

# Ozarks Association for the Education of Young Children

"Fostering excellence in early childhood education through professionalism and advocacy on behalf of Missouri's young children, families, and educators."

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## Note from the President:

HAPPY SPRING, EDUCATORS!

Young minds are budding and will be blooming with the knowledge they have acquired over the winter months. As educators we tend to our students encouraging them to explore and create. We all know the hard work and dedication required to have an exquisite garden. But don't forget to stop, stand back and enjoy the divine, even if for just a moment, before another shoe needs to be tied.

In the coming months there will be several opportunities for training, collaboration and support. Spring has always been a time to assess and plan. Together we can communicate to our representatives how essential programs like Head Start are to our communities. We can educate families and encourage them to have a voice in Congress. It has been said over and over but our children are our future. Now is not the time to let that garden go.

Enjoy the weather!  
Beth Loftis, OAEYC President

### 2011 Meeting Schedule:

► **June 18, 2011**  
Save the date for our annual "mini-conference"!

**APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE  
PREVENTION MONTH**

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## **Welcome New Members!!!**

OAEYC would like to welcome the following new members to the organization:

Becky Alexander  
Janiesa Bracamonte  
Wendy Guison  
Angel Law  
Suni McManus

Chelsea Mooneyham  
Jessica Morris  
Rachel Slawson  
Fontanna Young

*Submitted By: Ashley Johns, Membership Committee Chair*

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### **Friend Us!**

OAEYC has a Facebook page!

You'll be able to network with other members, get updates, and share pictures of events.



**Search: Ozarks Association for the Education of Young Children and become a FAN!**

*Questions? E-mail Ashley Johns – [ashley.johns1@yahoo.com](mailto:ashley.johns1@yahoo.com)*

# OAEYC NEEDS YOUR VOTE!



## IT'S TIME TO VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING OAEYC POSITIONS:

### ► **Vice-President** — 2 year term - *Key Responsibilities:*

- Fills the office of President should that office become vacant, and subsequently fill the office of board President for a regular term if the President is unable to fulfill his/her duties when the President-Elect is not in office.
- Assists the board President in the execution of his or her duties as assigned.
- Coordinates the liaison activities between the board and local Community Groups.

### ► **Treasurer** — 2 year term - *Key Responsibilities:*

- Serves as financial officer of the organization and as chair of the finance committee.
- Manages, with the finance committee, the board's review of and action related to the board's financial responsibilities.
- Works with the finance committee to ensure that appropriate financial reports are made available to the board on a timely basis.
- Assists the finance committee in preparing the annual budget and presenting the budget to the board for approval.
- Ensures the development and board review of financial policies and procedures.
- Monitors the receipt of all money due to and held by the organization, ensuring all funds are properly deposited in the organization's designated bank account.
- Ensures that the organization maintains tax-exempt status.
- Ensures adequate diversification of deposits and investments when appropriate.
- Qualifications for the Treasurer should include understanding of financial accounting for non-profit organizations or willingness to learn.

### ► **State Representative** — 2 year term – *Key Responsibilities:*

- Serves as a liaison between the OAEYC board and the AEYC-MO board.
- Represent OAEYC at AEYC-MO board meetings. Provide a written report of activities conducted at the local level, concerns from the local affiliate, and technical assistance needs of the local affiliate.
- Recruit state affiliate leadership from members and leaders at the local level.
- Maintain communication between AEYC-MO and OAEYC.



## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS



**1. Review the candidates for each position on the next page. Bios will not be included on the voting site; only the candidate's name.**

**2. You will have the choice of voting for the candidates listed for each position, OR click "other" to write in a name.**

**3. Click on the following link to vote:**

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEJsOXdUUDRnUXBpRGZtZUQtVFBSOGc6MQ>

**Thank you for your participation!**  
Marcia Hildebrand, Nominating and Elections Chair

## MEET THE CANDIDATES....



### **Jennifer Tilley, Candidate for OAEYC Vice President.**

Jennifer Tilley is currently Principal of Nixa Early Learning Center which serves children ages 3-5 years. Prior to becoming principal, she taught Pre-K, Early Childhood Special Education, and Third Grade. Mrs. Tilley also worked at Missouri State University in the Education Department as an Academic Advisor working with students seeking degrees in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Middle School Education. She also taught an introductory course for the field of Education during her time at Missouri State. Mrs. Tilley currently resides in Nixa, MO with her husband, two children, dogs, and horses. Jennifer has served as OAEYC Vice President during the past 2009-2011 term.

