



AZAEYC

Building leaders from the start



2014

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We provide and promote leadership in early care and education by improving organizational capacity.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AzAEYC Members,

The 2014 AzAEYC Annual Report is organized primarily with AzAEYC VALUES statements. The definition of VALUES according to the Oxford dictionary is “the importance, worth, or usefulness of something”. Both NAEYC and AzAEYC take seriously organizational strategic plans inclusive of VALUES as guidance for our efforts with members and the community.

The chosen vignettes are only a small representation of the entire state’s affiliates and their Volunteer Leaders’ work! The hidden value found throughout board meetings, WOYC, Professional Development, and Advocacy events is wonderful and rich relationships.

Please consider getting MORE involved with the NAEYC organization as an individual or through the affiliates. It has been an honor to serve on the AzAEYC board.

Enjoy,

Dawn Craft

AZ State Affiliate Board President

AzAEYC MISSION

AzAEYC advocates for and promotes the well-being of all Arizona’s young children and their families by improving the quality of early care and education for every child and providing and supporting high quality professional development opportunities and resources for early childhood professionals.

AzAEYC STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Improve early care and education through advocacy.
2. Promote, provide and support professional development for early childhood professionals.
3. Provide and promote leadership in early care and education.

2014 MEMBERSHIP DATA

December 2014	
Total Members	909
<i>Comprehensive</i>	352 (39%)
<i>Regular</i>	362 (40%)
<i>Student</i>	195 (21%)
Accredited Centers	73



Northern Arizona University Colleagues at the Annual Meeting

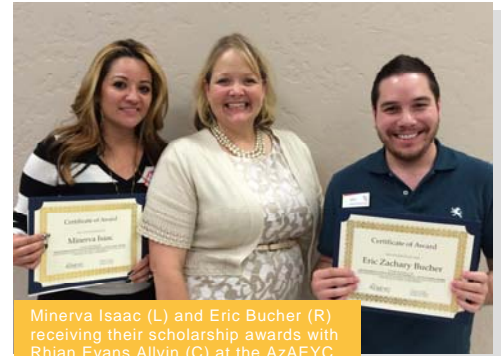
The AzAEYC Annual Membership Meeting

was held on October 17th at NAEYC accredited Risen Savior Lutheran Preschool with special guest speaker Rhian Evans Allvin, NAEYC Executive Director. Members learned about the work of both the NAEYC and AzAEYC board. Newly Accredited sites were recognized. Rhian also met with early childhood state agency leaders, private business and service providers during her visit to Arizona.

Additionally, the first Rhian Evans Allvin and Joshua J. Allen Scholarships were awarded to two exceptional leaders in the Arizona early childhood field: Minerva Isaac and Eric Bucher. Notably, it was an honor to have both Rhian Evans Allvin and Joshua J. Allen present to deliver the awards. These scholarships were created to acknowledge the outstanding service of one woman and one man currently studying Early Childhood Education.



AzAEYC President, Dawn Craft (L) honoring President Elect, Martha Muñoz (C), and former President, Cheryl Foster (R) at the AzAEYC Annual Meeting.



Minerva Isaac (L) and Eric Bucher (R) receiving their scholarship awards with Rhian Evans Allvin (C) at the AzAEYC Annual Meeting.



Newly Accredited and Reaccredited Centers in 2014

Cottonwood Head Start (Cottonwood) | **Evelyn H. Warren Child Development Lab** (Mesa) | **New Beginnings Child Development Center** (Fort Huachuca) | **Prescott Valley Head Start** (Prescott Valley) | **Senita Valley Early Childhood Enrichment Program** (Tucson) | **Springerville Head Start** (Springerville) | **St. Marks Preschool and Kindergarten** (Tucson)



We value inclusivity, diversity and collaboration.

AzAEYC intentionally expanded efforts to live the above value statement. Ms. Olga Aros, eLatina Voices Founder, was a panelist on advocacy at an October 2013 AzAEYC board meeting. Her personal story and message about grassroots advocacy efforts on behalf of Latino children and families was powerful and motivated AzAEYC to become involved in the organization's efforts.

AzAEYC's engagement in the 2014 National Latino Children's Summit marked an expansion in the reach of the association's presence as a partner in a national initiative. The Summit included a youth leadership, advocacy and civic engagement track, as well as a full day of sessions focused on education, health, child safety and the political influence of the Latino Community. Martha Muñoz and Dawn Craft served on the planning committee and helped to facilitate two

sessions at the October 3 – 4, 2014 Summit entitled, *A Pathway to College-College Ready Standards* and *Latino Degree Attainment and Education – A Pathway to College: Early Childhood Development and Parent Engagement*. Additionally, AzAEYC was a key hosting organization for the 2014 We the Children Awards, an eLatina Voices scholarship program for youth advocates.

Martha Muñoz was invited to serve on an Arizona state team that participated in the October 2014 BUILD National Meeting that took place in New Orleans. The focus of the meeting was *Developing a Grand Systems Plan for a Diverse Next Generation: Ready for Opportunities; Poised for Innovation*. Of particular significance was the emphasis on racial disparities that impact the well-being of children and families. AzAEYC continues to build national collaborations.

