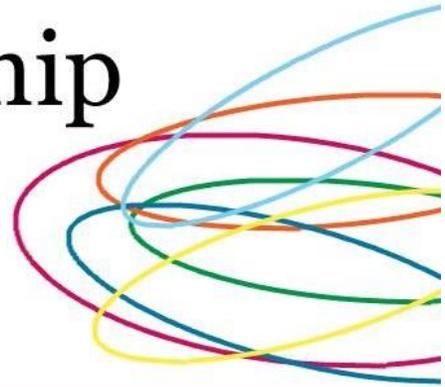


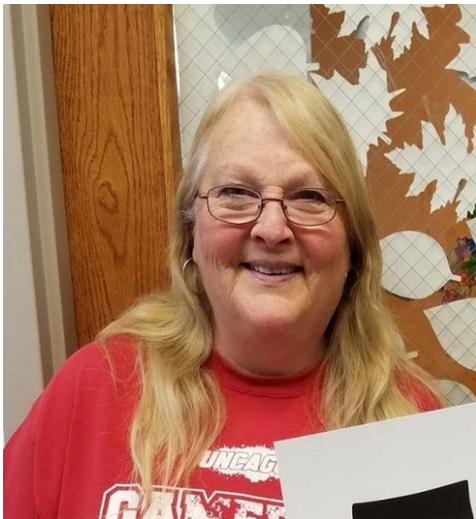


Membership

Spotlight



Member Spotlight Sue Miller



When Sue's youngest child was placed in Head Start for a communication disability. It not only helped him to get the help he needed but it taught her right along with him. As a parent, she felt that the educators knew more than she did, "I was just his mom." This was the catalyst for her getting into the early childhood profession. She is currently the Team leader for the Child Development Center in Hawarden, Iowa and an Early Head Start Family Advocate. Sue was working as an assistant in Head Start when the Team leader position became available and she decided to apply for it. She now knows that parents are a child's first teacher and that she can enable them to continue to help their children be educators and to become advocates for their children. She is now in her twentieth year at the Child Development Center.

Questions and Answers

What advice would you give to someone starting his or her career in early childhood education?

Be willing to see the smallest steps in children and/or families as successes. Set a goal and pursue it. One of my goals each year is to make a difference in one child/family each year. Learn from your mistakes – we all make them and look upon them as learning experiences.

Why did you become a NAEYC/Iowa AEYC member?

I was a member when I was in school and then wanted to continue for the support towards my teaching development.

How many years have you been a member?

Over 20 years.

Why do you continue your membership each year?

I am always looking for new ways to teach and new ideas. In addition, you never stop learning or seeing a topic in a different approach. I stay motivated and continue to learn and develop my chosen career through membership.

What member benefit do you most value?

The print subscriptions to ***Young Children (YC)*** or ***Teaching Young Children (TYC)***.

What is your favorite Association memory?

I love the Teaching Young Children Magazine. I attended a local training this past summer based on ***TYC's "Playful Math"*** series. It was awesome.

What is your favorite part of being an Iowa AEYC member?

Unfortunately, I don't have a lot of extra time to participate in events through Iowa AEYC, but I do appreciate the newsletters and keeping up with what is happening in early childhood in Iowa.

What are some accomplishments you are particularly proud of?

I have been involved in many families' lives in the community – having four to five children from a single family go through my classroom.

What is your favorite children's book and why?

There are too many to name. One of my favorites are the [Tyrone](#) books by Hans Wilhelm. Kids really like these books and it helps me teach about friendship and bullying.