### **Amber Terrill, Candidate for OAEYC Treasurer**

Amber Terrill is most likely a familiar name to most of the OAEYC membership. She has served our organization as President of the OAEYC Student Community Group, OAEYC Membership Chair, and has served as OAEYC Treasurer during the current 2009-2011 term. She has been actively involved in nearly every activity over the past five years, and enjoys being part of the planning process. Amber earned her B.S. Degree in Child and Family Development from Missouri State University in 2006. She was employed as a Youth Outreach Assistant for the Springfield-Greene County Library District, providing story times to approximately 500 children each month at child care centers and home daycares. During these story times, she promoted early literacy skills and encouraged a lifelong love of reading. She left her library position last year to stay home with her son.



### **Marcia Hildebrand, Candidate for OAEYC State Representative**

I want to thank you for considering me to serve as your representative for OAEYC at AEYC-MO'S state board meetings. I have been married to my husband Jerry for almost 38 years. I have two wonderful son's Jerry and Josh. I have been blessed with a beautiful daughter-in-law Tracy and three marvelous grandchildren Riley who is 8 years, Ian who is 5 years, and Isaac who is 3 years. I graduated from MSU with a degree in Consumer and Family Studies .I worked as a director of Kindercare for five years. I worked at Parenting Life Skills Center and at MSU Child Development Lab as the Program Coordinator. I am currently working at Educare. I have served on the AEYC-MO state board as the treasurer, state representative, and Ozark representative at large. I have served as OAEYC local president and treasurer.



If you choose me to be the OAEYC State Representative, I will work diligently to make sure that the organization is represented to the best of my abilities.

## AEYC Student Community Group Report

The MSU AEYC has been busy the last couple of months planning and implementing different activities. In the month of February we had a successful bake sale at Hill Hall at Missouri State and plan to have another one again March. We also had our first of many curriculum nights at the Child Development Center. At the curriculum night we presented information to education students about activities that they could plan to do with the children who attend the Child Development Center. We are currently raising money by collecting old ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling. If you have either of these items that you would like to donate, they would be greatly appreciated. On March 28, 2011, we will be having a fund raiser at Pizza Inn at 2440 N Kansas expressway. We will be there from 6 to 8 and we will be waiting and bussing tables, and getting drink refills.

**Please note...All students from all colleges and universities are welcomed and encouraged to become an active member of the AEYC Student Community Group. YOU can make a difference by being involved!**

President: Kathryn Coltrin

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**2011 GO BLUE T-SHIRT**  
Support Missouri KidsFirst with this year's Go Blue T-shirt! The quote on the back reads, "**Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.**" *Charles R. Swindoll*



\$13 (+2.75 shipping & handling per site)

FOR ORDER INFORMATION AND FREE DOWNLOADS OF CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT PREVENTION INFORMATION VISIT:

**<http://missourikidsfirst.org>**

## **Area Calendar of Events:** *(as submitted to OAEYC – not inclusive of all area EC events)*

**Child Advocacy Day**  
*(See page 7)*

**March 31, 2011**  
*Jefferson City, MO.*

**Community Hope Conference**  
**featuring David Pelzer** *(see page 11)*

**April 1, 2011**  
*Joplin, MO.*

**MSU Spring Conference**  
*(See page 9)*

**April 2, 2011**  
*Springfield, MO.*

**Small Wins = Big Victories – Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Conference**  
*Includes Pinwheels for Prevention on April 13<sup>th</sup>!*

