

2010 SDAEYC/SDHSA JOINT CONFERENCE REPORT

April 15-17
Watertown, S.D.



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Introduction

The South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (SDAEYC) and the South Dakota Head Start Association (SDHSA) recently held their 2010 Joint Conference in Watertown, S.D., April 15-17. The goal of the conference was to provide early childhood education professionals with a multi-dimensional learning opportunity incorporating keynote speakers, educational workshops, featured speakers and conference materials. The intended outcome was to have participants acquire in-depth knowledge that would strengthen early care and education services and Head Start's effectiveness in South Dakota.

This year's conference offered educational sessions, general sessions, informational sessions and keynote speakers. In addition, luncheons and other meetings were conducted to provide information, networking opportunities, along with SDAEYC and Head Start updates and announcements for each association. This report will include participant information, an evaluation report, un-altered participant comments and conference attendance and fiscal summaries.

Summary

The conference went very well and was well attended. 405 attendees and presenters attended our conference from all around South Dakota. 122 of the participants completed our conference evaluation form. Overall, comments indicate that the conference was very successful as measured for quality, value and content. Above all, participants were overwhelmingly appreciative of the quality of the keynote speakers at the conference and the ease of the registration process. 89% of respondents were "Very Satisfied" with Mark Hoog's Keynote address, while 86% were "Very Satisfied" with Becky Bailey's presentation. 56% were "Very Satisfied" with Jim Gills presentation, primarily because it was very similar to his pre-conference address (of which 80% of participants were "Very Satisfied" with the experience).

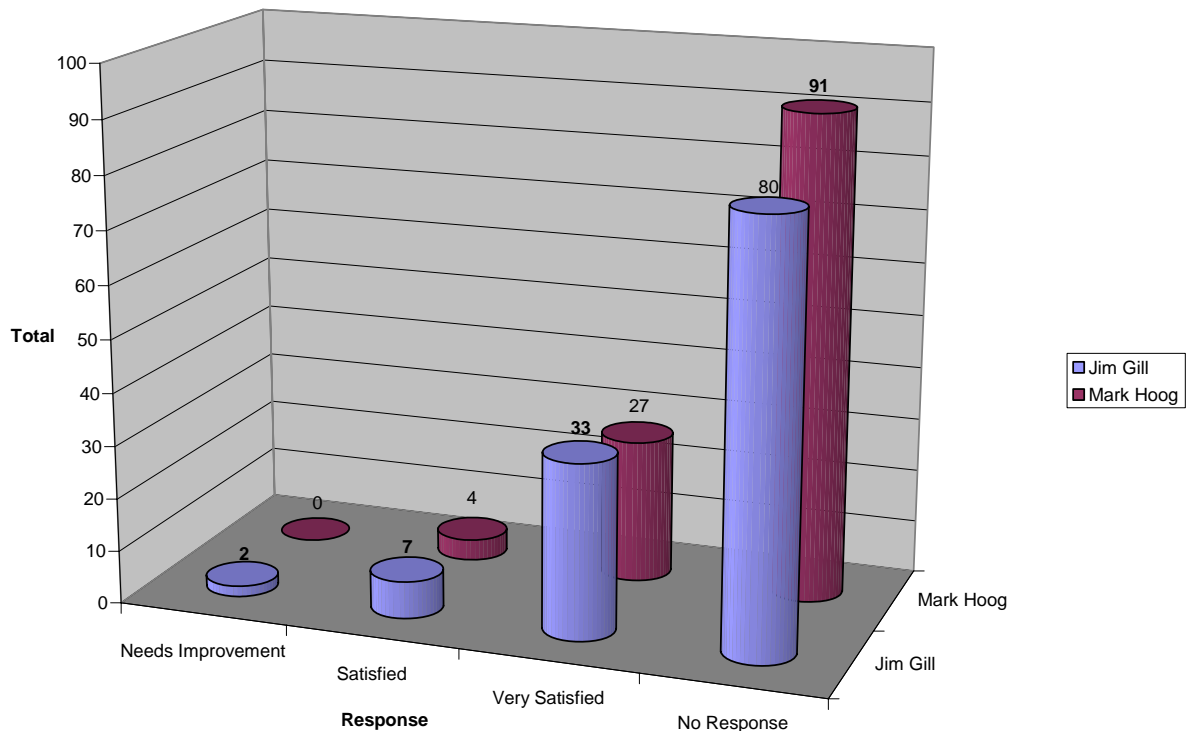
Figures and Tables

The following figures and tables show the data collected from conference attendees and the individual areas addressed in the conference evaluation form. To finalize the report, the conference finances have been recorded.

