involved in as many campus activities as possible.

The group is a part of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Every year AG Days sponsors a free Children's Carnival. The group is responsible for overseeing the carnival to ensure that activities offered at this carnival are safe and appropriate for the children and families in attendance.

Activities during Week of the Young Child 2010 raised nearly \$400 in the Quarters for Quality drive. Below (L to R) Katie Laliberte, Haley Holihan, and Kate Kinsey celebrate the \$175 mark.

Leading the group for the coming school year will be Tiffany Thornton and Rachel Dollinger.



## NIAEYC Welcomes Former Palouse Area Members

The welcome mat is out to the former Palouse area members who reside in Idaho and have transferred their membership to NIAEYC. Transferring members can contact Barbi Harrison or Kathleen Miller Green for meeting or fall conference information.

Kids' Day in the Park in July was a success with 18 exhibitors representing local business and community resources.

The fall conference is set for October 2 and planning is underway. Contact Kathleen Miller Green at [kmgreen@nic.edu](mailto:kmgreen@nic.edu) for presentation proposals or other conference related matters.

## EIAEYC Set for Fall Track Training

Under the leadership of President Judy Boren, the group is preparing for Fall Track Training on October 9th.

## TVAEYC Soliciting Nominees

The Treasure Valley group is preparing to hold elections for a new board. The board is meeting on September 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Idaho AEYC office in Boise. Anyone interested in TVAECY can attend the meeting. We will be finalizing the ballot and starting discussion about conference(s) for this year.

**North Idaho AEYC**, serving the five northern counties of North Idaho. For more information, contact president Barbi Harrison at [barbih@roadrunner.com](mailto:barbih@roadrunner.com). Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Panhandle Health Building at 8500 North Atlas Road in Hayden.

**North Central Idaho** (formerly Palouse Area). Members are now affiliated with NIAEYC until the group is reorganized Contact Jill Bielenberg at [jillb3432@hotmail.com](mailto:jillb3432@hotmail.com) to find out more about the reorganization and future meetings.

**University of Idaho Student Association** is led by co-presidents Tiffany Thornton and Rachel Dollinger. The group meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Nicolls building, room 206. Contact Tiffany at [thor4186@vandals.uidaho.edu](mailto:thor4186@vandals.uidaho.edu) for more information.

**Treasure Valley AEYC**, serving the Treasure Valley, is led by president Jeanné Hayden. The group will hold its next meeting September 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Idaho AEYC office. For more information, contact Jeanné at [haydenj@slrnc.org](mailto:haydenj@slrnc.org).

**TVAEYC Student Association**, serving Boise State University Students. Officers will be elected at the beginning of the fall semester.

**Snake River AEYC**, serving Twin Falls County, the Magic Valley, and Wood River Valley. The group is looking for volunteers with time and energy to provide leadership. SRAEYC meets 4 times a year. The next meeting is Monday, September 13th, 9:00 a.m. at the CSI Preschool Lab, 246 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls. For more information contact president Jennifer Patterson at [jpatterson@csi.edu](mailto:jpatterson@csi.edu).

**Eastern Idaho AEYC**, serving Eastern Idaho including Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Rexburg, and the surrounding regions, meets in Pocatello and Idaho Falls. Leading the group is Judy Boren. Contact Judy at [jz1011@msn.com](mailto:jz1011@msn.com) for meeting dates, location, and time.

**Idaho AEYC and the 4 local affiliates (including student groups) are all part of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Members belong to all 3 – national, state, & local.**

# Graduates, Apprentices, Sponsors, Mentor/Coaches

Idaho AEYC salutes the following scholarship recipients upon the completion of their Early Childhood degrees. A special thank you goes to the sponsoring centers and programs that employ the graduates. You are to be applauded for your vision of quality in the early childhood workforce. The young children and families you serve are truly fortunate.

Also recognized are the mentor/coaches who help scholars implement theory in their workplace through the apprenticeship program of the US Dept. of Labor. These scholars receive approximately 4000 hours of on-the-job training in addition to their early childhood degree to receive a national apprenticeship certificate.

Sponsoring centers' and programs' names appear in italics. Mentor/coaches' names appear in parenthesis.

## Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

### Boise State University

Rosalinda Macedo, *Community Council of Idaho* (Kerrie Rains)

Juanita Garza, *Community Council of Idaho* (Kerrie Rains)

Heidi Hawks, *YMCA*

Daysha Graham, *YMCA*

### Lewis Clark State College

Iris Siegler, *Iris' House Preschool and Childcare*

## Technical Certificate in Early Care and Education

### College of Western Idaho

Mandy Nielsen, *Mandy's Munchkins*

### Idaho State University

Ann Hemmert, *Ann's Daycare*

Tiffany Higley, *Tot Spot Childcare*

Katie Gerard, *ISU Early Learning Center*

## Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential

### College of Western Idaho

Brianne Wright, *The Wright Childcare* (Jennifer Brown)

Nancy Nye, *YMCA* (Bea Harris)

### Community Action Partnership (Lewiston)

Kristi Chadd, *Fingerprints Children's Center*

Kelsi Smith, *Palouse Early Learning Center*

### North Idaho College

Robin Linn, *Early Childhood Learning Center*

Janai Sjoström, *Early Childhood Learning Center*

### Mountain States Early Head Start

Patty Oakley, *Little Folks, Inc.* (Betty Fohnagy)

### Grey Goose

Carlyn Shaffer, *Carlyn's Child Care*

## National Apprenticeship Certificate

Kimberleigh French, *Storybook Friends* (Kathleen Cramer)

Jennifer Cross, *Turner Ctr for Family Development* (Cathie Johnson)

Laura Walsh, *La Chaquita Mtn States Head Start* (Hortencia Lemus)

Maria Vences, *La Chaquita Mtn States Head Start* (H. Lemus)

Kari Giesbrecht, *Kari's Korner* (Arlene Miller)

Corey Lewis, *The Lighthouse Preschool & Daycare* (Arlene Miller)

## How Idaho AEYC/IdahoSTARS

### Has Enriched My Life by Jennifer Brown

My involvement with Idaho AEYC/IdahoSTARS came in March of 2007 when I was given the opportunity to become a mentor/coach after having been a home provider for 10 years. This started me on a path that kept leading to bigger and more challenging opportunities. The Roots and Fruits Conference offered Environmental Assessment Training, which provided the opportunity to become an Assessor. The CCHC and mentoring classes through the University of Idaho required for mentoring allowed me to receive six upper graduate classes, and helped to inspire me to continue my education and receive my MBA, which was just completed in March 2010. The opportunity then came about to become a University of Idaho training office approved trainer.

I am so honored to be a part of such an enriching program that has not only encouraged me to discover and meet my own potential, but has allowed me as a mentor to encourage others as well! As a mentor, I have worked with numerous apprentices on CDA, AA, and BA degrees as well as the QRIS and many special projects. I have also been inspired by these hardworking early childhood professionals and have benefited from all that I have learned from them and have been able to pass on to others. I have also had the privilege of observing and/or being involved in the implementation of their opportunities including grants, academic scholarships, and mentoring that transform early childhood professionals and their businesses thereby increasing the quality of child care for children in Idaho.

Thank you so much Idaho AEYC and IdahoSTARS for everything you do!!



# Accredited Programs

Idaho AEYC salutes the following Idaho programs for choosing the rigorous path to achieving accreditation through their dedication and commitment of time, energy, and resources. Early childhood experiences – from birth to age 8 – have an enormous impact on children’s lifelong learning and contribute positively to their health and development. Early childhood education programs with the mark of quality benefit children through greater readiness for and success in school.

## NAFCC Family Child Care Accreditation

NAFCC Accreditation is an indicator that family child care offers safe, inviting spaces and warm, nurturing care complete with educational activities designed to meet the needs and interests of all children while promoting individual development. Nationally accredited homes meet high standards in child care and set the benchmark for quality.

The following are NAFCC Accredited providers in Idaho as of June 30, 2010.

Peggy Banks, Spirit Lake  
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Elizabeth (Buffy) & Mark Drewett, Boise  
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Kim Torgerson, Coeur d’Alene



## NAEYC Accreditation

Since 1985, NAEYC’s national, voluntary accreditation system has set professional standards for early childhood education programs, and helped families identify high-quality programs for their young children.

The following are NAEYC Accredited Programs in Idaho as of June 30, 2010.

Boise State University Children’s Center, Boise  
College of Southern Idaho Early Childhood Education Lab, Twin Falls  
Eagle Adventist Christian Center, Eagle  
Idaho State University - Early Childhood Partnership School, Pocatello  
Kids Are Special People, Boise  
Little Folks, Inc., Coeur d’Alene  
Mountain Home AFB Child Development Center, Mountain Home AFB  
North Idaho College Children’s Center, Coeur d’Alene  
North Side Head Start, Jerome  
Sandcastles Early Learning Center, Boise  
The Children’s School, Boise  
The Cooperative Preschool at St. Michael’s, LLC, Boise  
University of Idaho Child Development Laboratory, Moscow  
University of Idaho Children’s Center, Moscow, ID  
Wesleyan Preschool, Boise



# Program News

## Child Care Health Consultation Program

At the request of Idaho DHW, IdahoSTARS is creating a Child Care Health Consultation Program throughout Idaho. Participation is voluntary and at no cost to child care providers.