**April 13-15, 2011**  
*Jefferson City, MO.*

**National "Wear Blue" Day!**

*Join child advocates nationwide and "Go Blue" to increase awareness of child abuse prevention. (See page 5)*

**April 16, 2011**

**Kids Fest**

*Info: [www.CASAswmo.org](http://www.CASAswmo.org)*

**April 23, 2011**

*Jordan Valley Park, Springfield, MO.*

**Student Group Candlelight Vigil**  
*Details to follow*

**April 29, 2011**  
*MSU Campus*

**PLAY DAY 2011!**  
*(See page 10)*

**April 30, 2011**  
*Fassnight Park, Springfield, MO.*

**OAEYC Mini-Conference**  
*Details to be announced*

**June 18, 2011**  
*Cox North, Springfield, MO.*

### **Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month is April, 2011**

The Children's Trust Fund (CTF) invites you to participate in its statewide child abuse and neglect prevention conference April 13-15, 2011 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Please visit the CTF website at [www.ctf4kids.org](http://www.ctf4kids.org) for further information and a complete conference registration form & agenda. As part of this conference, please rally with us Wednesday, April 13 on the Capitol south lawn for the Pinwheels for Prevention opening session to celebrate April as child abuse prevention month!

### **National "Week of the Young Child 2011"**



The 2011 Week of the Young Child will be held April 10-16 and the theme for 2011 is "**Early Years Are Learning Years**".

**What are you going to do to celebrate children?**

March 31st, 2011  
Jefferson City, Missouri

# Missouri's Child Advocacy Day

## 29th Anniversary



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A young child sits on the steps of the Capitol during the Child Advocacy Day Rally.

Missouri's annual Child Advocacy Day is an opportunity for parents, providers, and community members to speak up and ask lawmakers to make the health, safety, and education of Missouri's children a top priority for the state. Activities at Child Advocacy Day include:

- Workshops on current legislative and budget issues affecting children and families
- Meetings with legislators
- March to the Capitol and Rally
- Exhibits showcasing services for children and families
- Recognition of this year's Child Advocate Award winner(s)

Please join the MO Alliance for Children, Youth, and Families for the 29th Annual Child Advocacy Day in Jefferson City on March 31st, 2011

### MISSOURI'S CHILDREN:

- 259 thousand live in poverty.
- 100 thousand lack health insurance.
- 318 thousand are alone after school.
- 12 thousand drop out of school.
- 5 thousand are abused & neglected.
- 310 thousand under 6 need child care.

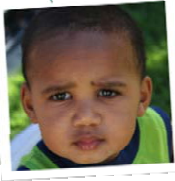
**Let Missouri lawmakers know: There are *thousands of reasons* to make children's issues a top priority for the state!**

[Click Here to register online for the 29th Child Advocacy Day](#)

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or Follow Us on [Twitter!](#)



# Invisible Neglect

*The Careless Way  
America Treats Its Babies*

LEARN MORE



## Latest News

### March, 2011 **\*\*ACTION ALERT\*\*** **HOW YOU CAN HELP!!**

The Senate is considering their response to the cuts passed by the House described in the video "Why are America's Babies Crying?". Act now and tell both houses -- **DON'T CUT FUNDS FOR BABIES**. Watch the video on the youtube link below, copy the message below, then click on "Send Video to Congress" to paste the message and video link into an email to your elected officials.

#### DON'T CUT FUNDS FOR BABIES!

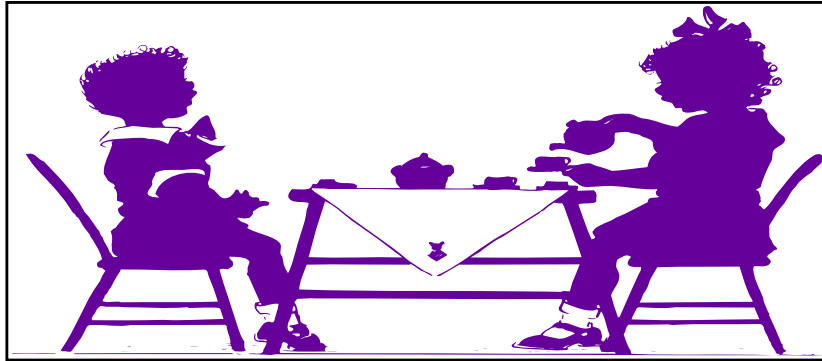
Video Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SLtGZfeJJE>

