



Iowa Association for the  
Education of Young Children



**2008—2009 Annual Report**

# Friends and Supporters of Iowa AEYC

The Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children, with support from our members, our funding partners, and Iowa's early childhood community, is proud to report on the successes of our 2008-09 fiscal year.

Tough economic times create many challenges that can negatively affect the enthusiasm or passion needed to carry out both daily work and special projects. Despite many challenges, the efforts and programs of our Association have stayed the course! Our services have expanded, our members remain committed, and we took the lead on some new initiatives for our field and our state. We thank our dedicated Board and our outstanding staff for their leadership and extraordinary effort in making this possible. Continued growth and amazing outcomes were seen in the recipients of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA scholarships, the directors in the NAEYC Accreditation Facilitation Project, and the participants attending the Iowa AEYC Annual Conference. Our Governing Board members and staff take leadership at state, regional and national meetings and conferences, representing Iowa AEYC. We were the first state in the nation to be invited by NAEYC's Office of Affiliate Relations to host a Play Symposium. We are also thrilled with the early outcomes of the system-building efforts of our new collaborative CDA project.

Many of you are familiar with this quote from Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world, indeed it is the only thing that ever has." We are proud to be connected with such a group. Join us, as a member, as a volunteer, as a leader, as a participant in one of our projects, or as a donor to our work.

*Dr. Melanie K. Felton*  
*Iowa AEYC Governing Board President*

*Barbara Merrill*  
*Executive Director/T.E.A.C.H. Project*



## Our Mission

*Iowa AEYC will serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of all young children with primary focus on the promotion of educational and developmental services and resources for children, families, and communities.*

## 2008-2009 Iowa AEYC Staff

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# Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### Year ended June 30, 2009

<b>REVENUE</b>	Year ended June 30 2009
T.E.A.C.H. program	
Iowa Department of Human Services	\$ 435,000
Iowa Department of Management	395,562
United Way of Central Iowa	112,737
Child Development Associate Project	66,307
Empowerment, county	
Floyd, Mitchell and Chickasaw	4,202
Polk	115,000
Recipient co-payments	<u>81,244</u>
	1,210,052
Accreditation	
Iowa Department of Management	12,346
Conference income	75,172
Membership dues	31,281
Investment (loss)	(17,727)
Miscellaneous income, donations	<u>4,216</u>
 Total revenue	 <u>1,315,340</u>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>	
Program services-education and training	1,175,933
Supporting services-management and general	<u>163,046</u>
Total expenses	1,338,979
 <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	 (23,639)
 <b>NET ASSETS, beginning</b>	 <u>157,192</u>
 <b>NET ASSETS, ending</b>	 <u>\$ 133,553</u>

*Based on independent audit completed by Denman & Company, LLP, West Des Moines, Iowa, October, 2009.*





*Sheila Hansen (left) receives the Children's Champion Award from Angie Mapes (right).*

Iowa AEYC Annual Conference

***Are YOU Ready.....ready for children, our future?*** themed the 2008 Iowa AEYC annual conference, held in October in Des Moines. The focus of the conference was to draw attention to the appropriate and inappropriate messages that come with school readiness, and to inspire our members and participants to consider their own professional readiness for the work ahead. Over 750 professionals from all corners of the state participated in three days of workshops, tours, exhibits, networking, meetings, and left inspired for the work ahead. NAEYC Governing Board President **Sue Russell** joined us to provide a national welcome, and led policymakers and leaders in a three hour exploration of the WAGE\$ compensation initiative. Keynoters **Lisa Murphy** and **Jeff Johnson** inspired and motivated hundreds with their messages regarding the importance of early childhood education. Partners from CCR&R, the Science Center of Iowa, Iowa's Voices for Quality Child Care, and Head Start provided education opportunities and financial supports. **Dee Stolze** was presented with the 2008 Friend of Young Children award in her last year of many served on the AEYC Board, and **Sheila Hansen** from the Child and Family Policy Center (Every Child Counts) was awarded the 2008 Children's Champion honor, because of her advocacy efforts on behalf of young children in our state.



*Conference attendees anxiously await the door prize drawing.*



## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA

In fiscal year 2008, T.E.A.C.H. IOWA support for the education, compensation, and retention of the child care workforce grew to its highest level while, in 2008-09, supporting nearly 550 teachers, providers, and directors with over \$1 million in support. College degrees, credentials, or endorsements are no longer a luxury for those in our field, rather, a requirement by their employer or a necessity for job advancement. The demand continues to rise for teachers in many systems and across the state. Participation grew by 20%, both in number of participants and in number of credits they completed while continuing to work full-time in challenging and demanding jobs in early childhood education.