### Support Services CCHC Program

IdahoSTARS currently has the point of contact for requesting services from the CCHC Program in place with designated Regional Child Care Resource and Referral specialists (CCR&Rs) throughout Idaho. Requests for health and safety consultation may be resolved by the CCR&R specialist or referred for assistance from the Child Care Health Consultant Program.

### Child Care Health Consultant

The CCHC is a health care professional with an interest in and experience with children, has knowledge of resources and regulations, and is comfortable linking health resources with facilities that provide

primarily education and social services. CCHCs include health professionals such as registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, mental health professionals, and registered dietitians. The CCHC has completed training from the National Training Institute, University of North Carolina (UNC). Specialized CCHC training builds upon the health care professionals' knowledge by addressing health and safety needs specific to infants, children, and staff in child care settings. CCHCs and the child care staff and families work together to promote healthy and safe environments for young children.

### Child Care Health Advocate

The CCHA has the prerequisite experience as a child development specialist, early care and education specialist, or health promotion specialist. The CCHA has also

completed the intensive CCHC training and certification course from the National Training Institute, UNC. Their role is similar to the CCHC's role with an emphasis on education.

As the IdahoSTARS CCHC Program develops, more health and safety specialists will be available to providers as a non-regulatory training and support resource for multiple health and safety issues.

Daleen Nelson is excited to have the opportunity to lead the new CCHC Program in the promotion of healthier environments for children, families, and child care communities across Idaho. Daleen will be offering training and certification for new Child Care Health Consultants, Child Care Health Advocates, and other CCHC Program Specialists.

To locate a Child Care Health Consultant in your region, call the Idaho CareLine at 2-1-1 and request the CCR&R Specialist.

## Idaho AEYC / Strengthening Families Program Honored

On March 15, 2010, the Idaho Children's Trust Fund (ICTF) held their 25th Anniversary Reception Dinner, and honored Idaho AEYC in partnership with Idaho Center on Disabilities and Human Development by presenting the "Ed Van Dusen Legacy Award" for exemplary work in Idaho around a child abuse prevention effort that is creative, innovative, and impacts the community in a positive way by preventing the abuse and neglect of children.

The award used to be called the "Board Award." This year the ICTF Board has changed the name of the award in memory of Ed Van Dusen, the "father" of the Children's Trust Fund in Idaho. Ed's wife and sister attended the reception and presented the award.

A special congratulations to Jane Zink and Maureen Durning for all their amazing efforts and for bringing the Strengthening Families Initiative into focus for child care providers in Idaho!



## Census Book Project Completed

The census book project wrapped-up just in time for Census Day on April 1st. Volunteers carefully placed bookplates written in English and Spanish in more than 2,000 children's books received from project partner The Children's Reading Foundation of Treasure Valley. Helpers then stacked, sorted, and loaded books into boxes for statewide distribution.

A special thanks to each of the wonderful volunteers: Bill and Connie Ziegert, Marilu Soto, Joel Buckley, and Bishop Kelly students Kim Rudeen and Jordan Finrock. Thanks also goes to Kathleen Miller Green and Kisha Bayly who packed books into their luggage and cars to get books to northern Idaho.

The focus of the project was to encourage all Idaho children and their families to participate in the census count.



Fall 2009 - Karen Mason helps load truck with boxes of books.

Roger Sherman of the Idaho Children's Trust Fund explains the Ed Van Dusen Award. Ed Van Dusen's wife & sister prepare to present the trophy. Idaho AEYC staff and 2 board members look on.

## Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Continues to Grow

Kudos to all who are participating in the QRIS and congratulations to those who have earned a STAR rating.

Total Participating Facilities = 121

Total STAR Rated Facilities = 7

5 STAR Rated Facilities	
Learning Garden: A Developmental Preschool	Post Falls
Ready, Set, Grow	Boise
4 STAR Rated Facilities	
Christ the King Child Development Center	Coeur d'Alene
Deb n Rienna's Daycare	Idaho Falls
Fingerprints Children's Center	Lewiston
Funshine Home Away from Home	Idaho Falls
Roni's House Family Childcare	Notus

## Number of Facilities with Assessments Completed by August 15, 2010

Region 1	13
Region 2	5
Region 3	17
Region 4	32
Region 5	5
Region 6	13
Region 7	11

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January through June

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### 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 by:

- Improving professional practice in early care and education
- Building public understanding and support
- Building and maintaining a strong, diverse, and inclusive organization

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