

Your News from ^{The} Aspire Registry

Connecting Early Childhood
Professionals in New York State

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The Benefits of Being a NAEYC Member

Are you a member of NAEYC? The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is a professional membership organization for anyone who cares for and/or works on behalf of young children. NAEYC's mission is to support high-quality care for children birth through age 8 by connecting early childhood professionals to best practices, policies, and research in the field.

When you become a member of NAEYC, you gain access to a number of valuable benefits to help refine your practice and grow in your career. Membership in the national organization also grants you membership to the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children (NYSAEYC), as well as your local affiliate. These additional memberships offer access to a wealth of local events, networking opportunities, and member benefits. Find a list of local affiliates and dues [here](#). Additional benefits include:



*A five-issue subscription to either: **Young Children**, a peer-reviewed professional journal that covers current topics in the early childhood field, or **Teaching Young Children**, a magazine for educators of young children full of practical ideas that can be implemented immediately.*



Monthly e-mail member newsletters full of the latest research, trends and upcoming events.



Reduced registration fees for NAEYC-sponsored conferences and other professional development opportunities.



A chance to vote in NAEYC elections to shape the future of the organization and the larger early childhood field.



And so much more!

With nearly 60,000 NAEYC members across the country, being a member helps you connect to a nationwide network of early childhood professionals. Become a member today! Learn more [here](#).

FAST FACTS

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Early childhood professionals across the country are getting involved in NAEYC! Check out some of the numbers as of October 2016:

Nearly
60,000
NAEYC members



About
3,200
NYSAEYC members



17
Affiliate chapters in NYS

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Congratulations to The Aspire Registry Team!

The Aspire Registry team was honored to receive the Elijah McCoy Award by the City University of New York’s Office of the Senior University Dean for Academic Affairs. Elijah McCoy, a 19th Century African American inventor, created a lubrication device that helps trains travel more smoothly. The premise of this award is to recognize a team that uses creativity and innovation to develop new or improved processes, methods, systems, services, or programs.

Since the Registry’s implementation in 2012, we’ve worked incredibly hard to enhance our system and member experience. We are deeply committed to continuous improvement and are always thinking about how to grow and develop.

The Aspire Registry is currently processing both new and renewal applications within two weeks, and we have a 96% customer approval rating for our technical assistance.



As we continue to build this system, our goal is to ensure that we meet the needs of our members and work closely with partner agencies. We plan to grow and improve the The Aspire Registry system and truly be the “Real McCoy”.

SPOTLIGHT This month, we are excited to introduce you to Stefanie Straker, a QUALITYstarsNY Quality Improvement Specialist.



“I started working in early child care at the State University of New York at Stony Brook as an intern in the campus child care center. I loved it so much that I decided to pursue a career in the early childhood education field, and I recently joined the QUALITYstarsNY team as a Quality Improvement Specialist in Long Island.

One of the most rewarding parts of my job is watching people grow as a result of coaching, whether it is an administrator, a teacher, or a child alike. My advice for new teachers is to take the time and build a respectful and caring relationship with the children and their families. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, cooking, and staying healthy.”