

“Put Future Early Childhood Education Leaders to Work in Your Program: Making the most of college students in Early Childhood Settings.”

Early Childhood Investigations

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"Future Leaders in Early Childhood: Rock"



Direction...

It is the hope that this material will improve and spark effective approaches to support undergraduate students as they take on leadership roles in early childhood programs, the community as well as on their college/university campuses.



Agenda

- 1. Emerging Leaders in Early Childhood: College and University Students**
- 2. Connecting to College and Universities: Where are the Early Childhood Education Students?**
- 3. Early Childhood Clubs and Organizations: Who? What? Where? Why? When?**
- 4. Pre-practicum students: From Observing to "taking over" the classroom responsibilities**
- 5. Practicum Students or/You might call them Student Teachers**



Agenda..continued

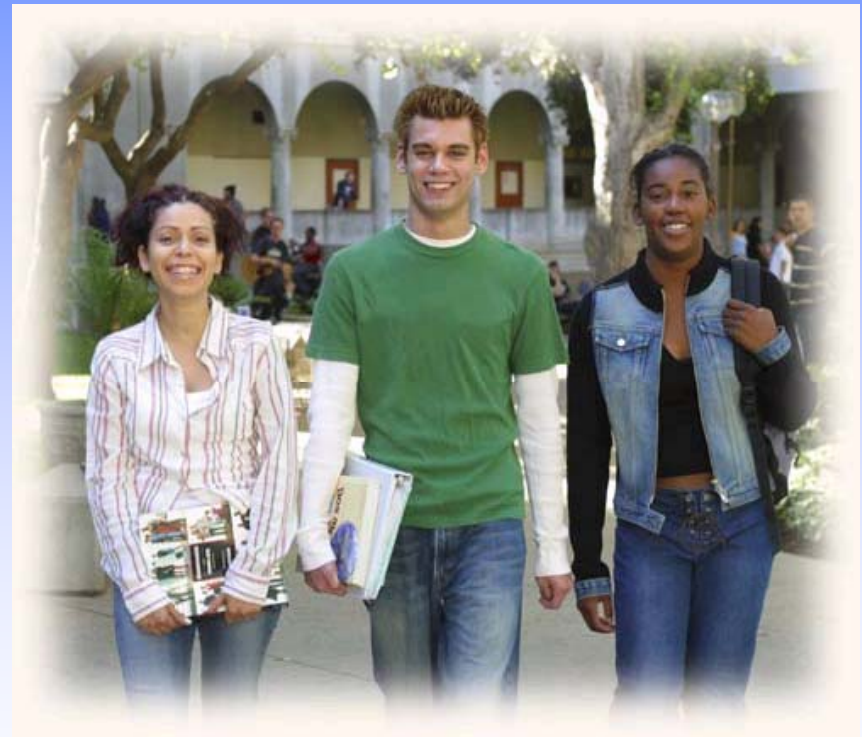
- 6. Faculty and Faculty Advisors**
- 7. Effective Collaboration,
Cooperation and Connections**
- 8. Supervision, Support and
Mentoring**
- 9. Connecting to the Affiliate Groups
of NAEYC : Got Students?**
- 10. The Student Interest Forum of
NAEYC: "Future Leaders in Early
Childhood Rock!"**



Resources:

U-Rah! Alma Mater! Emerging Leaders!

- **What was your Undergraduate School!”**
- **Where did you go to school? (Or Where are you going now!)**
- **Associate Degree Programs**
- **Bachelor’s Degree Programs**
- **Masters and Doctoral Programs**
- **Preparing our Future Leaders!**



Early Childhood Clubs & Organizations on Campus

Where do they originate?

- **Organization under the auspices of the Student Government Association (SGA), Student Life, Student Activities, out of the Offices of Student Affairs.**
- **Academic Club or Organization Club under the auspices of the Education Department, School of Education, etc.**



**Photo: Johnson & Wales, Order of Omega Students:
NEA's Books Across America Initiative**

Early Childhood Clubs: Who? What? Where? Why? When?

1. Purposes/Mission
2. Governance
3. Officers
4. Constitution
5. Funding
6. Club Activities
7. Connections to the Community
8. Connections to College
9. Advising
10. Connecting to AEYCs?
11. Future Leaders
12. Faculty Advisor(s)
13. Two year or four year school



Students

- **Why join the club?**
- **“What’s in it for me?”**
- **Are there dues?**
- **What does the Club do?**
- **How do I join?**
- **How often does the club meet?**
- **Will we get to get off campus?**
- **How do I get involved?**
- **How will this effect my grades?**



Poll # 1

Have you called or connected with:

a. The community college in your area,_____

**b. The four year college/university in your
area,_____**

**to see if there is an Early Childhood
Education Preparation Program?**

Pre-Practicum Students’ From Observing to “Taking over the Classroom Responsibilities?”

- **Observing and Interacting with young children**
- **Observing, Interacting and trying out some activities.**
- **Observing, Interacting, Planning and Implementing activities.**
- **Observing, Interacting, Planning, Implementing, Assessing and Evaluating Curriculum**
- **Supervised Student Teaching!**



Faculty Advisors

- **Interest in students**
- **Interest in promoting leadership skills**
- **Mentoring**
- **Coaching**
- **Leading by Example**
- **Stepping back to allow for emerging leadership**
- **Promoting the activities of the club in classes, in the department, in the community**



The Affiliates of NAEYC: Got Students?

- **Hello?**
- **Outreach Efforts**
- **AEYC Comes to Campus**
- **EC Club comes to AEYC Board Meeting**
- **AEYC Representatives Presenting in EC Classes**
- **Approaches, Methods and Success Stories**



Pictured: EC Club of U. Delaware.

