



## *E-Newsletter*

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### **President's Message** **Molly Babu**

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you had a chance to attend the GoAEYC Fall Conference. We had a great turnout. We offered a lot of great workshops.

The member luncheon was awesome. Lots of our generous vendors offered us door prizes. As you know, we're looking for more volunteers to join our GoAEYC committees. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me [molly.babu@att.net](mailto:molly.babu@att.net) and I'll be happy to oblige.

Please keep checking our website for upcoming events.

Thank you for your dedication to Early Childhood Education! Please get out and VOTE! This is your chance to let your voice be heard.

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**Growing Up Green will be at the NAEYC National Conference and Expo  
in Anaheim, California!**

**We will be part of the Learning Galleria presenting useful information and provide make  
and take ideas for helping children recycle in the classroom. The first 15 GoAEYC  
members to stop by and say hello will get a prize!**

**D**o you know where to find eco-friendly child care in your area?  
Visit <http://ecohealthychildcare.org> to search for child care centers that are eco-friendly. You can also  
download a checklist to see how your own center is doing its part to be eco-friendly and find out how  
your center can be endorsed as an eco-healthy child care program.

**W**ith the holidays right around the corner, check out this great article *Eco-friendly Gift Ideas For The  
Preschooler in YourLife*, by Bethany Dunn, December 15, 2008 at <http://seattle.savvysource.com>.

**H**ere are some great recommendations for eco-friendly gifts - some may be perfect for those last few  
names on your list.

**Oompa Toys** They have a great selection of natural toys, organic toys and a great listing of Made in  
the USA toys as well.

**Solar Power Generation** has a great assortment of children's solar toys to choose from that teach  
conservation and are fun.

**www.gifts.com** has swings that are made from recycled tires. How cool is that?

**www.worldwildlife.org** Adopt an endangered animal and receive an adorable stuffed animal in  
return. The snow leopard is my favorite.

**T**here are a few things you can do when looking to purchase any toy or gift:

look for ones with the least amount of packaging  
and  
the least amount of un-recyclable materials.

Have a Green Day!

# DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

Why is it important to vote?

There were record turnouts by voters in the 2008 Presidential Election. It is often surprising, however, when one hears their fellow Americans ask "Why is it important to vote?" One might think, perhaps, sometimes we take for granted the freedoms we enjoy without realizing what price was paid so we can enjoy that right or the fact that so many people in the world aren't given an opportunity to vote and voice their opinion.

You can't win if you don't play. Election outcomes are determined by those who participate. Elected officials make important decisions about how our society will expend its collective resources and the restraints it will place on individual behavior. The drinking age, the age at which you can get a driver's license, and the amount of money your teachers receive are some of the decisions made by elected officials. In making those decisions, elected officials respond to people who bother to vote more than to those who abstain. Voting does not guarantee that one's preferences will prevail, but choosing not to vote denies a person one of the key tools of having a say in a democracy.

On Tuesday, November 2nd, we are voting for officials who have a direct impact on programs and services that the children and families you serve receive here in Illinois. **Make sure your choice is heard.**

The Illinois State Board of Elections has an informative site that answers all your questions about the upcoming election. Please be sure to click the link below and visit the site today.

<http://www.elections.il.gov/>

See you on Tuesday, November 2nd!

*Every Vote Counts!!*

# WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY CAMPAIGN

*Investing in Women to Build a Better Future for All*

The Women's Economic Security Campaign (WESC) released a major policy report on September 27, 2010 that calls for more public and private support to help the nation's low-income women gain access to quality early care and education. The report also looks at efforts to increase wages and training for women in the early care and education workforce. Without affordable, reliable child care, the report notes, low-income mothers have little chance of finding good jobs and staying employed. *Child Care Matters: Building Economic Security for Low-Income Women* was released during a national webinar featuring Shannon Rudisill, associate director of the Child Care Bureau at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.