Speaker Evaluations

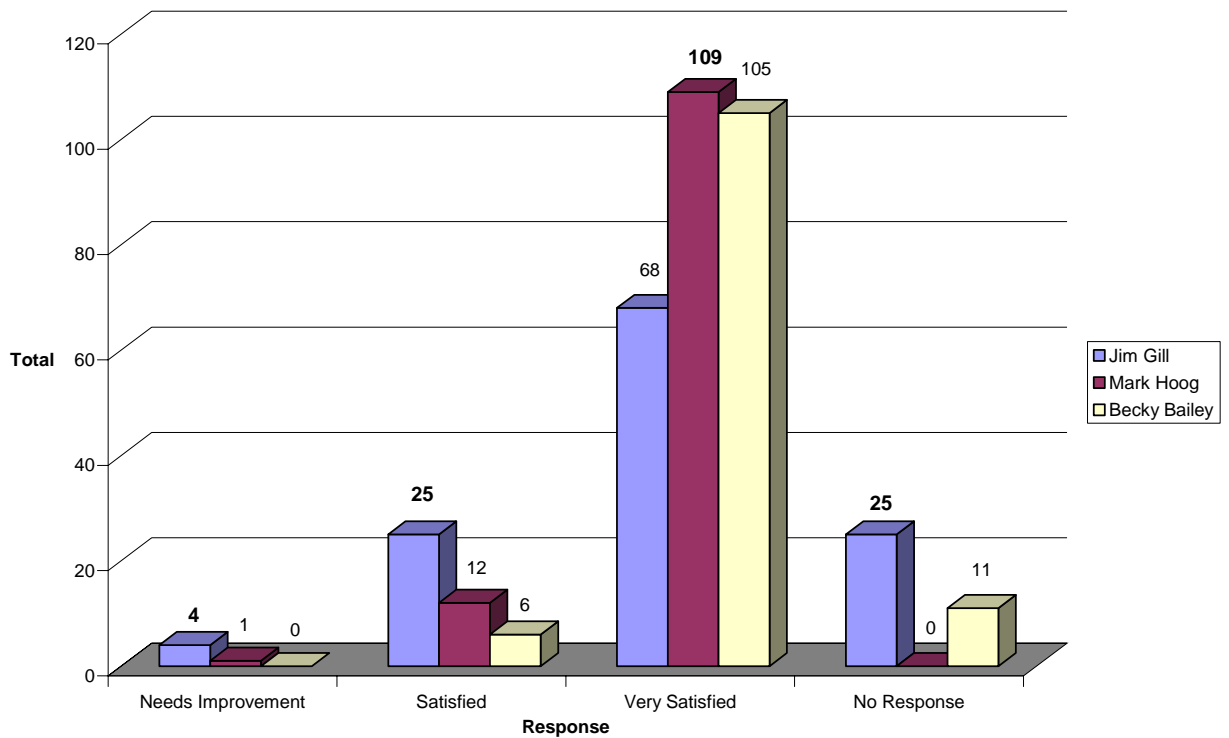
Pre Conference:	Response	Total	% total
<i>Jim Gill</i>			
Needs Improvement	1	2	2%
Satisfied	2	7	6%
Very Satisfied	3	33	27%
No Response	0	80	66%
	total	122	
<i>Leadership Speaker:</i>			
<i>Mark Hoog</i>			
Needs Improvement	1	0	0%
Satisfied	2	4	3%
Very Satisfied	3	27	22%
No Response	0	91	75%
	total	122	

Pre Conference Eval



Keynotes:	Response	Total	% total
<i>Jim Gill</i>			
Needs Improvement	1	4	3%
Satisfied	2	25	20%
Very Satisfied	3	68	56%
No Response	0	25	20%
	total	122	
<i>Mark Hoog</i>			
Needs Improvement	1	1	1%
Satisfied	2	12	10%
Very Satisfied	3	109	89%
No Response	0	0	0%
	total	122	
<i>Becky Bailey</i>			
Needs Improvement	1	0	0%
Satisfied	2	6	5%
Very Satisfied	3	105	86%
No Response	0	11	9%
	total	122	

