ECEC at NAD Teacher’s Convention

Adventist Child Care Network created an opportunity for two early childhood teachers to experience the NAD Teacher’s Convention by offering scholarships in the amount of $500 each. This opportunity was extended to all current (paid) members of ACCN.

Following is a report from each recipient.

I was very blessed to have received a grant from ACCN to attend the NAD Teacher’s Convention in Nashville. These funds greatly reduced the financial stress on our center, since we did not have conference funding for the event.

I think the single most exciting thing about the convention was hearing the Vice President for Education announce that ECEC is now considered part of the Adventist Education system. We have worked long and hard to be recognized for our efforts in Early Childhood Education.

It was wonderful to be in an environment with so many like-minded individuals. The two take-aways that impressed me the most were Ken Davis’ reminder to look for the best in our students and see their potential. The other was Alan November’s caution to treat each and every student the same. These are not new concepts, just a much needed reminder. One of my favorite quotes is as follows. “Children are as we imagine, imagine deeply.” Thanks.

Holly Moss, Eagle Adventist Christian Center, Eagle Idaho

I have been to conventions before, the largest ones were put on by NEAYC. This was the first year I had the opportunity to attend the Adventist Teachers Convention. Despite the odds, our staff finally gathered the funds to attend. It was the greatest experience for me. I learned so much, met new people, got reacquainted with many from my past (including my public high school Spanish teacher), but the best part was having God as our center focus. It was great to have most all of the breakouts begin and finish with prayer, and what witnessing opportunity for our religion. One waitress made mention on how energetic we all were, (she thinks it might be because we don’t eat meat ;) It was such a powerful time to know, see and hear so many reaching for the same goal...leading our kids to Jesus through Adventist Education. Thank you ACCN for helping us get to the convention. The scholarships really helped us. God bless.

Martha States, Eagle Adventist Christian Center, Eagle Idaho

Dates to Remember:

November 7-10 - NAEYC Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA

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Early Childhood professionals at the convention
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If you are planning to attend this year’s convention, here are some meetings that might interest you. I hope to see you there!

**Faith-based early education and care: Ministry or business?**

Thursday, November 8, 2012
10:00-11:30 a.m.
(See final program for location)

Faith-based early childhood programs have a lot to offer. Quality teachers who are well-trained can provide balanced, developmentally appropriate environments for all age groups that support the program's mission as well as the needs of each child. This session is targeted to help the faith-based provider focus the ministry aspect of their business to improve program management and professionalism which often succumbs to inadequate funding and under-qualified staff.

**Children’s Health Month**

More than 12 million children in the U.S. (including infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers ages 3 to 5) spend a significant portion of their days in child care settings. Learn about many resources for helping develop healthier learning environments and more effective caregivers in child care centers and family child care homes across the country.

Webinar series: Improving Children's Health through Federal Collaboration

The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, and the Health Resources and Services Administration, Region VIII, have organized, in collaboration with other federal partners, a year-long webinar series titled Improving Children's Health through Federal Collaboration. Children, by their very nature, deserve our focused attention and care especially because:

- Their bodily systems are still developing.
- They eat more, drink more and breathe more in proportion to their body size.
- Their behavior patterns increase their exposure to environmental hazards.

Protecting the health of children where they live, learn and play is fundamental to making the world a better place for future generations. The purpose of this webinar series is to encourage coordination, collaboration and information sharing across government agencies and organizations, health care providers, educators and the general public in addressing children's health issues.

You may also get up-to-date information, specific to your state, at www.healthcare.gov.

Healthy Child Cares webinar:
Thursday, October 11, 2012
2:00-3:30 pm MT
The webinar is FREE. Register.

**NAEYC Convention**

**Recognizing and Fostering Indicators of Spiritual Development in the Young Child**

Friday, November 9, 2012
3:00-4:30 p.m.
(See final program for location)

Each child is a complex mixture of physical, intellectual and spiritual dimensions. Young children learn through their relationships, the affective domain which is part of the spiritual dimension; the domain upon which all others are built and which can be influenced, developed, and taught. As the young child’s cognitive abilities develop, these can be enhanced through the affective domain. This session will provide a synopsis of the research describing the spiritual development of young children. Standards for spiritual development will be proposed in order to provide a practical guide for teaching practices. Recognizing the indicators of spiritual development will be discussed to assist early childhood professionals in applying the research findings within the classroom. In addition, the presenters will elaborate on specific teaching methods successfully used to enhance the affective domain of young children, and hence, the spiritual dimension.

**Adventist Child Care Network Vespers**

Friday, November 9, 2012
6:30-8:00 p.m.
(See final program for location)

The Adventist Child Care Network will meet on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. for sundown worship and fellowship. Come join us and we will welcome in the Sabbath together! For more information, contact Christine Gillan Byrne at (805) 490-6055 or Christine@puconline.org.
**Fundraising Idea**

You need to raise some money for a special project, right? Wouldn’t you like to avoid candy, cookies, or pizza kits? We have just the fund-raising plan that you need. It returns 50 percent profit on all items sold—plus as much as an additional 25 percent in the reward program that allows you to obtain new books for your library.