The report is the third in a series by WESC that aims to elevate the struggles faced by low-income women to the top of the public policy agenda. *Child Care Matters* spotlights programs supported by the WESC partners that are helping low-income single mothers access the best early care and education for their children so that they can find and keep good jobs, advance their educations and achieve greater economic security. It urges policymakers and foundations across the country to draw on these examples as they consider improvements to legislation such as the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, the Child Care and Development Block Grant program (CCDBG) and Head Start, all of which provide low-income women with vital support in accessing quality child care.

WESC is a joint effort of four regionally diverse funds – Chicago Foundation for Women, Washington Area Women's Foundation, the Women's Foundation of California and the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis. Working in collaboration with the Women's Funding Network, WESC harnesses the voice and power of women's foundations nationwide to improve the lives of low-income women.

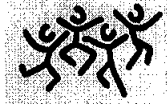
To learn more about WESC and find out how you can become a member visit [www.womenseconomicsecurity.org](http://www.womenseconomicsecurity.org). Also check out WESC's *Child Care Matters* action [tool kit](#), which includes talking points you can use when speaking with policy makers and the media, fact sheets and template op-eds.

# Golden Corridor Association for the Education of Young Children

Chicago's Northwest & North Suburban affiliate of NAEYC.



## Get involved in GoAEYC!



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The Golden Corridor Association for the Education of Young Children (GoAEYC) is your local affiliate to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). As a NAEYC affiliate, GoAEYC is dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8.

**GoAEYC always welcomes Early Childhood professionals who are interested in becoming more involved in the field! Here are just some of the ways you can help!**

**Conference Committee:** GoAEYC organizes 2 conferences each year. One conference in October at Oakton Community College & one conference in late Winter at Harper College. Planning continues all year for the preparation of these 2 events.

**Wheels on the Bus:** Each Spring, GoAEYC selects 3 accredited sites to tour. This committee organizes the Saturday bus tour.

**Week of the Young Child:** During this special week, GoAEYC sponsors a family event in our suburban area.

**Accreditation:** GoAEYC provides support and resources for centers interested in beginning the accreditation or re-accreditation process.

**Growing Up Green:** This committee provides educational opportunities to professionals on how to support a lifestyle that encourages taking responsibility for our actions for an overall clean and healthy earth.

**Nominations & Elections:** Assistance is always needed with slating new candidates for the GoAEYC board and approving the election results.

**Public Policy:** Support the Early Childhood field by staying updated with current legislative acts.

GoAEYC monthly board meetings are held at Buffalo Grove Park District. Visitors are always welcome to attend. Want more information on how to join a committee? Contact Sharyl at [srobin@childrenshomeandaid.org](mailto:srobin@childrenshomeandaid.org).

[www.goaeyc.org](http://www.goaeyc.org)

# Online Training Opportunities

Below is a list of sites where you can find online training for in-service credit. We cannot recommend or endorse any of these sites; this list is for informational purposes only.

- [www.state.il.us/dcfs/index.shtml](http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/index.shtml)
- [www.healthychildcare.org/sids.html](http://www.healthychildcare.org/sids.html)
- [www.kidseatwell.org/training.htm](http://www.kidseatwell.org/training.htm)
- [www.thecenterweb.org](http://www.thecenterweb.org)
- [www.cceionline.com](http://www.cceionline.com)
- [www.eagertolearn.org/index.html](http://www.eagertolearn.org/index.html)
- [www.carecourses.com](http://www.carecourses.com)
- [www.atiseminars.org](http://www.atiseminars.org)
- [www.childcarelounge.com](http://www.childcarelounge.com)
- [www.classesonline4u.com](http://www.classesonline4u.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

**EARLY CHILDHOOD SYMPOSIUM**  
**Harper College**  
**March 12, 2011**

Visit our new updated website for  
information and to register  
<http://goaeyc.org>

**OAKTON INFANT TODDLER CONFERENCE**  
**OAKTON COLLEGE**  
**MARCH 5, 2011**

[www.oakton.edu/news/events/infanttoddler](http://www.oakton.edu/news/events/infanttoddler)

### 2010 ELECTION RESULTS -- CONGRATULATIONS TO

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Martha Westerberg

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