We value leadership and advocacy in the field of early care and education.



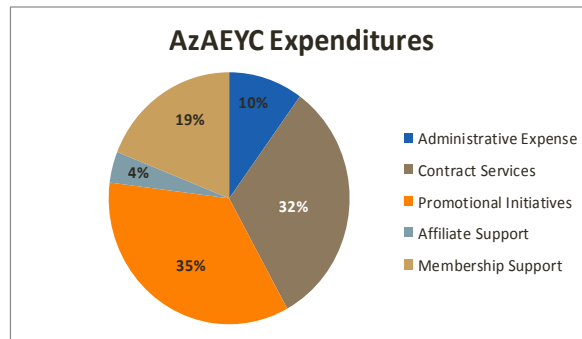
Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

AzAEYC representatives Bonnie Williams (AzAEYC VP Policy and Advocacy), Dawn Craft (AzAEYC President), Todd Hays (VSAEYC VP Public Policy) and Denise Moreno (SAzAEYC VP Public Policy and Awareness) attended the NAEYC Public Policy Forum in Washington, DC on March 10-11, 2014. On Day one our team attended presentations on proposed or pending federal legislation and effective messaging and strategies for working with elected officials. Day two was spent on Capitol Hill visiting with our elected officials from Arizona. We were able to meet with staff from the following offices: Senator McCain, Senator Flake, Representative Grijalva, Representative Kirkpatrick, Representative Schweikart and Representative Sinema. We provided an annual state 'fact sheet' to these staff, focusing on big picture ideas, telling stories and developing relationships versus facts, numbers and data. Both Arizona Senators did vote for the reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) later that week!

Additional Policy and Advocacy Efforts: First Things First PD Workgroup | BUILD State Committee | Children's Action Alliance | TEACH Advisory Board | DES Advisory Meeting | NAR-EA and Latino Institute

2014 Financial Summary

Revenue Over Expense	
Revenue	\$65,182
Expenses	
Administrative Expense	\$3,749
Contract Services	\$12,450
Promotional Initiatives	\$13,491
Affiliate Support	\$1,495
Membership Support	\$7,279
Total Expenses	\$38,464
Revenue over Expense	26,718



Cash Position		
	1/1/2014	12/31/2014
Operating Account	\$26,343.87	\$52,905.09
Savings Account	\$15,723.64	\$15,865.36
Total	\$42,067.57	\$68,770.45

We value continuous professional development for those educating and caring for young children.



Kevin Carnes, President of Lakeshore Learning, in Lakeshore's outdoor classroom.

On April 26th, **AzAEYC and VSAEYC** co-sponsored the professional development event, *Successful Outdoor Classrooms in Both Urban & Rural Environments*. Kevin Carnes, Lakeshore's President, was the keynote speaker and demonstrated how Lakeshore took their on-site preschool, located in a highly industrial and urban environment, and easily and successfully became a Certified Nature Explore Classroom. He demonstrated how regardless of your terrain, your location and your inherited environment, you can turn your outdoor area into a successful working outdoor classroom.



Following the January 31st joint board meeting, **AzAEYC and VSAEYC** held a reception honoring special guests Dr. Lella Gandini, Reggio Children liaison in the United States for dissemination of the Reggio Emilia approach, and Dr. Baji Rankin, Executive Director of New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children. The guests spoke briefly on *The Wonder of Learning* and *The Hundred Languages of Children*.



The annual **SAzAEYC** Conference was held on October 18th at the University of Arizona Student Union and College of Education themed, *Celebrating Connections: Linking Social, Emotional and Academic Learning*.



SAzAEYC Conference



Early childhood educators practicing STEAM teaching techniques.

On October 25th, **VSAEYC** sponsored a professional development event for early childhood professionals aimed to increase knowledge and practical skills around early learning STEAM (Science, Technology, Education, Arts and Mathematics) education. Over 60 participants attended and enjoyed putting their newfound STEAM skills into practice!



NAzAEYC community event



NAzAEYC sponsored six community events in 2014: The Buena Vista Early Childhood Conference on February 22nd; the 2nd Annual Early Childhood Workshop, *Learning Begins at Home*, on April 7th for the FTF Navajo Regional Partnership Council; and four Early Childhood Fairs in Flagstaff, Williams, Page, and Snowflake, Az.

We value families' role as the first and foremost teachers of their children.

The Northern Arizona University (NAU) student chapter continues to hold several ongoing and annual activities. Every Saturday they conduct "Story Stop" at the Flagstaff Public Library. A selection of 3 or 4 good books with diverse developmental language interaction levels are read aloud, followed by literacy activities with materials parents have at home. As many as 8 - 25 individuals attend this event each week. It is a great experience for students and families.



"Story Stop" at the Flagstaff Public Library



YCAEYC WOYC event in Yuma

In Yuma, the **YCAEYC** held a WOYC event on April 12th where 25 agencies and approximately 200 families participated. YCAEYC also had membership tables at local FTF events and conferences.