- 1. CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK FUND:** Currently only one in six eligible children receive child care assistance. • Recommendation: Sustain current level of funding.
- 2. HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START:** Currently only 4% of eligible infants and toddlers participate in Early Head Start & less than half of eligible preschool-age children access Head Start. • Recommendation: Sustain current level of funding (approximately \$8.2 billion).
- 3. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT:** There is no current section of the act which relates to services for children birth to five. • Recommendation: Specify funding for ESEA to promote investment at the local level in high quality early childhood programs for children from birth to school entry.
- 4. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION:** Act, Part B – preschool; Part C – to children under age 3. • Recommendation: Sustain the current level of funding including the \$400 million for preschool and \$500 million for infant and toddler programs that was added to the 2010 budget.
- 5. MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT:** Targets newborns and infants and critical health issues such as infant mortality and low birth weight babies. • Recommendation: Sustain current level of funding (\$50 million has been cut.)
- 6. WOMEN INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)**  
Targets women, infants and children who are at nutritional risk. • Recommendation: Sustain current level of funding (\$742 million has been cut.)
- 7. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS:** Serves mostly Medicaid, uninsured and low income families. In 2009 they treated 1.4 million infant and toddlers. • Recommendation: Sustain current level of funding (\$1 billion has been cut).



Visit WestEd, National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, Partnership for Children, and various other early childhood education advocacy sites for more information and links

# Early Years are Learning Years Make Them Count!



Saturday, April 2, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Missouri State University-Hill Hall  
Springfield, Missouri

**For more information about this seminar contact:**

**Kim Roam at 417-836-4151 or [KimRoam@missouristate.edu](mailto:KimRoam@missouristate.edu)**

In celebration of the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Week of the Young Child, this is a seminar for professionals in the field of early care and education who work with children from infancy through school age. It is designed to meet the needs of those providing care for children from infancy through school age. Child care providers (home and centers), program coordinators, administrators, school board members, and parents involved in child care will find this seminar appealing. The seminar offers a wide variety of topics. Special appreciation is extended to all those involved in the seminar development. Dedicated and caring professionals, such as you, are the ones who make the difference in providing quality childcare for Missouri's children!!!!

### Seminar Schedule

7:30- 8:00 Registrations  
8:00- 9:30 Sessions A  
9:30-10:00 Break  
10:00-11:30 Sessions B  
11:30-1:00 Lunch Break  
1:00-3:00 Session C

### Registration Information

Registration fee: \$20.00 per person: posted marked/received by 3-31-11  
Late Registration: add \$10.00 per person postmarked/received after 3-31-11

**This Seminar is sponsored by: The Missouri State University Child Development Center, Childhood Education and Family Studies**

A certificate for licensing approved training hours will be provided.

All families with children from birth to 12 years old are welcome



**A FUN DAY FILLED WITH FREE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH**

**10 a.m. - 2 p.m. \* Fasnicht Park \* Springfield, Missouri**

South Campbell and Meadowmere next to Parkview High School

- Picnic spots are available
- Local food vendors will be on hand, or you might want to bring your lunch
- Every child attending will receive a **FREE BOOK!**

For more information, contact Dana Carroll, Community Partnership's Deputy Director of Early Childhood at

**888.2020**



This event is sponsored by:



## **The Alliance of Southwest Missouri Presents the**



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Hope Conference**

**featuring author of "A Child Called It"**

## **Dave Pelzer**

**April 1, 2011**

**Workshops - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

*Space is limited registration is required. Workshops are free. CEU's will be offered. For a complete list of workshops and to register visit our website (below).*

