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CAYL President Valora Washington Receives Leadership for Children Award at 2012 NAEYC Diversity Gathering



At the large and festive 2012 NAEYC Diversity Gathering, Dr. Valora Washington was, to her surprise, honored to be given the "Leadership for Children Award... for your many years of service, dedication and leadership on behalf of America's children." The award was presented by Gayle Cuningham and Ed Greene.

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Wean Fellows Meet in November



On November 14th, The CAYL Institute held an all day session with the CAYL Wean Principals Fellows. The session was hosted at Lordstown Elementary by Principal Laura Parise. The session focused on differentiated instruction and assessment of the questions:

- How can educators be sure that all students reach and exceed standards given their different abilities, learning styles, personalities and background knowledge?

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The 2012 Principals
Conference will be held July
15-18, 2012 in Baltimore,
MD at the Marriott Inner
Harbor.

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- How can assessment be used to appropriately help educators to know where each child is in her development, or to suggest paths to get to where the child is going?

Topics were explored through the sharing of strategies used at a variety of schools and through review of the research.

Enjoy these photos from the day!





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**2012 National Conference for Principals and Child Care
Directors
What Really Works?
Impact and Innovation
for Young Learners**



The CAYL Institute is excited to announce the 4th annual conference which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland from July 15th-18th 2012 at the Mariott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards Hotel.

Featured Speakers

Dr. Jacqueline Jones, Senior Advisor on Early Learning and Education to the Secretary of Education, will be our speaker for the Sunday Night Orientation Dinner.





Dr. Sherri Killins, Massachusetts Commissioner of Early Education and Care will be speaking and leading a workshop on managing and establishing change in schools and community programs.

For the third year in a row, Maurice Sykes, Executive Director of the Early Childhood Leadership Institute, will be the closing key note speaker!



For information and to register, please visit:
<http://cayl.org/NationalConference2012>

More details to come!

Alumni News

2009 Schott Fellow Flossy Calderon Takes on New Position

Schott Fellow Flossy Calderon has left her position as the Program Director of ABCD Roxbury Head Start and the ABCD Early Learning Program at Madison Park to begin her new position at the ABCD Head Start Central Office as the Policy and Outreach Director. Flossy says she has “truly enjoyed my tenure” and “even though I will miss being at the programs, I am looking forward to a new challenge and starting a new phase of my career.”



Schott Fellow Phyllis Hardy Preparing a Conference on Dual Language Learning

CAYL Schott Fellow Phyllis Hardy is hard at work preparing a conference on dual language learners. The meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 in Framingham, Massachusetts. The keynote speaker will be Mariela Páez, Associate Professor of education, special education,

curriculum and instruction at Boston College. Mariela will present her current research supporting dual language development and discuss the findings that early bilingual exposure has a positive impact on the linguistic, cognitive and reading development of young children.

Massachusetts News

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[Mass. Scores High But Reading A Concern](#)

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[State Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Focuses on Early Education](#)

National News

[Kids Apps Explode on Smartphones and Tablets. But Are They Good For Your Children?](#)

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