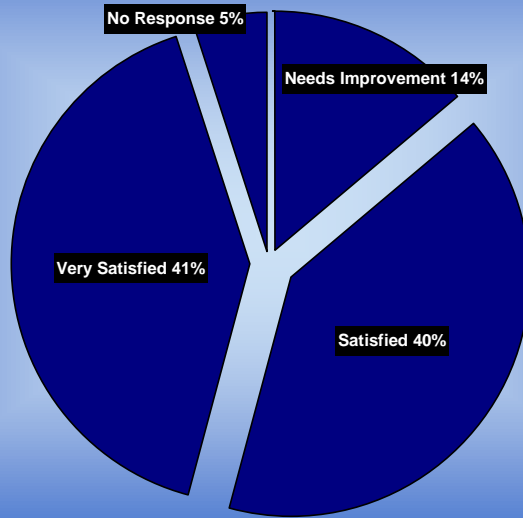
Keynote Speakers



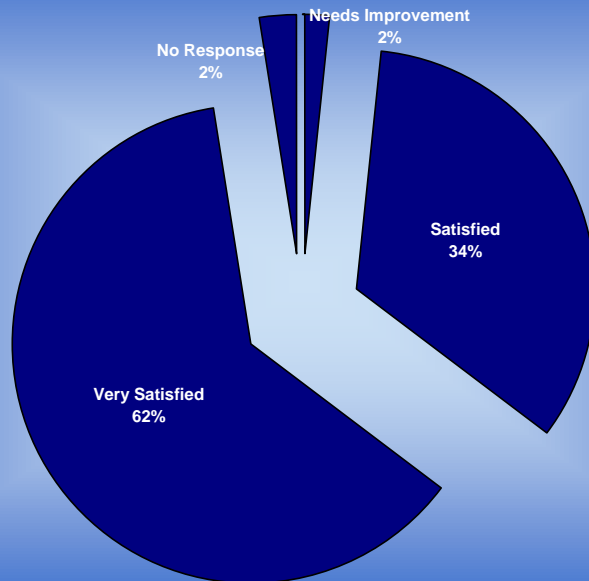
General Information Evaluation

<i>Exhibits</i>	Response	Total	% total
<i>Needs Improvement</i>	1	17	14%
Satisfied	2	49	40%
Very Satisfied	3	50	41%
No Response	0	6	5%
	total	122	
<i>Registration Process</i>			
<i>Needs Improvement</i>	1	1	1%
Satisfied	2	12	10%
Very Satisfied	3	109	89%
No Response	0	0	0%
	total	122	
<i>Workshop Presentations</i>			
<i>Needs Improvement</i>	1	2	2%
Satisfied	2	41	34%
Very Satisfied	3	76	62%
No Response	0	3	2%
	total	122	
<i>Conference Materials</i>			
<i>Needs Improvement</i>	1	2	2%
Satisfied	2	40	33%
Very Satisfied	3	77	63%
No Response	0	3	2%
	total	122	

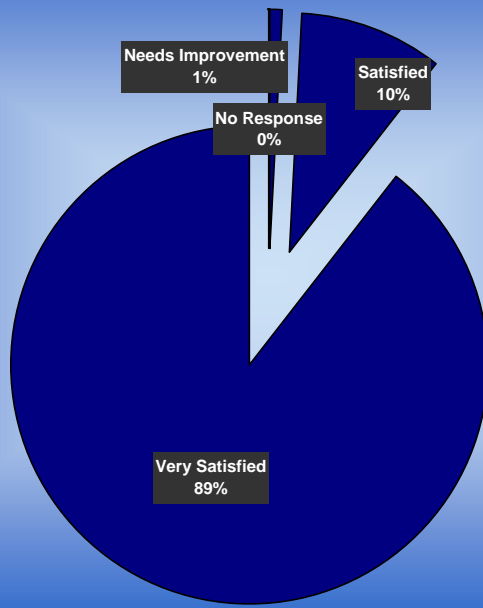
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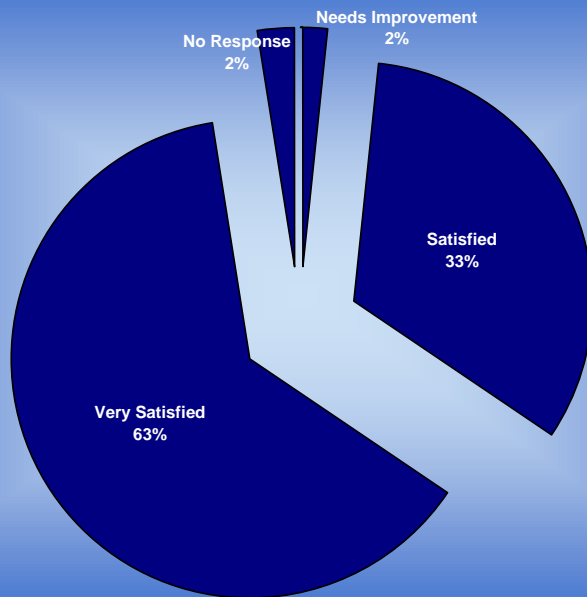
Workshop Presentations



