



TAECE Talk of the Tide

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Mark Your Calendar!

February 6, 2010 9:00-11:30am:

TAECE Winter Meeting and Workshop. See back for more details!

April 17, 2010: Tentative TAECE

Spring Meeting, Annual Awards & Installation of Officers. Look for information soon and see inside for award and grant applications!

Miss a past feature? Have an idea for a new one? Let us know at info@taece.org

Don't forget to visit www.taece.org for all of the latest information and opportunities!

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A Word from Our President

Dear Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Since most of us are educators most of us had some well earned time away from our schools. I trust you got a project or two finished.

The fall for TAECE was a busy one. The Make-it Take-it workshop and meeting held on October 10 was both informative and fun. If you did not attend do plan to attend the next meeting. The Mini Conference was held November 7 and it was a huge success. If you were not aware, we had sponsors this year. Sponsors meant we could offer more sessions per time slot plus we offered more rounds of sessions. Many thanks for Smart Beginnings of the Peninsula and their associates; Preschool Partners of the Virginia Peninsula, Hampton City Schools, Newport News City Schools and the Arc of Virginia Peninsula. We look forward to your attendance in February for our winter meeting.

The TAECE board needs a person who is interested in public policy and how it affects the welfare of children. The Public Policy Chairperson position is open, if you or anyone you know would be willing to serve on this committee please let me know by calling me on my cell phone 757-880-3775. We are also looking for someone to serve as our Communication Chair. This is a new position the board voted to develop.

We look forward to your attendance in February for our winter meeting.

~Beth Diehl, TAECE President

TAECE is Going Green in 2010!

TAECE is joining the countless other organizations trying to help reduce waste and streamline communication with our members by moving to an online only version of our newsletter beginning with the next edition in the spring. To ensure that you receive an email update when each new issue is on our website, please be sure to list and keep your email address up to date on your NAEYC membership. Log on their website today to double check if yours is correct. You won't want to miss all of the exciting and informative workshops we have planned for this year! If you are not sure how to do so, please email Angela at angelaweaver@cox.net for help. For those that do not have access to email, please send a note with your name, address, and membership number to our mailing address on the back page to request that a hard copy still be mailed to you. Thanks for helping us go green!

Please be certain we have an updated email address on file through your NAEYC membership. You can log on their site to check it.





Director Position Opportunity

Denbigh Presbyterian Pre-Kindergarten is looking for a director to begin work in August. Please call Beth Diehl at 898-1043 for information about the job. The position requires a degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education or a related field. A masters degree in administration is preferred. Otherwise, administrative experience is necessary or a willingness take college courses in administration.

Calling All Members!

The start of a new calendar year means it is almost time for TAECE to start thinking about a new board year as well. While several positions are already filled, we do need nominations for any open seats that may occur this spring. Please check the website in the coming months for a list of current nominees and open positions and let us know if you know someone that would do a terrific job in one of the vacancies. We also have numerous committees that can use more help.

Please remember that our local organization is entirely coordinated and served by volunteers and we always need more help. We can find a place for you that requires as little or as much time as you are able to give, so please let us know your interest, talents and skills so we can help you find the right spot! It takes a lot of people to keep your organization fresh and running smoothly, so bring us your ideas, offers of help, and suggestions SOON!



Contact Us!

If you would like to reach any board or committee members, please email us at info@taece.org or our President, Beth at bethdiehl@cox.net and we will put you in touch with the appropriate person or committee. Also, please check www.taece.org for the current Roster.



CDA/Accreditation News

Contact our new CDA/Accrediation Chair, Judy Hunt, at jnhdeh@cox.net or 877-8242 or questions, help, or information.

Not a TAECE Member Yet? Join Now!!!

As a professional in early childhood education you know the early years are learning years. TAECE will help you make sure the early years count!

Join US!

- TAECE is leading efforts to build better futures for all young children. Our most important effort is supporting you in the work you love.
- With one membership fee, join TAECE (local), VAECE (state), SECA (southern region) & NAEYC (national), and become part of a national campaign to provide excellent education for all children, birth through age eight.
- Membership benefits include online access to Young Children journal 6 issues of Young Children or 5 issues of Teaching Young Children plus a bonus book from NAEYC, 4 issues of Dimensions from SECA, quarterly issues of Viewpoint from VAECE, various discounts, all of the latest news from TAECE and its workshops and events and more!
- Comprehensive members also receive 5-6 newly released professional books annually.

