

Central CAEYC History, Decade 1980-1989
1979-1980

Local Level: Leroy Bollinger was president from 1980 to 1982.

State Level: CAEYC State President was Joanne Hendrick from 1979 to 1981.

CAEYC State Conference, was held in Fresno, February 29, March 1 and 2, 1980. The theme was, "Building Rainbows, Lighting Fires; Nurturing the Teaching Environment." The co-chairs of the conference were Kathy Sousa-Wynne, Marianne O'Hera, and Linda Diebert. The program consisted of four strands with the following keynote speakers: Mary Lane, Elizabeth Brady, Betsy Hiteshew, Docia Zavitkovsky, and Elizabeth Jones.

National Level: Barbara T. Bowman was president of NAEYC from 1980 to 1982.

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Local Level: Leroy Bollinger was CCAEYC president from 1980 to 1982.

Note: Available documents contain conflicting and/or incomplete information regarding the following; Liz Bowers was president. Bernice Hostetler was President in 1981

Marianne O'Hare (later became Marianne Jones) was authorized to send letters to legislators related to issues discussed. Leroy Bollinger and

Marianne O'Hare agreed to co-chair "Week of the Young Child" in May. A children's art exhibit at Fashion Fair and Sunshine Day Activities at Roeding Park were to be featured.

A workshop was held at the Discovery Center with thirty people in attendance. In April, Roeding Park Zoo was the focus for a workshop and fundraiser. Mildred Thatcher and Linda Diebert were responsible for using the funds to adopt a zoo animal.

Another workshop featured Greg and Steve, who were paid \$500 to perform. The event was held at Ginsberg School. Greg and Steve introduced their new CD, "We All Live Together, Vol. 1.

State Level: CAEYC State Presidents were Joanne Hendrick (1979-1981) and Coral Edquist who was from the Central Section (1981-1983).

State and National Level: Marianne O'Hare, Legislative Chair, spoke of federal and state cuts, particularly for Title 20 block grants to states. Deregulation of Licensing for Family Day Care Homes was an issue.

National Level: Barbara T. Bowman was president of NAEYC from 1980 to 1982.

1981-1982

Local Level: Shareen Abramson was CCAEYC President from 1982 to 1984. Membership for the branch was reported at 175, plus 45 students from Kings River Community College. In February a new directory was planned. Derl Keen became state scholarship Chair. Two scholarships of \$75 each were

approved for the state conference in March at Sacramento. Bulk Mail Certificate was renewed as was the Post Office Box.

Joyce Huggins suggested the chapter sponsor a teacher for the Hmong child care center conducted at the First Baptist Church while mothers attend English classes. The decision was postponed until the next meeting.

At the following Board meeting, President Shareen Abramson presented a brief report with a handout describing the Learning Center for Indochinese Refugees and the role of a student teacher working with the group at the First Baptist Church. The group voted to sponsor support for the child care center, with a committee named for monitoring progress.

Suzanne Juarez and Nancy Barth edited the Newsletter. Linda Diebert presided over the Board meeting in June. She proposed a project focused on teachers and children in conjunction with the state CAEYC conference. This was reviewed and a committee appointed to help with the project. Student fees were reviewed along with scholarships. An "Idea Faire" was suggested to the program committee for future planning. A \$100 check was sent to Ginsberg school as a thank-you for use of facilities during meetings. A yard sale was held in May to help with funding for California Children's Lobby. Linda Diebert and Andra Tremper led a workshop on science for teachers. The year closed with a potluck and changing of the Board membership.

State Level: CAEYC State President, who was from the Central Section, was Coral Edquist from 1981 to 1983. The Public Policy Committee received strong funding from the CAEYC. The state conference was held in

March at Sacramento. The Legislative Symposium was held on the day before the State Conference.

Regional Level: The first Western States Leadership Network (WSLN) meeting was held in 1982 at Asilomar, Ca.

National Level: Bettye McDonald Caldwell was president of NAEYC from 1982 to 1984.

1983-1984

Local Level: Shareen Abramson was CCAEYC president from 1982 to 1984. On September 25, 1984 CCAEYC held a potluck and workshop. Carol Barrett presented the workshop "Creative Approaches to Music."



This CCAEYC logo began appearing on documents in this time period.

In 1984 the Maxine Rodkin Scholarship Fund was developed in honor of Maxine Rodkin who initiated the teen-parent child development centers in Fresno Unified High Schools. Through donations the fund provided scholarships for teen parents who completed high school and entered higher education.

