

Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc.

Nebraska AEYC Early Childhood Retreat
Mahoney State Park, June 23, 2016

www.NebraskaAEYC.org

"Strengthening and supporting Nebraska's early childhood community since 1976."



Nebraska AEYC 2015 Year in Review

Nebraska AEYC Projects:

- Alternative Response Early Childhood Subcommittee
- Pyramid Implementation Project & Circle of Security (partnership with NCFF Rooted in Relationships & Alternative Response Subcommittee)
- Early Childhood Toxicity project
- Leadership Academy (partnership with Early Childhood Services)
 - 15 Family Child Care Providers in the Omaha area
- Infant/Toddler Initiative (partnership with Community Action Partnership of Lancaster & Saunders Co.)
 - 10 classrooms (1 family child care, 9 center classrooms), Lincoln & Wahoo
 - Numerous trainings provided in participating programs and throughout community



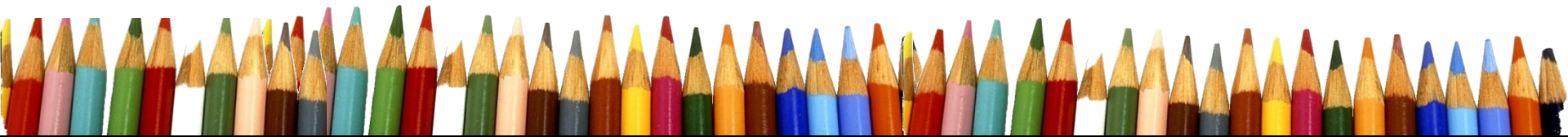
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T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA

- Current Students
 - 81 AA
 - 19 BA
 - 20 BA gap
- **Total Current Students – 120 (104 last year at this time)**
- Current Funding Partnerships
 - NDE/HHSS – 80 (funding for 136-141)
 - Step Up To Quality – 18 (funding for 26-30)
 - Early Childhood Services – 18 (funding for 25-30)
 - Buffett Early Childhood Fund – 4 (spending down previous funding)
- Although we have seen a small increase in the number of current students, we still have funding for more. Please help us spread the word about T.E.A.C.H. to the early childhood workforce!

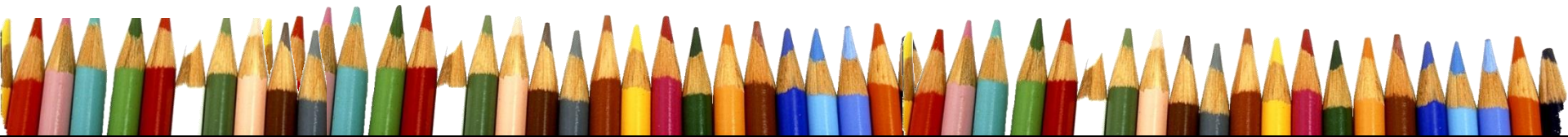
NAEYC

- National Dialogue discussions ~ structure changes
- Active in State Staff Leadership team, meeting twice a year



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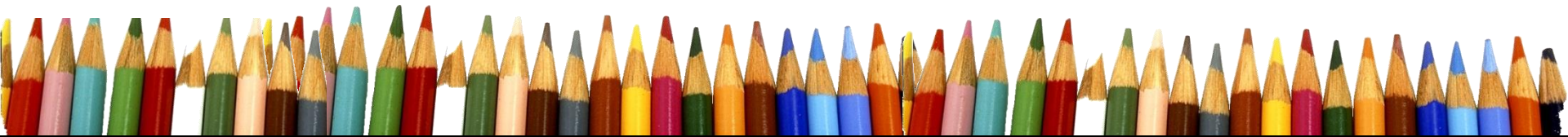
- Created 2015 Annual Report
- Presented multiple workshops at statewide conferences
- ERS ~ Supported NDE State Funded Pre-K programs with ECERS observations, ERS Nebraska Approval training, and other early childhood training
- Participated in Homeless Connect in Lincoln
- Participated in Give to Lincoln Day
- Participating organization in the Community Services Fund (workplace giving campaign)
- Participated in the Combined Federal Campaign (workplace giving campaign)
- Supported EC Legislation
- Delivered information packets to Nebraska State Senators