Review Kids FunRaising is a profitable fund-raiser in which students sell books and magazines that point to Christian values and healthy living. We have a wide selection of topics so that customers are certain to find something to match their interests. And the products are priced right in the fund-raising sweet spot of $5 to $30.

The great thing about Review Kids FunRaising is that students are not only raising money for a good cause but also sharing the good news.

It’s easy to get started. Call Mike Gamblin toll-free at 1-800-876-7313, or contact him by e-mail at mgamblin@rhpa.org. We’ll send you all the materials you need to run a successful sales program, including product brochures and order forms for all participants, information about the reward program, and tips on how to direct a successful effort.

Call now and take off with us on a fund-raising outreach adventure!

**Job Opportunities**

Visit our [website](#) to find (or list) job openings in your area. This is another way to stay connected within the Adventist system.

**Kids Helping Blind Kids**

Every child deserves the opportunity to be carefree and experience the joy of exploring God’s wide world. Christian Record Services for the Blind makes that possible for blind children. Imagine being blind, losing the ability to climb the tall mountain and gaze out at the sunset. Or maybe never seeing a loved one’s face. But hope is not lost. There is still so much that the blind can experience. And with your help, that dream can be realized.

National Camps for Blind Children (and Adults) is a free service of Christian Record Services for the Blind. National Camps for the Blind is celebrating its 45th year of service. Our goal is to make blind camps available in every quadrant of North America in order to be more accessible to more blind young people.

Won’t you help them make this possible? Will you consider partnering with them by choosing Kids Helping Blind Kids for your school’s community outreach project?

Visit [www.christianrecord.org](http://www.christianrecord.org) for all the details. And watch [David’s leap](#).

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**The Purposes of ACCN:**

1. To affirm, encourage and empower all engaged in the weekday ministry to children.
2. To provide opportunities for professional and spiritual growth.
3. To provide networking opportunities for Seventh-day Adventist Child Development Centers.
4. To set certification standards for child care providers.
5. To foster unity between all areas of child development within the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
6. To encourage the incorporation of Early Childhood Education in the nurture and outreach programs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
7. To foster working relationships with the world church, unions, conferences, local churches, and schools.
8. To encourage surveys and research in the area of Child Development and Early Childhood Education in cooperation with the North American Division.
9. To counsel with the North American Division and General Conference in the development and review of programs and strategies for Child Development.
10. To provide guidance and resources to training organizations, colleges, and universities.
11. To advocate the hiring of Early Childhood specialists at all organizational levels of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
12. To develop working relationships with other Early Childhood Education organizations.
13. To encourage child care centers to obtain national accreditation.

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**Join ACCN**

[ACCN website](#)
Teacher and Parent Resources

QuickSource® is a comprehensive resource tailored to meet educators’ specific needs and the needs of the children in their care. Early childhood teachers can find step-by-step activities, materials lists and outcomes all in one, convenient place.

Preschool Express provides Preschool Activities & Ideas for Teachers, Parents and Grandparents. Downloads can be purchased and delivered to your email right away!

I Heart Crafty Things is the place to find this and other neat crafts. Do you have a puzzle or two that are missing pieces? Why not turn them into art?

REACH: Community Outreach and Evangelism

Devere McGuffin owns the California Adventist Federal Credit Union in Glendale, Ca., and is on the Faith for Today (FFT) Board. A few months ago he linked to FFT's Mad About Marriage (MAM) web site on his credit union web site. He put it under the tab, "Personal Fulfillment." He says that they get five or six calls a week about that link. People are very positive about the site and are thanking him for linking it to his website.

When an Adventist church, school, preschool or business shares links to other Adventist web sites, it not only connects people to more Adventists, it also helps both the sharing and the shared websites come up higher in an online search. It increases the usefulness of a website and makes a business or ministry more visible. More visibility, more customers.

That’s one of the reasons Adventist preschools are encouraged to use NetAdventist or Adventist Connect as a website host. Besides being free, the Adventist connection is stronger. On the preschool website, be sure to provide links to local Adventist churches, schools and other Adventist ministries. It’s like holding hands with a huge group of people, each connecting with another and the circle getting larger and larger as more link together.

Young Child Ministries

Assisting families with young children in understanding the development of the whole child: Mentally, physically and spiritually, through the use of Biblical texts, nature, proven authors, child development research and practices, techniques and tips.

FALL SMELLY JARS - Smelling Jars Recording Sheet for Preschool

Fall is here! What better time to incorporate All 5 senses into learning?

Young children are very inquisitive. And the more hands-on activities you can do, the better they will learn. The Preschool Toolbox Blog has many good resources to use in the classroom (and at home.)

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Through this newsletter we seek to facilitate and develop a communication network among Seventh-day Adventist Early Childhood Education and Care professionals.

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