State Level: CAEYC State Presidents were Coral Edquist who was from the Central Section (1981-1983) and Marcia Fochler (1983-1985). A revised Constitution was adopted along with changes in the Standing Rules. "In 1983 CAEYC has four regional sections encompassing 33 chapters, plus 4 section affiliates. Nearly 7,000 members span the state from north of Eureka to south of San Diego, making CAEYC the largest and

most diverse affiliate of the National AYECC" (From a Brief History of CAEYC and the Board of Directors, 1991).

Regional Level: In 1983, the second Western States Leadership Network (WSLN) meeting was held on the Columbia River Gorge in Oregon. The third WSLN was in 1984 in Hawaii. Hawaii was selected as the site for WSLN because the president of the Hawaii AEYC was the daughter of Docia Zavitkovsky (who became NAEYC president).

National Level: Bettye McDonald Caldwell was president of NAEYC from 1982 to 1984. At the national level, licensing continued to be a major problem across the country. Short-staffing in licensing agencies made it difficult to enforce standards and regulations. 1984 was an important year for Early Childhood because the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation of Ypsilanti, Michigan, released "Changed Lives: the Effects of the Perry Preschool Program on Youth through Age 19."

Fifty-eight percent of the children had attended a high quality preschool for two and half hours five mornings a week, either for one year at 4 years of age or for 2 years beginning at age 3. The 65 control group of children were in no group. At age 19, differences were mind-boggling. Ex-preschoolers had lower rates of juvenile crime, (31% arrested or detained compared to 51% of the control group. More were employed (59% compared to 32%) More had graduated from high school (67% of the ex-preschoolers versus 49% of the control group) More had enrolled in colleges or vocational schools (38%/32%). Fewer were on welfare at age 29 (18% compared to 32% of the control group). And the ex-preschool girls had a teenage pregnancy rate

markedly less than their control-counterparts (64 per 100 women, compared to 117).

There was an increasing need to help parents have information enabling them to select a day care center. A promising development was the NAEYC project to establish the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, with Sue Bredekamp as Director.

1985-1986

Local Level: In 1985 Sally Miller was CCAEYC President from 1984 to 1986. On April 13, a workshop entitled, "This Way to Books: Multi-Media Storytelling Ideas" was held at Fresno City College. Dr. Caroline Feller Bauer was the presenter. Admission for the event was \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

On September 26, 1985 Linda Diebert and Andrea Tremper presented "Science Power: A Hands-On Workshop." The workshop was held at Scandinavian Middle School in Fresno. The cost was \$3 for members, \$1.50 for student members, \$5 for student non-members and \$8 for non-members. The workshop was preceded by a potluck. The presenters were also co-authors of What's New at the Zoo Kangaroo?

On October 25 and 26, 1985 CCAEYC co-sponsored a Multicultural Education Conference with the following agencies: Association of Mexican American Educators, Children's Services Network, Fresno County EOC Head Start, Fresno Pacific College, Centro Bellas Artes, Tri-County Migrant Education and the CSUF Multifunctional Support

Center. The conference was held at the Ted C. Wills Community Center and the cost of the conference was: \$10 per day for members and students, \$15 per day and \$25 for two days, and CCAEYC student members were \$5 per day.

On February 26, 1986 Tom Hunter presented a workshop on creativity, "What Songs Need Writing." The workshop was followed by "A Concert for Children and Families." This event was held at McCardle Elementary School.

On April 12, 1986 Molly Sullivan presented, "Movement Exploration: Activities to Develop Feelings of Strengthened Gentleness in Young Children." and Doris Smith presented, "Advocacy Revisited." These events were held at Ginsburg Elementary School.

State Level: CAEYC State Presidents were Marcia Fochler (1983-1985) and Sylvia White (1985-1987).

Regional Level: WSLN 1985 was in Colorado Springs. At this WSLN meeting, Stephanie Feeney presented Ethics as a topic for research for the first time. Also at this WSLN, Nancy Nobel presented on leadership in Public policy, and shared a public policy guide that had been developed.

National Level: Docia Zavitkovsky, from California, was president of NAEYC from 1984 to 1986.

1986-1987

Local Level: Joy Shahzade Heisig was CCAEYC President from 1986 to 1988.

State Level: In 1987 Fresno hosted its last state conference. \$103,000 from the conference was turned over to CAEYC. An equal portion of the earnings were kept by CCAEYC for hosting. CAEYC State Presidents were Sylvia White (1985-1987) and Robin Valles (1987-1989).

Regional Level: WSLN was in Arizona.

National Level: David Elkind was president of NAEYC from 1986 to 1988. NAEYC Resource Guide: Programs for 4-Year-Olds was published. At this time national membership was reported at 53,000.

1987-1988

Local Level: Marilyn Williams was CCAEYC president from 1988 to 1990. Treasurer, Alice Lukas, reported \$6,034 in the Passbook account, a C.D. account at 6.57% had \$20,671 and another C. D. at 6.5% had \$3,790. A check was received from the State Conference for \$4,000. The total balance reported was \$34,495.00. Tax exempt status was granted for the Central California AEYC. Bakersfield expressed an interest in organizing a Chapter.

