



The Voice for Wyoming's  
Children

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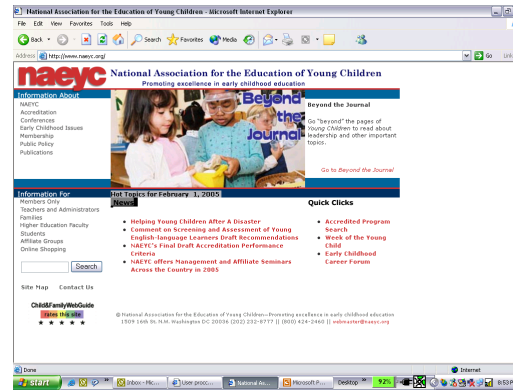
## Wyoming Early Childhood Association (WECA)

### Mission:

WECA is committed to be the voice that advocates for unity, provides professional development, and supports the early care and education community to enrich the lives of children.



WECA is the state affiliate of the  
National Association for the Education of Young  
Children (NAEYC) www.naeyc.org



- WECA was organized in 1979.
- 1<sup>st</sup> conference featured Clare Cherry.
- Past Presidents include:
  - Betsy Carlin
  - Ginny Harmelink
  - Mark Bittner
  - Anita Sullivan
  - Joan Bangen
  - Wilma Reever
  - Connie Lucas Branson
  - Lynn Palmer
  - Judy Catchpole



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## Annual Awards

- Early Childhood Professional
  - K-3 Educator of the Year
    - Friend of the Young Child



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## Professional Development

- State Conference  
- Early Fall in Casper



- Spring Training  
- Theme, Date , Location Varies

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## Accreditation

Wyoming has 38 NAEYC Accredited  
Child Care Centers

January 2009



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## Week of the Young Child (WOYC)

- Theme: Bringing Communities Together for Children (2009)
- Date: April 19-25, 2009

WECA is the Statewide Sponsor



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## The Voice

- Bi-Monthly Newsletter:  
delivered via email or by post

Regional Updates

Advocacy Information

Child Activities

Professional Updates



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## National Membership Benefits

- Bi-Monthly Magazine: Young Children
  - Comprehensive Members:
    - 5 Newly Published NAEYC Books
  - Professional Identity
  - Member Access at [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)
  - Liability Coverage Available
  - Reduced Conference Rates
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## State Membership Benefits

- Bi-Monthly Newsletter: The Voice
- Reduced Conference & Training Rates
- Leadership Opportunities
- Professional Networking Opportunities

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## Membership Costs

September 2008

Comprehensive: \$90  
Includes 5 New NAEYC books

Regular: \$50

Student: \$35

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# The Future

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## Website

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Explore our website by clicking on the link below

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

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## Executive Board    November 2008

President: Peggy Marie Smith

President Elect: Pam Stevens

Treasurer: Teresa Williams

Secretary:

VP of Programs:

VP of Public Policy: Debi Dawe

VP of Membership: Maggie Viani

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## Regional Representatives

### Northwest

Teton, Sublette, N. Lincoln Counties  
Barbara Burrough, Pinedale

### Big Horn

Park, Washakie, Big Horn, Hot Springs Counties  
Open

### Wind River

Fremont County  
Open

### Northeast

Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell Counties  
Andrea Sears, Sheridan

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## Regional Representatives

### East Central

Natrona, Converse Counties

Open

### High Plains

Laramie, Platte, Goshen, Niobrara Counties

Scott Moncrief, Cheyenne

### Southeast

Albany, Carbon Counties

Open

### Southwest

Sweetwater, Uinta, S. Lincoln Counties

Open

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