**Dave Pelzer presents at 7:00 p.m.**

**Tickets for Dave Pelzer's presentation are \$10.**

*Due to subject matter attendees must be 18 years or older.*

*Dave Pelzer has experienced a truly extraordinary life. He nearly died several times by the hands of his mentally disturbed alcoholic mother. Years later it was determined that Dave's case was identified as one of the most gruesome and extreme cases of child abuse in California's history. At age 12 Dave was finally rescued and placed in a series of foster homes until he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at age 18. Even with all that was against him, Dave was determined to better himself - no matter what the odds.*

*Dave is the author of seven inspirational books. His latest book, Moving Forward, assists people to move beyond life's trials and realize their potential is limitless. A Child Called It has been on the New York Times Best Sellers List for over 6 years. As an author, Dave is the first to have to have four # 1 International Best Sellers.*

**Forest Park Baptist Church**

*7th & Range Line Road, Joplin, MO.*

**[www.theallianceofswmo.org](http://www.theallianceofswmo.org)**



## 2011 Annual Conference Registration and Call for Proposals Now OPEN!

October 8-11, 2011

Renaissance Nashville Hotel and Convention Center

### Essential for the Journey of Our Children: Keeping the Cultural Fire Burning

NBCDI invites you to submit a proposal for presentations for its 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference which will be held at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel and Convention Center, October 8-11, 2011, Nashville, Tennessee. NBCDI seeks presentations that illustrate and lead the way in research, practice, policy, advocacy, and assessment. All proposals must be submitted online at [www.nbcdi.org](http://www.nbcdi.org). Our theme this year is “*Essential for the Journey of Our Children: Keep the Cultural Fire Burning*”. Detailed instructions for submitting a proposal can be found at [www.nbcdi.org](http://www.nbcdi.org). NBCDI welcomes workshop proposals from parents, students, and professionals. All proposals must be submitted **ONLINE ONLY**.

Presenters are encouraged to explore the assets and strengths in our children, focusing on nurturing their natural curiosity, excitement and genius. NBCDI seeks to establish a dynamic atmosphere for presenter(s) to exchange ideas, program models and assessment tools while building academic, educational, and social networks. Successful proposals will examine successes and challenges of best practices, as well as models to help improve the lives of Black children and families from diverse socio-economic, ethnic, cultural & linguistic backgrounds.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Visit [www.nbcdi.org](http://www.nbcdi.org)**

If you have any questions, please email NBCDI's Conference Department at, [conference@nbcdi.org](mailto:conference@nbcdi.org) or call 1800.556.2234.



A Reminder: Our local Child Care Resource and Referral is now Child Care Aware of Southern Missouri. The Website has changed. To access the Training Calendar go to the website (Council of Churches), click on Child Care Aware of Southern Missouri, then the training calendar. [www.ccozarks.org](http://www.ccozarks.org) There are still some immediate openings in the Accreditation Facilitation Project. For more information contact Kim at 800-743-8497 x213.

**The OAEYC Board would like to say**

**"Thanks for coming!"**

We were excited to see so many "new faces" at our last two Chapter Meeting/Training sessions. We would also like to thank the partnering organizations and presenters listed below as well.

## **HOW TO BE CREATIVE ON A BUDGET**

Presented by OAEYC and Community Partnership on December 9<sup>th</sup> featuring

**Beth Loftis**

AND

## **RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES ON A BUDGET**

Presented by OAEYC and Community Partnership on March 3<sup>rd</sup> featuring

**Dana Carroll and Vickie Sowers!**

Thanks again to these dedicated early childhood professionals for sharing their expertise and providing an evening of interactive, inspiring, and budget friendly ideas!



Let us know what you think about our new meeting/training format designed to better meet the needs of children, families, and professionals in our community!

Watch for upcoming information on our June 18<sup>th</sup>  
"Mini-Conference" for providers!

## OAEYC Board Members

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recently vacated – pending new appointment



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