

SCAEYC NEWS

The mission of the South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children (SCAEYC), the state affiliate of NAEYC, is to collaborate with stakeholders to support all children from birth to age 8 and their families by creating an awareness of the importance of the early childhood years and advocating for the needs, rights, education and well-being of young children in South Carolina.

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter. The purpose of this communication is to support you in doing great things for children and families. Let us know what you need and what you would like to see in this bulletin. Contact us at sherrykingec@gmail.com

SCAEYC: OUT & ABOUT

Read about all the exciting events and activities in which the SCAEYC participated.

Last month, the board of your South Carolina AEYC came together to kick off a new year and reignite our passion around the theme *Unlocking our Potential*. The board set forth a strategic plan and committees worked to devise strategies to better support our membership. This newsletter was just one idea that came from that meeting – look for more in the future.



SCAEYC Executive Director Sherry King and Past President Melany Rish advocated on behalf of children and families at the USC Women's Basketball Game on February 11. Way to represent the cause Melany and Sherry – thank you for your passion.



GOT YOU THINKING:

In this section we will highlight some of the interesting articles or other resources we have been reading.

This month's article is an oldie but a goodie – especially in this age of pushdown curriculum for our young learners.

Lillian Katz differentiates between four types of learning goals for young children; knowledge, skills, dispositions, and feelings. She addresses the perils of addressing only one or two of these categories at the expense of the others. In her impassioned article, she also draws an important distinction between cognitive and academic goals for children. Well worth the quick read.



Click on the thought bubble to access the full article.

DID YOU KNOW?

Links to resources that might make your job easier, or at least feed your soul.

South Carolina AEYC has a Pinterest board. Join to see how other professionals are creating amazing learning environments and planning engaging experiences for children.



Click on the eye to take a look and to join the community.

Have something you would like to add to the board? E-mail Michelle Salcedo at shellms68@yahoo.com to submit a picture to add to the board. Be sure to include your name, your city and age group, and a description of the activity.

South Carolina also has a Facebook community. This page allows us to engage early care professionals from all over our great state. This month we introduced our conference theme and invited you to speak to what it meant to you. SCAEYC President Meredith Burton said, “It was fun sending keys to ten early childhood educators who hold the key to the future for their students. I appreciate each and every one of you and the amazing work you are doing for the children of South Carolina. I hope to hear from many of you this year!”



Click on the speech bubble to be part of the conversation.

TREAT YOURSELF!

Nothing stimulates the brain like a new idea; grow as a professional by taking advantage of one of these professional development opportunities.

The Greenville County Childcare Association will be hosting their annual conference in Greenville on March 10.



Click on the puzzle piece for more information.

CONFERENCE COUNTDOWN

Join with other early childhood professionals from across the state at our conference in October. Take advantage of the time to learn, network, and have a little fun.

Only 8 months until the most wonderful time of the year – the SCAEYC Early Childhood Conference to be held at Midlands Technical College Airport Campus, October 5 & 6, 2018.

This year's theme is Early Education: the Key to the Future and we are putting together a program of inspiring and educational speakers.

Last year more than (number) early education professionals joined us to learn more about our field and hone their craft.

Look for lots more information in the next edition of this newsletter.

Thanks for everything you do – let us know what we can do to support you in your efforts to make this world better for the children and families of South Carolina.