



Des Moines Chapter of the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children

Serving and Acting on Behalf of the Early Childhood Profession

Iowa AEYC Play Committee

The Iowa Play Experience can be brought to you and your early childhood teaching staff. Experience the benefits of play. Establish a firm understanding of play. Experiment with play and embed play strategies into existing practice.

The Iowa AEYC Play Committee is dedicated to strengthening Play in Iowa. The early childhood education professional in Iowa will provide strong play advocacy and developmentally appropriate play experiences for young children. If you would like to sponsor a play experience please contact the Iowa AEYC Office at info@iowaaeyc.org or Jennifer Reynolds at Jenniferr@sciowa.org to schedule your next professional development opportunity with play!

The cost for an Iowa Play Experience in the Des Moines Chapter area: This includes materials & professional development contact hours for 20 people.

3 ½ hour session - \$250

6 hour session fee - \$450

For more resources on Play:

<http://www.iowaaeyc.org/play.cfm>



Participants browse the exhibit hall during the IAEYC conference in Des Moines in October.

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Developmental Screening and Classroom-based Assessment of Preschoolers: An Introductory Training Program

Participants of this training are:

Administrators, Directors, Preschool Teachers of NAEYC Accredited Programs, Statewide Voluntary Preschool Providers; School based Teachers that use QPPS.

As a result of this 6 module training, participants will:

- Have hands-on and self-study experiences integrating within their pedagogical practices and curriculum models a more sophisticated understanding of children's developmental needs and learning challenges. Extend their assessment with a culturally diverse and linguistically appropriate approach.
- Have a strength based approach to assessment.
- Receive 2.0 hours of professional development, meeting CDA goals of observing children, child development and NAC credit – 12 credits total.
- Choose either a Tuesday or Saturday group to attend to receive credit at the Science Center of Iowa.

This professional development series will support the self-study process of NAEYC Accreditation and QPPS with Standard 4 on Assessment. NAEYC designed this program to build the capacity of the early childhood education field, consistent with the NAYEC Early Learning Childhood Program Standard: Assessment of Child Progress and that standard's accompanying Accreditation Criteria, such that teachers' understanding of these criteria will help to change practice in appropriate and effective ways.

- Module 1 Definition and Purpose of Assessment
- Module 2 Understanding Evidence: Examining What Children Know
- Module 3 Conducting Classroom-based Assessment
- Module 4 Examples of Appropriate Instruments
- Module 5 Describing and Evaluating Evidence
- Module 6 Applying What You Learn from Assessment

Training held at Science Center of Iowa in the Techno Lab of the Iowa Learning Center from 9 -11am

Tuesday Dates: February 23, March 2, March 23, April 6, April 20 and May 4.

Saturday Dates: February 27, March 6, March 13, April 3, April 24 and May 8.

To register call the Sales Office at SCI 515.274.6868 ext 345.

Cost: \$90 for the materials and all 6 modules



Iowa Learning Center

Science Center of Iowa
www.sciowa.org

Des Moines Chapter Professional Development Opportunity Project Approach 101

Saturday, April 17

8:30-12:00

Cost: \$10 for members/\$20 for non-members

Easter Seals Lodge

401 NE 66th Avenue Des Moines, IA 50313

What is the Project Approach?

Why is Project Work so important for young children and how does it fit into engaged learning?

What is an appropriate topic for project work?

How can Project Work fit into curriculum?

Come to a half day presentation to learn what the Project Approach is and see documentation of children's projects.

Learn how to incorporate project work into your day!

Trainer: Rebecca Wilson has a Masters degree from Erikson Institute in Early Childhood Education with a specialization in Bilingual Education. She is the author of several publications, including a chapter on using the Project Approach with second language learners in The Power of Projects (Teachers College Press, 2002). Rebecca Wilson is also a co-author of the training manual Teaching Parents to do Projects at Home (Teachers College Press, 2005). She has taught several age levels using the project approach, including Head Start, three and four year olds, the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program, and both pre-kindergarten and kindergarten dual language. Her work while teaching in a bilingual Head Start program has been featured in *The Power of Documentation* exhibit and video.



Dr. Michele Borba

**April 14, 2010 7:00 p.m.
Courtyard Marriott –
Grand Ballroom
2405 SE Creekview Drive
Ankeny**

Michele Borba, Ed.D. is an internationally renowned educator and awardwinning author who is recognized for her practical, solution-based parenting strategies. As a parenting expert, she has appeared more than 53 times on The Today Show. Dr. Borba is a contributor to iVillage, and has appeared on TV and radio talk shows to discuss the everyday challenges parents face. She is the author of 22 books including *Nobody Likes Me, Everybody Hates Me!*, *No More Misbehavin': 38 Difficult Behaviors and How to Stop Them*; *Don't Give Me that Attitude!*, and *Building Moral Intelligence*.

Plan to come hear Dr. Borba speak at this FREE public event and bring your child rearing questions and concerns.

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CEU's will be available for child care providers.

Participants enjoy sessions at the state IAEYC conference in Des Moines in October.





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Upcoming Events

- Feb-April Developmental Screening and Classroom-based Assessment of Preschoolers: An Introductory Training Program
- April 14 Week of the Young Child Community Event—Nature Exploration Day at Easter Seals 9:00-11:00 (More details coming soon!)
- April 14 Michele Borba Event
- April 17 Month of the Young Child Professional Development Opportunity Project Approach 101
- April 17 Save the date! Week of the Young Child Community Event for Families with Young Children at SCI (Science Center) More details coming soon!