Join Online—www.naeyc.org/membership

Or by phone— 1.800.424.2460

Membership must be for an individual, not a center or school.

You will need to provide your name and address, email and phone. Renewals, please have your member number handy.

Current Membership

Categories are:

Comprehensive—\$90

Regular—\$55

Student—\$55

ALICE POWELL GRANT

WHAT IS THE ALICE POWELL GRANT?

The Alice Powell Grant is given annually to an individual who is attempting to grow professionally in the field of early childhood education. This grant is given in memory of Dr. Alice Mendenhall Powell who demonstrated a continual commitment to action on behalf of young children during her lifetime.

Dr. Powell made significant contributions to the field of early childhood education, internationally, nationally, regionally, and locally through her work with children of migrant workers, war-working mothers in Washington, through the establishment of kindergarten teacher training in Australia, through her work as Chairman of the Early education Departments of Hampton Institute and Old Dominion University, and through her work with blind and deaf children. She was also instrumental in national state legislation for children, the founding of public kindergartens in Virginia (the first in the South), the founding and participation in many professional organizations, serving as founder and president of local and state organizations, on the SACUS Board (now known as SECA) and as founder, consultant and trainer for Headstart.

The Tidewater Association recognizes the valuable contributions of Dr. Powell by setting aside a grant to be given each year to a deserving individual who like Dr. Powell works on behalf of young children.

CRITERIA ON WHICH SELECTION IS BASED

1. The overall contribution and degree of involvement one has in TAECE. Applicant must be a current member of TAECE and have been active in the organization for two years. (Current Board members are exempt.)
2. Applications may not be submitted if you have been a recipient of this award in the past three years.
3. The commitment an individual has to young children as exemplified in the biographical sketch and the references.

HOW MAY THE MONIES RECEIVED FROM THIS GRANT BE UTILIZED?

- a. To further your college education in the field of early childhood.
- b. For course work relating to recertification in the area of early childhood education.
- c. For CDA credentialing.
- d. To attend conferences or other professional meetings which relate to working with or on behalf of young child.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Documentation, such as receipts, conference registration, etc. must be sent to the awards chairman to show how the grant money was spent.

The purpose of the grant money is to pay for the recipient to attend conferences or other professional meetings which relate to working with or on behalf of young children.

2009 ALICE POWELL GRANT APPLICATION
TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

DEADLINE : March 15, 2010

Please print or type.

Grant amount up to \$500.00.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone Home _____ Work or Cell _____

Current Job Title/Position

Please print or type and feel free to use separate sheets for additional response.

1. How long have you been a member of TAECE? (Minimum 2 years) _____ List any TAECE offices you held or other committee work.

2. Write a brief biography including your educational and work experience as related to the field of early childhood education.

3. Please describe your personal philosophy of education for young children.

4. List names, addresses, and phone numbers of three reference persons.

Please return this form to:
TAECE Awards Committee
c/o Alicia Spencer
13 Michaels Wood Drive
Hampton, Va 23666

2009 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO YOUNG CHILDREN IN TIDEWATER AWARD

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

DEADLINE : March 15, 2010

This award is given annually in recognition of outstanding service to young children in the Tidewater area. Individual TAECE members are encouraged to participate by recommending persons for consideration.

Please print or type and feel free to use separate sheets for additional response.

Name of Nominee for Award & Nominee's Email

Nominee's Address

Nominee's Phone Home _____ Work or Cell _____

Reasons for selection of this nominee & contributions to the education and development of young children. (Be as specific as possible; specify the portion of service to children in Tidewater.)

Other recognition received by nominee:

Professional Recognition:

Honors Received:

Other Justification for the Award:

Nominated By _____ Title _____

Phone Home _____ Work or Cell _____ Email _____

CRITERIA on which selection is based:

- 1.The person selected should have made a significant contribution to the education and development of young children. A considerable part of this service should have been made in Tidewater.
- 2.The person selected shall not be a current member of the TAECE Board.

Please return this form to:

TAECE Awards Committee

c/o Alicia Spencer

13 Michaels Wood Drive

Hampton, Va 23666

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARD
TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

DEADLINE : March 15, 2010

The Student Membership Award is given annually to a student or students who are currently enrolled in Early Childhood Education programs. This is a one year membership to the National Association for Education of Young Children, Southern Early Childhood Education, Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education, and Tidewater Association for Early Childhood Education.

