



## ***E-Newsletter***

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### **President's Message** **Terese Amidei**

Dear Colleagues,

As the hot summer rolls on, I hope everyone is enjoying their vacations, beach, pool, and family time! I know these days can be very hot, please keep yourself hydrated and drink plenty of water and if you have children or you are working with children, please give them water.

Time to vote! In September, we will be electing GoAEYC Board Officers for 2012. The candidates are in this newsletter. Look over their biographies and watch for the election ballot in your email.

As we head into fall GoAEYC has many opportunities for workshops and conferences. Here are just a few...

The Ooey Goey Lady® is coming on August 13, 2011 from the 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Glenview Park District! We are very EXCITED for this event! Space is limited, please go to our website and sign up now... [www.goaeyc.org](http://www.goaeyc.org) or fill out registration form from our website and mail in your registration.

GoAEYC also is in the midst of planning the fall conference "*Learning To Play Outside The Box*" on October 15, 2011 at Oakton Community Collage. We have a keynote speaker, wonderful workshops and our special member luncheon to attend. At our luncheon, GoAEYC will be presenting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual GoAeyc Star Awards. We are asking you to think about those special colleagues of yours and to nominate them for these awards. Please see the details inside this newsletter! Keep an eye out in the mail at the end of August to receive your conference booklet! The booklet will also be on our website at the end of August.

I hope to see all of you at our events!!



## Let's go on a *Belly Hike*!

Looking for a way to make your typical nature walks more exciting? Why not turn your nature walk into a *belly hike*? *\*Idea adapted from the Steel Recycling Institute's Nature's for Me activity guide.*

### What is a belly hike?

A belly hike is an activity in which children are up close and personal with nature in order to find, sort and classify insects and other materials they may find in an outside environment.

### Materials:

String for each child  
Magnifying glass for each child  
Paper and pencil for each child  
Clip board for each child



### Procedure:

1. Provide each child with a 3 foot string and a magnifying glass
2. Have each child choose an area in the grass to lay his or her string down flat. The child then moves from one end of the string to the other on his belly (of course!) looking through the magnifying glass for anything interesting.
3. During the belly hike, ask each child to explore the surroundings. Look for insects, rocks, leaves, etc.
4. Encourage the children to draw or write down what they have found along their personal belly hike. Have them pay particular attention to attributes, including number of legs, color, shape, texture, etc.
5. Return to the classroom and share the findings as a whole group. Make a graph or chart for the classroom.

Have any other nature-inspired activities you'd like to share? Email us at [info@goaeyc.org](mailto:info@goaeyc.org) with your ideas!

Have a green day!

## [Child Care Works Campaign](#)

The Child Care Works Campaign gives child care providers the opportunity to demonstrate the importance of their child care programs to their local communities and economy.

As part of this campaign, child care providers can fill out a form ([center-based](#) and [home-based](#)) that generates a 1-page tool :



This tool gives each child care provider resources to effectively speak to their legislators and advocate for the protection of child care programs in the state, educate community members about the benefits of child care, and build new relationships with each other and members of their community. For more details on the Child Care Works Campaign, refer to our [fact sheet](#).

For additional information or to join this campaign, please contact Remel Terry, Community Engagement Associate, at [terryr\[at\]iactforchildren.org](mailto:terryr[at]iactforchildren.org) or 773-564-8724.

\*If you would like to learn more about the manner in which Illinois Action for Children calculated center-based estimates for this campaign, please refer to [this information sheet](#).

## House Bill 2099

House Bill 2099 has passed the Illinois Legislator and is pending signing by Gov. Quinn. This bill amends the child care act of 1969 by adding the requirement that **all licensed child care facility employees who care for newborns and infants complete training every 3 years on the nature of sudden unexpected infant death (SUID), sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), and the safe sleep recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics.**

# GoAEYC 2011 Star Awards Nomination Form

GoAEYC invites you to nominate a member who is a true star in our profession

Please consider

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_


Program type \_\_\_\_\_


Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ EMail \_\_\_\_\_

for the award circled below:

 **Bright Star Award: An outstanding program that has achieved accreditation and/or a QRS Rating in the past 12 months.**

 **Shining Star Award: An outstanding mentor or advisor who supports and aids providers or programs realize their professional goals.**

 **Super Star Award: A hero to our profession, who fights, supports and advocates for children and families in Illinois.**

Please complete the next page



## Here are the candidates for the 2012 GoAEYC Board of Directors

You will receive an E-Ballot in September

### Vice President of Professional Development: Tara Mathien

Tara is currently the Coordinator of the Early Childhood Education department at Harper College. On the board, Tara is the Growing Up Green chairperson. She also serves as the website developer.

Tara has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Type 04 Teaching Certificate from Illinois State University. She also received a Master's degree in Child Development and Administration from Erikson Institute. Tara is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction Leadership. Tara is very passionate about quality experiences for young children and advocating for high quality programs for all children.

### Treasurer: Martha Westerburg

Martha Westerberg works at Buffalo Grove Park District directing the preschool and the early childhood enrichment classes for children birth through five years. Martha also supervises the Tiny Travelers, Grasshopper and Cricket summer camps for 2, 3 and 4 - 5 year olds, plus the school year kindergarten enrichment program Discovery Kids.