Review of 2015 Goals

Outreach & Communication

- Continue FB postings but include more engaging language
- Align our outreach and communication with NAEYC
- Make personal connections with EC leaders to be a voice for EC



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Gaps in EC System

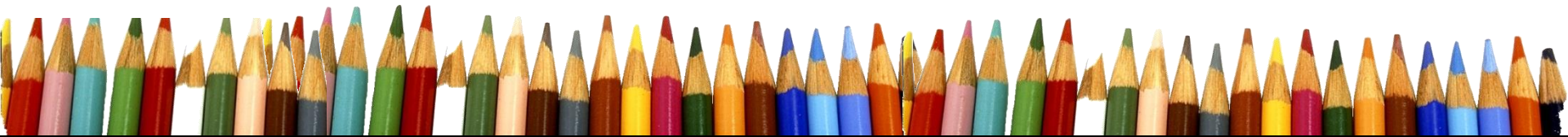
- Increase T.E.A.C.H. numbers to ensure high quality workforce
- Re-design the website www.nebraskaaeyc.org
- Include [definitions/acronyms](#) on website
- Create “ABC’s of Child Care” training
- Offer parent/public education
- Secure funds for continuation of Leadership Academy
- Promote quality enhancement initiatives, including SU2Q, within our projects, services and promotional materials



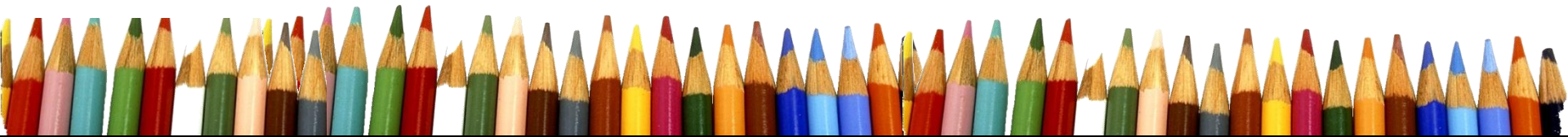
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Professional Development

- Secure funds to extend Leadership Academy (targeting center directors and family child care providers)
- Continue work with statewide coaching collaboration
- Circle of Security (parenting education)



WOYC Proclamation



Week of the Young Child

Lincoln AEYC

[2016 Early Childhood Celebration](#)

SCC Student Group

[Make and Take Workshops](#)

Columbus Chapter

[Parent/Teacher Workshop](#)

Doane Student Group

[Outdoor Classroom Event](#)

Omaha AEYC

Kaleidoscope Conference



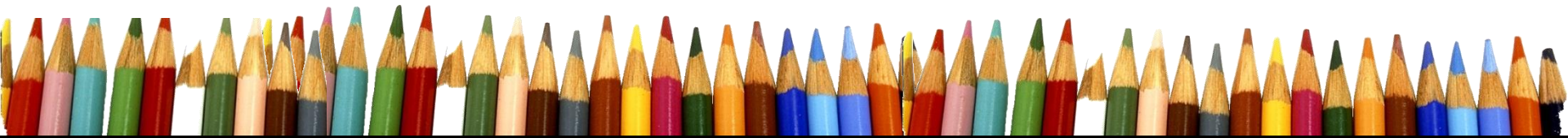
Emerging Leader Award

Congratulations to Paige Wernick!



2015 Distinguished Service to Children Award

Congratulations to Jessica LaChere!



Café Conversations

- There are 3 tables, each with a separate conversation
- You are asked to attend all three of the conversations
- Each conversation will last 40 minutes, with a five minute warning to switch tables

Café Conversation topics:

- Education
- Leadership
- Advocacy