Please print or type and feel free to use separate sheets for additional response.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone Home _____ Work or Cell _____

College or University of attendance _____

Currently seeking (please circle):

1 yr certificate 2 yr. Certificate

2 yr. A.A.degree 4 yr. Degree BA/BS Full or Part time Student? _____

REFERENCES

List the names, addresses, and phone numbers of two persons who know you well AND the name, address, and phone number of a current professor.

On a separate piece of paper, please type a brief biography that includes your educational and work experience as related to the field of children and/or early childhood education and why you want to be a member of TAECE.

CRITERIA on which selection is based:

1. The student must be in a degree program in the field of early childhood education working towards a one, two, or four-year certificate or degree.
2. The student must be currently enrolled as a full or part-time undergraduate student.
3. The student must not have received this award previously.
4. The student does not have to be a current member to apply.

Please return this form to:

TAECE Awards Committee

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Dates to Remember!



January 21-23, 2010: SECA Annual Conference Little Rock, Ar

http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/seca_conference.php

February 6, 2010: TAECE Winter Meeting & Workshop 9:30-11:30am Hidenwood Presbyterian Preschool. See back page!

March 18-20, 2010 VAECE Annual Conference This year's theme "The Power of Play" Richmond, Va. <http://www.vaece.org/conference.html>

April 17, 2010: TAECE Spring Meeting, Annual Awards & Installation of Officers

November 3-6, 2010 NAEYC Annual Conference & Expo, in collaboration with NBCDI
Anaheim, Ca <http://www.annualconference.naeyc.org/>

Job Announcements & Other Ads

The TAECE board approved running job announcements and business advertisements in the newsletter. All job announcements are free. Business announcements will be \$100 for a full page, \$50 for a half page and \$25 for a 1/4 page. Any member who wishes to advertise a business will get a 50% discount. Please contact us at info@taece.org to place your ad or announcement.

Stop, Shop, and Chat Help Needed

Please help us restock our popular "Stop, Shop, & Chat!" table! Bring your items to the next meeting or any TAECE event. Can't make it? Then please contact Nancy at nakerns@verizon.net to arrange for pick up by a TAECE board or committee member. THANKS for your help!



Week of the Young Child is April 11-17, 2010 and this year's theme is "Early Years are Learning Years!" Tools and information will be available at www.naeyc.org/about/wotyc to help you plan exciting events for your Week of the Young Child celebrations while you raise awareness of children's needs. Check out NAEYC's website above for the many resources available to you there!

Find or have a great idea? Contact TAECE to help start planning ways to bring your community together for children!

Mini Conference 2009 a Great Success!

What a Mini!

TAECE was so fortunate to be teamed up with some phenomenal sponsors in 2009 for the annual Tidewater Association for Early Childhood Education! We thank Smart Beginnings of the Peninsula, Preschool Partners of Virginia, Newport News Public Schools, Hampton City Schools and ARC of Hampton! What a partnership ... and all for the young child!

Mini Conference 2009 had the theme of the Social and Emotional Development of the Young Child. There were 18 presentations and lunch for over 150 attendees. Not only did they learn some wonderful new strategies from tremendously talented presenters from our area, they also had a fun time with a great lunch to boot! Our sponsors allowed us to offer great extras this year...

We look forward to another cooperative effort for 2010! Our move to Crittenden Middle School gave us more room and we want to grow. We ask you now, if you would like to help us next year, first week-end in November, send your info to Barbara McKenna, program chair, at barbarajmck@cox.net!

So what do you want to learn about? Send us your requests and we will try to fill them! Our goal is to provide presentations for you that are valuable and interesting!

Barb McKenna, 1st Vice President (Programs)



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Winter 2010

We're on the Web!

www.taece.org

Remember to RSVP!

TAECE Winter Meeting & Workshop

The Learning Brain presented by Barbara McKenna



Refreshments followed by brief meeting and great workshop. We are also now featuring Make It Take It opportunities at every meeting!

Stop, Shop, and Chat low priced gently used teacher items will be there too, so bring some cash for a unique shopping experience that helps support a great cause!

TAECE Members: FREE! Guests: Only \$5 each

February 6, 2010 9:00—11:30 AM

Hiddenwood Presbyterian Preschool 414 Hiden Blvd. Newport News, Va 23606

Directions: From I64 take exit 258A J Clyde Morris Blvd. (17S).

Turn Right on Warwick Blvd (US.60). Turn Left on Hiden Blvd.

We are about a mile on your right...

RSVP to barbarajmck@cox.net or 784-8165. Be sure to include your email and phone number.

Bring a pack of children's Valentine's cards for a fun Make It Take It!