Martha currently serves on the GoAEYC board as Vice President of Organizational Development. She is also active on the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association's Early Childhood Committee.

Martha continues to touch the lives of children and their parents throughout Buffalo Grove and the surrounding communities. She believes our children are our future and that we can change the world one child at a time.

### Member-at large: Sharyl Robin

Sharyl is currently the Program Director for Children's Home + Aid, where she has worked for 16 years, offering training and technical support to child care providers in the northwest part of Cook County. Before that she was a center Director for seven years and a preschool teacher for four years. She has her BA in Early Childhood Education and her MA in Early Childhood Leadership and Advocacy, both from National Louis University. She is the co-chair of the Quality Assurance Committee of the Statewide Professional Development Advisory Council and holds a level 3 Illinois Director Credential.



## Scholarships

Wanting to move forward in your Early Childhood profession?



Need a little financial help?

GoAEYC provides scholarships of up to \$250 per calendar year for any of its members

You can apply for a scholarship upon completion of any of the following:

- An early childhood college course
- Child Development Associate (CDA)
- Early childhood conference or training
- Illinois Director Credential
- Center Accreditation or Re-accreditation

Funds will be awarded in the order the applications are received until the allocated funds are depleted.

Instructions and applications are available at [www.GoAEYC.org](http://www.GoAEYC.org).

Questions: contact Martha Westerberg at 847-850-2111.

# Book Corner

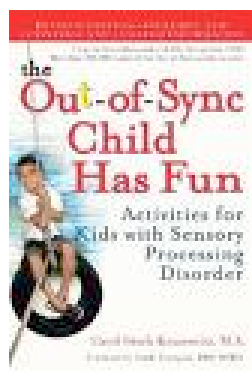
## Books for Teachers and Parents



Red Flags or Red Herrings?: Predicting Who Your Child Will Become

by [Susan Engel](#)

The message here is: spend time with your children, listen to them, support their interests and don't worry so much. This book will "help you separate the things that are nothing to worry about... from the things that might really signal that something is wrong."



The Out-of-Sync Child Has Fun, Revised Edition: Activities for Kids with Sensory Processing Disorder

by [Carol Kranowitz](#)

From Book:

*Each activity in this...book is SAFE---Sensory-motor, Appropriate, Fun and Easy--to help develop and organize a child's brain and body.*

Wonderful activities for all children!



Simply Special; Learning to Love your ADHD

by [Ben Glenn](#)

This is the story of Ben Glenn's life with ADHD.

From his bio:

Ben belongs to an ever-growing group of individuals, who took their disability turned it upside down and discovered that they have ALL kinds of abilities that "normal" people just don't have.

Event	Save This Date	Where	Registration information
<b>OOEY GOOEY 4 Workshops during this day long training!!</b>	August 13, 2011  8am-3pm  \$35.00 GoAeyc Members  \$45.00 Non-member	Glenview Park District-Park Center 2400 Chestnut Glenview, IL	Alisa Kapusinski  847-781-3631 or <a href="mailto:akapusinski@heparks.org">akapusinski@heparks.org</a>  Register online:  <a href="http://www.goaeyc.org">www.goaeyc.org</a>
ECE College Credit Courses	Fall Semester	College of Lake County	<a href="http://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/ece/">http://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/ece/</a>
Understanding the School Age Child	September 22,2011	Schaumburg	CH+A Registration begins 9/12 847-640-9590
<b>Sharing A Vision Conference</b>	September 26-28  2011	Crowne Plaza Hotel Springfield, IL	<a href="http://www.sharingavision.org">www.sharingavision.org</a>
I am Moving, I am Learning	October 13, 2011	Arlington Heights	CH+A Registration begins 9/12 847-640-9590
<b>GoAEYC Fall Conference</b>	October 15, 2011	Oakton College DesPlaines Campus	Registration begins in late August. Register online:  <a href="http://www.goaeyc.org">www.goaeyc.org</a>
Early Childhood English Language Learners	August 10, 2011  10:00 am-11:30 am	webinar	<a href="http://www.thecenterweb.org">www.thecenterweb.org</a>

## Job Board

### Infant Care Teacher for Early Head Start

Full Time Teacher *Offered by:*

Marletta Darnall Schaumburg Child and Family Center

725 E. Schaumburg Road

Schaumburg, Illinois 60194

**Contact Name:**

Debbie Redding

(630) 671-2400

[Dredding@childrenshomeandaid.org](mailto:Dredding@childrenshomeandaid.org)

### Teacher(s)

*Offered by:* Bright Horizons Family Solutions

Suburban Cook County

Suburban Cook County, Illinois 60604

Multiple positions are available throughout the Greater Chicago area. Positions include: Infant & Toddler Teacher, Toddler Teacher, Toddler & Two's Teacher, Support Teacher, Infant Assistant Teacher

**Contact Name:**

Diane Pahl

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Please check the ILGateways web site for more opportunities:  
[www.ilgateways.com/en/illinois-job-board-and-career-development](http://www.ilgateways.com/en/illinois-job-board-and-career-development)