### Successes of T.E.A.C.H.

- ◆ 540 staff employed in 354 programs participated in T.E.A.C.H.
- ◆ 4,037 college credits were completed.
- ◆ Participants attending community colleges averaged over 13 credits completed this year, and those attending a four-year college completed nearly 19 credits on average.
- ◆ Grade point averages were over 3.5 out of 4.0.
- ◆ Wage increases averaged 7%, despite the fact that many on our program were part of a bonus model that did not require annual raises.
- ◆ Over 95% of those who completed a contract on T.E.A.C.H. fulfilled their commitment to stay in their current early care and education facility.
- ◆ T.E.A.C.H. provided tuition to 25 different colleges across the state.

### T.E.A.C.H. Graduates Summer 2008-Spring 2009

#### ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Laura Greve  
Sharon Grothaus  
Charlotte Henry  
Amy Hoffman  
Kristina Jacobsen  
Alyssa Jurado  
Carrie Kelly  
Heidi Lunn  
Debra Martin  
Kimberly Miller  
Brenda O'Halloran  
Kimberly Richman  
Jessica Roloff  
Theresa Seeman  
Katherine Seibel  
LaNette Sunnquist  
Jamie York  
Elizabeth Vanderflight

#### CDA CREDENTIALS

88 Earned

#### BACHELOR DEGREES

Erin Anderson  
Jennifer Arkland

#### ENDORSEMENTS

Emmi Binning  
Sarah Bosch  
Mikki Campbell  
Megan Conway  
Regan Fehrle  
Lori Nichols  
Kristyn Olson  
Karen Ritter  
Rachel Tegeler  
Sandy Wilson



### C.D.A. System Building Project

Iowa AEYC, in partnership with the Iowa Department of Human Services and Child Care Resource & Referral, received support from the Office of Empowerment (State-wide Professional Development funding) for system building supports of the CDA process in Iowa. In September 2008, Iowa AEYC hosted Deborah Jordan from the Council for Professional Recognition for a CDA Institute with nearly 200 professionals, administrators, and consultants from across the state present. In partnership with the Professional Development Consultants in each of the five CCR&R regions, Iowa AEYC staff provided incentives, supports, technical assistance, and T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to encourage cross-sector partnerships for promoting CDA and attainment of higher levels of professional development throughout Iowa's early care and education workforce. T.E.A.C.H. funding supported over 100 CDA assessment scholarships over the past year.

- ◆ Iowa was the first state chosen by NAEYC to host a **Play Symposium** event. Dr. Walter Drew from Florida and Dr. Baji Rankin from New Mexico joined us to facilitate two days of **Heart, Hands & Mind**<sup>®</sup> events to change the way we play, feel about play, and think about play. Iowa AEYC leadership is planning to build and grow on this experience in the year ahead.
- ◆ Four Governing Board members – **Leann Andre, Heidi Wunschel, Jennifer Reynolds, and Jane Drapeaux** – and Executive Director **Barb Merrill** participated in the Midwest AEYC leadership retreat in Wisconsin in April.
- ◆ Iowa AEYC Governing Board members take national leadership roles as well! **Tom Rendon** serves on the NAEYC Governing Board, and **Melanie Felton** is on the NAEYC Affiliate Council Executive Board. **Angela Mapes** and **Amy Liles** participated in the NAEYC Public Policy Forum.
- ◆ Several board members and staff attended and presented at the NAEYC Professional Development Institute in Charlotte, NC, the NAEYC conference in Dallas, TX, and the T.E.A.C.H. national conference in Chapel Hill, NC. Iowa AEYC hosted a reception for members in Dallas.
- ◆ **Jennifer Reynolds** and **Angela Mapes** attended a play retreat in St. Louis, MO.
- ◆ Staff and board members took leadership roles in Early Childhood Iowa, our state's comprehensive system building effort, and the adoption of a new professional development framework based on NAEYC's work.
- ◆ Public policy efforts such as the 2009 Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill and the Week of the Young Child celebrations around the state have a strong Iowa AEYC presence.
- ◆ **Donna Kennebeck** of the Governing Board was named Helene Marks National Child Care Teacher of the Year for 2009.
- ◆ Iowa AEYC's Accreditation Facilitation Project hosted 21 technical assistance sessions for program administrators across the state, and a state-wide workshop. Over 50 administrators and professional partners benefitted. More than 70 programs in Iowa were accredited by NAEYC over the past year.

