

CR-IAEYC Slate Biographies

Communications:

Shawna Ebbeson: I am Shawna Ebbeson, doctoral student at Walden University in early childhood education. I currently live in Cedar Rapids with my husband and the youngest of our five children. I have always been a nurturer. My work experience reflects a lifetime of compassion and caring for others—children, adults, the elderly, and even companion animals.

Volunteering in ways that positively impact early childhood is important to me. I enjoy presenting webinars for Penn Foster and PDKWUCC, homeschooling my own daughter, writing children's books, peer reviewing proposals for the NAEYC, and presenting live workshops at the Iowa AEYC Conferences. I am able to make positive contributions to the field of early education while supporting my peers and organizations like Phi Delta Kappa and the NAEYC.

President Elect:

Emily Distler: My name is Emily Distler. I have been on the CR-AEYC board since 2014. I have worked for Five Seasons Learning Center for 10 years! I truly love what I Do! I have been married for 7 years and have a 2 year old son Ryker, who keeps us on our toes!

Programs:

Sara Schwerin: Hi! My name is Sara Schwerin. I am new to the NAEYC board and just finished my first year of being Program Chair. I learned a lot under the watchful eye of the president and learned what the position is about. I am ready to help all the early childhood educators of Cedar Rapids with trainings and exciting events. I love being part of this great organization because you can network with a great educators and also learn a lot to take to your program. I have been a center director for thirteen years. I am in the process of using TEACH Iowa to get my early childhood degree and work on getting my Masters in Early Childhood Education. I currently have an elementary/middle school degree from the University of Northern Iowa. I am a mother of five great children

Tracy Ehlert: Tracy Ehlert is the owner of Babies 2 Kids Learning Center, a NAFCC Accredited, QRS 5 rated program. Tracy has a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and is currently completing a master's degree in ECE: Teaching & Diversity. Tracy was also the most recent membership officer for CR-IAEYC. Aside from CR-IAEYC events, you may also see Tracy presenting training's in the area for CCR&R, Kirkwood Community College, and other area ECE organizations like CR-FCCA or CACFP. Tracy is also an active volunteer for Young Parents Network & Save the Children Action Network.

Membership

Amy Becker: Amy Becker has her Bachelor's degree in Social Work with a focus on children and families. For the past 10 years, Amy has worked with HACAP Paces to Quality program working to improve child care practices in Linn County, and since 2013, is the Family Connections Coordinator collaborating with 15 different partners at the Cedar Rapids Public Library. She is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), adult educator of child care topics, and sits on planning committees for multiple local child care provider conferences. She is passionate about holistic, fun, hands-on learning and growth.

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