The Board meeting was held in the home of Doris Smith. President, Marilyn Williams reported on the state Board meeting, along with Linda

Diebert, Section Representative and Doris Smith, representing the Kindergarten Awareness Committee. Marilyn Williams reviewed the new "Hot Line" available for NAEYC members. Since the State Conference responsibility had been reassigned, the section was now responsible for soliciting presenters in specific areas. Conference committee chairs were assigned new responsibilities. On the October 6 meeting Rick Porter presented "Romping, Wrestling and Rough-Housing." On the November 17 meeting Doris Smith presented "Bridging Preschool to Kindergarten."

Marilyn Shelton displayed a "paste-up" for the newsletter. Nominations were announced for the state "Leadership Development Program." Accreditation incentives were reviewed and fees set to range from \$50 to \$200 depending on center size.

The Fresno City Council Child Care Task Force was organized as an outgrowth of the city's Public Hearings on Child Care held the previous April and CCAEYC's Week of the Young Child. Four subcommittees were organized and reported back to the City Council in January 1989.

State Level: CAEYC State President was Robin Valles from 1987 to 1989.

The responsibility for the State Conference shifted from the sections to the CAEYC State Conference Council. The council was made up of representatives of each section plus a business manager. The conference began being held in the northern and southern areas of the state. The state would retain 50% of the profit, 40% divided equally among all sections, and 10% was divided according to membership.

Regional Level: WSLN was in

National Level: Ellen Galinsky was president of NAEYC from 1988 to 1990. The NAEYC Annual Conference was held in Anaheim on November 10-13, 1988.

1988-1989

Local Level: Marilyn Williams was president from 1988 to 1990. The CCAEYC membership was 310. There were two active student groups; the Fresno City College Chapter and the California State University, Fresno Chapter. In addition, the Sierra Chapter achieved official status as a chapter of the CCAEYC Section. The Sierra Chapter president was Clariss Cassin. The Sierra Chapter had 20 members. The Tulare Chapter held a kickoff meeting.

Thirty participants representing 21 different child care centers attended an NAEYC accreditation informational session on January 21, 1989. The session was conducted by trained validator, Mary Orlando. Mary's review included the emphasis of adult child interaction and the three step accreditation process.

On February 4, 1989 CCAEYC had an "Idea Fair" that was held at the FCC Children's Center. On April 13 Claudia Read Wright presented a program titled "More than Circle Time." Members were free, non-members paid \$8, and student members paid \$3. A Peace Fair in May was sponsored at O'Neal Park.

In March 1989 the board decided to offer accreditation incentive grants to encourage all early childhood programs in the Central Valley to

become involved in the accreditation process. These grants covered the application and validation fees.

As a part of the Week of the Young Child (WYOC) (April 10-16), Dr. T. Berry Brazelton was the sponsored speaker at the Northwest Church on April 10, 1989. Tickets were sold in advance by Children's Services Network at the cost of \$10. Other WYOC activities included a multi-cultural children's art fair and open house at Fresno City College, a balloon display that supported child care at work sites, and a conference about employer-supported child care. On April 13, 1989, Claudia Read Wright presented "More Than Circle Time: Ideas for making group time more creative."

A planning session for the Board was held on the morning of August 26, 1989 for the purpose of reviewing goals and programs for the new year.

The CCAEYC fall conference was held on October 21, 1989 at CSUF. The title was, "Children and Families in a Changing World." The conference fees were \$15 for students, \$20 for regular members and \$25 for late registration. The fee included lunch. One of the sessions was on men in early childhood education. More than 300 people attended the conference.

CCAIEYC held a Fundraiser for the Children's Lobby on Dec 7, 1989, at Wawona Middle School. The guest speaker was lobbyist Sherry Skelly. The event was free for CAEYC members, non-members were \$8 and student non-members were \$3.00.

State Level: CAEYC State Presidents were Robin Valles (1987-1989) and Elsie Gee (1989-1991). Doris Smith reported on public policy: Ratios for

the Toddler Bill were changed and there were many pending changes to the Act for Better Child Care (ABC) bill.

Regional Level: The Western States Leadership Network (WSLN) conference on leadership was held in Asilomar, Ca. On July 5-9, 1989. NAEYC staff members announced a soon to be released paper on "Television Violence and Young Children." The NAEYC position statement on "Quality, Compensation, and Affordability" was also shared.

National Level: Ellen Galinsky was president of NAEYC from 1988 to 1990. The NAEYC conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia, Nov 1-4, 1989.