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New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children



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Kenyon at Kean Nancy Siracusa, Coordinator

Each year, in January we gather at Kean University for our Kenyon at Kean Early Childhood Conference. It has proven to be a very effective collaboration of university teaching staff, educational consultants and Kenyon membership. The next Kenyon at Kean is scheduled for January 7, 2012, Hennings Hall Kean University.

It promises to be an invaluable experience. The workshop topics and presenters create difficult choices. You'll find

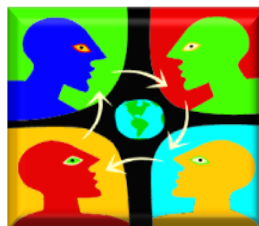
it's really hard to choose because they are all excellent professional development opportunities. Topics include: I/T ; special needs; music & movement; language development; social/emotional development; and more...

Brochures are being sent soon. Register early to ensure your first choice of workshops. Once brochures are complete, you will also be able to

download the registration form on the [Kenyon](http://www.kenyon.org) website. **Deadline for registration is Dec. 28th** or until maximum registrations are received. As always, there are discounts for current AEYC members.

For questions contact our K@K conference coordinator Nancy Siracusa at nancysiracusa@comcast.net

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President's Message

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I can't believe it has been more than a year since you honored me by trusting my leadership. The Kenyon Board is focusing ways to include your needs, and opinions in our action plans. You will soon

receive an emailed survey and we implore you to complete it and remind your member friends to complete it. The survey will also be accessible at the [Kenyon website](http://www.kenyon.org)

It's that most wonderful time of the year! We celebrate, we give, we receive and we reflect. Being an early childhood professional requires us to advocate for children and families. Even the children who are not in our class, school or program. We are all connected and what affects one, affects all of us. Your AEYC is just one way of positively supporting Children, fami-

lies and communities. As I looked at the membership roster, there were so many of us who forgot to renew membership. Being a member of AEYC is a very tangible way of advocating for worthy wages, professional development and high quality.

“Kenyon AEYC Affiliate wishes the best Holiday Season for you & your family.”



Roncia Hutchinson

Meet a Kenyon Star

Roncia Hutchinson has owned her center for more than 14 years and led Tiny Love Day Care center to NAEYC accreditation. As a leader and role model for staff, families and the community, Ms. Hutchinson continues to be enrolled in education and several professional development opportunities. After completing a Master's degree in Educational Administration, she considered it imperative to continue to attain education in the field of early childhood. Ms. Hutchinson is currently a certified Parents as Teachers (PAT) Supervisor, a doctoral student at Kean University majoring in Urban Leadership and most recently earned

the NAEYC approved New Jersey Administrators' Credential. Ms. Hutchinson links professional and personal goals to the organization's mission and vision. Based on this philosophy, and using the NJ Career Lattice, she requires each team member to have at least a CDA as she supports them to craft a career path. Ms. Hutchinson then mentors and coaches each to continue their education, considering their individuality. Organization support is important to success of each. Ms. Hutchison believes that quality early childhood programs are integral to the success of communities. She contributes to her

community by serving on the Mayor's Advisory Council of Avenel; as a Family Strengths Initiative partner; PTA Member; Recording Secretary of Irvington Office of Early Childhood Advisory Council; Membership chair of the New Jersey Child Care Association; Subcommittee member of the Early Childhood Leadership Mentoring Program; Member of NJAEYC; and CDA Mentor of CDA Statewide Advisory Council.

Congratulations on being a Kenyon Star!

The Importance of Advocacy

According to ACNJ, "Advocacy means taking action on behalf of yourself or others. Public policy advocacy means taking action to influence big decisions that affect thousands of people – adults and children." Early childhood professionals understand what children and families need to be stable, successful and attain education which supports these endeavors. It is important that you become

part of an advocacy campaign or group. You can become a member of [NAEYC](http://naeyc.org) at naeyc.org. NAEYC is the largest organization in the world advocating for children, families and early childhood professionals.

When joining NAEYC you also become a member of our state [AEYC](http://njaeyc.org) njaeyc.org, and [Kenyon AEYC](http://kenyonaeyc.com) kenyonchapter.com

Speaking out and speaking in front of others can be intimidating. Becoming active members of AEYC's provide support, knowledge, and opportunities speak for our most vulnerable members of communities, while remaining in the power of a group.

NJ Immunization Information System

Immunization registries are confidential, population-based, computerized information systems that to collect and consolidate vaccination data about children within a geographic area. Registries are an important tool to increase and sustain high vaccination coverage by consolidating vaccination records of children from multiple providers, generating reminder and recall vaccina-

tion notices for each child, and providing vaccination history documents, and vaccination coverage assessments. For health care providers, this registry will provide immunization coverage data for the office, health plans, and other national organizations. The registry provides communities with information to identify unprotected populations at high risk for vaccine preventable diseases

and assist in targeting immunization initiatives and interventions. Parents and early childhood programs benefit as the registry helps parents to remember when immunizations are due or late and they are able to obtain an accurate immunization history for day care, school, camp entry requirements or for personal use. For more information visit the [NJIIRS](http://njiirs.gov/njiirs/) website at <https://njiirs.nj.gov/njiirs/>

Important 2012 Dates

Kenyon at Kean:	January 7
Kenyon Board Meeting:	February 9
NAEYC Public Policy	February 28 & 29
Kenyon Board Meeting:	March 8
CITE Conference :	March 11-12
Kenyon MOYC Event	April 16
Kenyon Awards Dinner	May (TBA)
Kenyon Ice Cream Social	June 7
NAEYC P.D Institute	June 10-13
Kenyon Annual Retreat	August 4

Useful Resources

NJAEYC - www.njaeyc.org

Kenyon - www.Kenyonchapter.com

NAEYC - www.naeyc.org

NBCDI - www.nbcdi.org

NJ Child Care Training Program - www.familynow.org

Become a Children's Champion - <http://capwiz.com/naeyc/mlm/signup/>

Professional Impact NJ - www.pinj.org

NJ Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies
www.njacccra.org

The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation 's National Awards Recognizes Child Care Teachers

From GrantStation 10-17-11 [ACEI membership "perk"]:
Child Care Teachers Recognized
http://www.tlccf.org/pr_nccta.php
Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation: National Child Care Teacher Awards
The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation's National Child Care Teacher Awards acknowledge the critical role of child care teachers in providing quality early care and education. Child care teachers from all

50 states and the District of Columbia and on U.S. Military bases and installations are eligible to apply for these awards. Applicants must be full-time child care teachers employed in a home, group, or center-based program for a minimum of three years and meet other eligibility guidelines. As part of the application process, teachers are asked to design an enhancement project

for the children in their classroom or home, illustrating the educational, social, and emotional benefits from the project. Fifty selected teachers will each receive a \$1,000 grant; \$500 to create the project and \$500 for the teacher's personal use. Of the top ten recipients, one is selected to receive the Helene Marks Award, which includes an additional \$1,000 award. Applications must be postmarked by December 5, 2011. Visit the Foundation's website to download the application guidelines.

NJ E-Child Care is Coming: The new way of reporting child care attendance and absences

e-Child Care (ECC) is the new system that will be implemented by the NJ Division of Family Development through each county Child Care Resource and Referral organization (CCR&R). Child & Family Resources is the CCR&R for Morris County. Through the convenience of an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system or a Point of Service (POS) device, parents will record attendance

information and confirm the care that is provided for their children. The reporting and claim submission process currently used will become automated for both the parent and child care provider. Contact your local R&R for more information and training. Visit the [Department of Human Services website](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/child/ecctraining.html) at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/child/ecctraining.html>



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