Commercial!

Each year at the NAEYC Annual Conference & Expo the Students, & Faculty have the opportunity to “Swap Shirts!” They bring a new shirt from their college/university and exchange it for a shirt from another school! Cool? Alanta Anyone?



Selected Colleges/Universities SGA Information related to Clubs and Organizations

Shawnee State University SGA Criteria for Registration of Clubs and Organizations

St. Mary's College, Maryland How to Start a Club

BARNARD Liberal Arts College for Women In New York City, Article I.
Club Recognition

Worcester Polytechnic Institute How to Start a Club

Liberty University Starting a Club

One Example of where leadership falls within Student Activities/Student Life

Oklahoma State Universities Six Pillars of OSU Experience:

- 1. Academic Excellence**
- 2. Leadership**
- 3. Service/Civic Engagement**
- 4. Finding Your Purpose**
- 5. Broadening Your Horizons**
- 6. Wellness**

A Few College/University Examples

Howard Community College, Maryland Leadership Resources

The Office of Student Life has compiled the following list of resources for student interested in learning more about leadership:

Student Leader Magazine <http://www.asgaonline.com>

Do Something <http://www.dosomething.org>

My Goals <http://www.mygoals.com>

Youth Leadership www.YouthLeadership.com

Resident Assistant www.residentassistant.com

Center for Creative Leadership <http://www.ccl.org/index.shtml>

Leadership Inc. <http://www.leadershape.org>

Poll # 2

Have you reached out to:

- A. the local AEYC affiliate group in your community? _____**
- B. The state affiliate of NAEYC related to future leaders? _____**
- C. NAEYC in Washington, DC? _____**



Photo: The Clemson University
Fighting Tigers Logo

Future Directions

- How will we go forth?
- How can the Early Childhood Education Community connect to college and university clubs and organizations?
- How can the Early Childhood Programs and EC Clubs work together?
- How can the Early Childhood Programs promote and support future leaders?
- How does the AEYC Affiliate “speak to students”?



Photo: Student Interest Forum Business Meeting, NAEYC Chicago!

Student Networking Center (SNC)

- **The Student Networking Center has been a location (Conference Room) over the past several years specifically designed for the college and university students attending NAEYC's Annual Conference! (Thank you Discount School Supply! You Rock!) (Sponsorship!)**

[Attendees in the Atlanta SNC!]



Webpage & Facebook!

Butler Early Childhood Professionals at Butler Community College)(Wichita KS) on Facebook

Early Childhood Club at State University of of New York(SUNY Canton)

www.canton.edu/student_activities/clubs/early_childhood

Early Childhood Education Club at Mott Community College (Flint ,MI),

www.mcc.edu/clubs/early_child_Ed/earlychild-ed_index.shtml

Teacher Education Club at the College of Davidson And Davie Counties (Lexington, NC)

www.davidsonccc.edu/studentlife/earlychildhood.htm



Workshops, Presentations at the SNC NAEYC Leadership Opportunities

- **Students and Faculty Presentations**
- **Presentations designed for and about college and university future leader's interests**
- **Students Presentations**
- **Students National Networking Opportunities**
- **Our Annual College and University Tee-Shirt Swap!**
- **Nationally Recognizing an Outstanding Early Childhood Club! (Stay Tuned for Details!)**



Strategic Planning!

Next Steps

Sustainable Steps

- **Who are the students?**
- **Who are the Colleges? Universities?**
- **Who are the Faculty?**
- **Where is this Affiliate?**
- **How do we build connections?**



Photo: U Dayton EC Club!

Some Early Childhood Club Activities from Clubs and Organizations across the country!

- Tulsa Community College faculty and students presented, in Chicago!
“Innovations in ECE Student Organizations and Affiliate Groups: Leadership Development that Results in Professional commitment for All Generational Cohorts”.



*Photo: Central Piedmont
Community College
“Posse” Shot, NAEYC
Atlanta*

Student Activities Part II

- The students from Central Piedmont Community College presented at the North Carolina AEYC Annual Conference. The Presentation was entitled, *“Flying by the Seat of Ours Pants to NAEYC; Fifteen Students + Two Instructors = Meaningful Lessons Learned!”*



Photo: Out on the Town, NAEYC Chicago,
Joe's BeeBop Café!

Other Student Club Activities from Across the U.S.A.

- Adopt a Park Program, New London, CT
- Read Across America, Books Across America, New Orleans, Mississippi
- Exec Officers Present to the Young Educators Society (YES), Annual Conference, Eastern Connecticut State University
- EC Club as Organization of the Year on Campus!



Photo: Johnson & Wales Graduate Students
with Senator Whitehouse in the U.S.
Senate Building

A Few Schools with EC Clubs!

- **U of Hawaii, Honolulu Community College**
- **U of DC**
- **U of Kentucky**
- **Oregon State U**
- **U of Indianapolis**
- **U of Minnesota, Crookston (webpage!)**
- **Three Rivers Community College**
- **Nashville State Community College**
- **Oklahoma State**



**Photo: Jump Start Fellows,
“Posse” Shot! NAEYC Atlanta!**

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On-Line Resources

On Our Minds, Turning College Students into Leaders in Early Childhood Education Parts I & II: Getting Involved Outside the College Classroom & Connecting with Today's Students www.naeyc.org/yc/columns

Online Q&A with William Strader, Facilitator of NAEYC's Student Interest Forum, An NAEYC On-Line Event
www.naeyc.org/event/supporting-next-generation-of-teachers

The Student Interest Forum On-FaceBook

- The Student Interest Forum of NAEYC has a Facebook Page! Come on over and Like us! Go to Student Interest Forum of NAEYC.
- Email contact: whstrader@cox.net

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