## CENTERS ACCREDITED BY N.A.E.Y.C. JULY 2008-JUNE 2009

"A Child's Garden" Johnson Elementary Preschool, Spencer  
 Apple Tree Children's Center, West Des Moines  
 Buena Vista Early Childhood and Family Program, Storm Lake (2 sites)  
 Busy Buddies Preschool, Bloomfield  
 CB Rue Elementary Preschool, Council Bluffs  
 Children's Village—Hayes and Monroe, Davenport (2 sites)  
 Children's Village West, Davenport  
 Clay Head Start 0-5, Spencer  
 Clearfield Preschool, Clearfield  
 Community Action of Southeast Iowa-Louisa Head Start, Wapello  
 Community United Child Care Center-Valley Park, Cedar Falls  
 Community United Child Care Center-Westridge, Waterloo  
 Des Moines Public Schools Early Learning Centers, Des Moines (3 sites)  
 Diagonal Preschool, Diagonal  
 Dr. Walter Cunningham School for Excellence, Waterloo  
 Early Childhood Education/Day Care Center, Charles City  
 Edison Pre-Kindergarten, Waterloo  
 Emmet County Head Start, Estherville  
 Hartley Head Start Program, Hartley  
 Hawkeye Child Development Center, Waterloo  
 Hoover Preschool-West Branch Community School District, West Branch  
 Hope Head Start, Marshalltown  
 ICCSD Preschool Program-Twain, Iowa City  
 ICCSD Preschool Program at Hills Elementary School, Hills  
 Inn-Circle Children's Center, Cedar Rapids  
 Iowa Health Child Development Center, Des Moines  
 Iowa Lakes Head Start, Emmetsburg  
 Laurens/Marathon Early childhood Program, Laurens  
 Linn County Child Development Center, Cedar Rapids  
 McKinstry Preschool, Waterloo  
 MICA Head Start and Child Development Center, Iowa Falls  
 Milford Head Start, Milford

Muscatine Community School District Shared Vision Preschools,  
 Muscatine (3 sites)  
 Native American Child Care Center, Sioux City  
 Oakridge Early Enrichment Child Care Center, Des Moines  
 Old Main Children's Center, Washington  
 Perry Area Child Development Center, Perry  
 Petersen Shared Visions, Sioux City  
 Pleasantville Preschool, Pleasantville  
 Pocahontas Area All Start Preschool, Pocahontas  
 Positive Approach Preschool/Kindergarten, Prescott  
 Project High Hopes, Waterloo  
 Right Start Preschool, Red Oak  
 Riverside Preschool, Oakland  
 Roosevelt Elementary School, Council Bluffs  
 Roundy Elementary Preschool Program, Columbus Junction  
 Saint Paul's FOCUS, Cedar Rapids  
 SCICAP Early Childhood Program-Albia Head Start, Albia  
 SCICAP Early Childhood Program-Corydon Head Start, Corydon  
 Science Center of Iowa, Des Moines  
 Sheldon Head Start, Sheldon  
 Sibley Head Start, Sibley  
 Sioux Central Early Learning Center, Sioux Rapids  
 South Winneshiek Early Childhood Success Program, Ossian  
 Spencer Child Development Center, Spencer  
 Spirit Lake Early Head Start, Spirit Lake  
 STEP-UP Preschool-Grant, Harrison and Van Buren, Cedar Rapids (3 sites)  
 STEP-UP Preschool-Polk and Hiawatha, Cedar Rapids  
 STEP-UP Preschool-Polk and Hawatha, Hiawatha  
 STEP-UP Preschool-Taylor and Monroe, Cedar Rapids (2 sites)  
 Successful Beginnings Preschool, Afton  
 TePoel Shared Visions, Sioux City  
 The Early Childhood Learning Center, Cherokee  
 UIHC Child Care Center, Iowa City  
 United Shared Visions, Sioux City  
 University of Northern Iowa Child Development Center, Cedar Falls  
 Washington Preschool, Council Bluffs



# Recipients of Grants, Scholarships and Awards

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Peck Child Development Center,  
Newton

## CHILDREN'S CHAMPION AWARD

Sheila Hansen

## FRIEND OF YOUNG CHILDREN AWARD

Doreen (Dee) Stolze

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Step-Up Preschool Programs, Cedar Rapids, NAEYC Accreditation  
Apple Tree, Iowa City, NAEYC Accreditation  
Treebrook Preschool, NAEYC Accreditation  
Judy Elliott, NAFCC Accreditation  
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*Elaine Mayberry (pictured below) works and plays during the May 2009 Iowa Play Symposium.*



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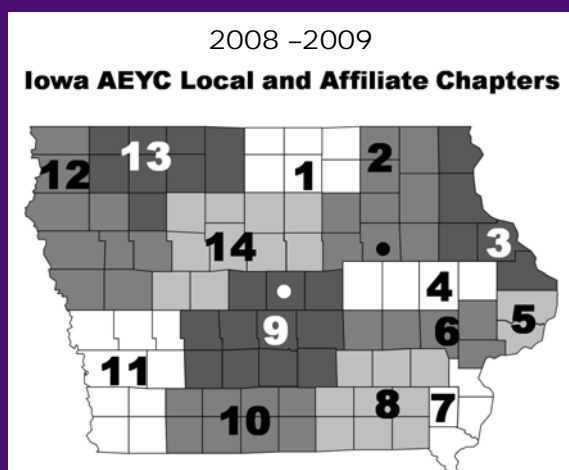
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