Registration Process



Conference Materials



Evaluation Comments

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great Conference
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nice location, convenient from rooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best one I've gone to! Great Job
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Have it your way" was not very informative
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you for all the hard work you have done in putting this conference together! Can't wait until next year!!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• good variety of workshop topics, keep that going
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• great reception at redlin center
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I would like to see the training areas listed on the conference stickers that we place on our sheet and perhaps a little more info printed on them
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please put the pathways category field on the stickers to make it easier to record it on employee files
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• some people have better presentation skills than others and it's a big thing agreeing to be a presenter. Maybe a "tip sheet" could be given to presenters (when accepted) to help with planning presentation (i.e. visual aids, include activities, ask questions, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The conference was great, very organized
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• great opportunity. The meals were a great idea. A meal for 1st timers to get to meet one another and share ideas may be fun too. Thanks!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This was my first conference and my mind is spinning. So much great information and resources!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• evening activities offered. A list of activities for the hosting city
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent conference. Could have been more exhibitors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• excellent conference - motivational . Thank you
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add \$15 to registration and then include 1 meal and then they will come to the banquet. Awesome registration. Get jocelyn D again! Loved them
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• thank you
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure all vendors know what time the exhibits are open. Letter said 7:30 am Thursday, program said 3 pm. Designated time for exhibits (or more than 15 min) have people collect door prizes from vendors who have donated items. Donated items should be somewhere that everyone gets to see. schedule for all vendors especially when in a separate room make sure people know where exhibits are at. put a sign by the door that includes exhibit hours Hospitality room was very nice. Some folks were not aware of what was included in the room. People didn't know there was pizza for lunch, etc.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please have snacks or vendors something available (fruit, etc) enjoyed this conference, thanks for all your hard work. You did good on keynote presenters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after I registered I thought we would get a confirmation for being registered and some course info but I didn't receive any. The actual conference was great. The workshops were wonderful
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a lot of sessions started late! More art idea classes please. I love this conference for preschool ideas and to keep up on info
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need sponsors for snacks in a.m. and/or p.m. for participants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nice job, thanks for the hard work. Earlier access to program would have generated more attendees. How come AEYC membership is no longer offered as a part of registration. This professional support would be great for all attendees. The naeyc journals are excellent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • everything in the conference was very satisfactory. I enjoyed the speakers and their presentations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was awesome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workshops addressing extreem behavior outbursts such as biting screaming crying <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) what does a teacher do to stop behavior 2)how should this behavior be addressed on the administration side 3)in my program this behavior seems to be brushed under the carpet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it would have been nice if jim gills keynote would have been different than the pre conference. I enjoyed him and would have liked to hear different topics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the workshps were great. The site was very pleasant and convenient
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please have more coffee available and water
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • well organized good job!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • great this year. Learned a lot
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lack of coffee and snacks made the conference seem like something was missing. Food and coffee always sooth the soul. Sing was plugged in room. Jets didn't work in jaccuze. No bedding for 3rd person in room
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • please mark the pathways category on the stickers for the presentations. Otherwise licensing does not know what areas the training is in great conference the keynotes were great and the kick off event at the redlin center was really nice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • awesome conference nice facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wonderful job
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have attended this conference for many years but this year didn't get any info on it. I had to look it up on the internet. It was good the rooms had tables this year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • love having such motivational keynotes night away in the morning starts the day out right and on a positive note
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rooms where workshops were held were spread out too much. Descriptions on program were not what clases were about. Some workshps needed more time for the amount of material avaiable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • would like to see better organizing of the student volunteers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • very nice conference, great job. Well organized, watertown was very welcoming. The redlin center was awesome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nice variety of workshops to choose from. Maybe have some hands on activities or ideas for people to take back to their classrooms. I would like more music moving dancing kind fo things
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thank you for another wonderful conference and for all of your time planning it. I do have to say that I wasn't as impressed with Jim Gill pre-conf. I was so excited to see how he used his songs which he showed us, but not as much as I thought he would. I felt he repeated a lot.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim gill was good but I expected great. We use his cd's all the time and jodi schneider showed us some of the moves. I guess the pre-conference was so much repeat and the keynote wasn't too much new stuff. Dr. Bailey was awesome. She is just what I needed to validated what I have been trying to teach the staff. I loved her humor. how about having the digital art going on the big screen in the main hall before the conference each day. I feel more people would take the time to see them while waiting and talking int he morning.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • very well organized good job committte members!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have 10 school days left in my pre-k program when will I implement these new ideas? I would like to see this be a fall conference. Overall this was one of the best conferences ever!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is too bad racism exists with our young teachers who are non native american. I was in two workshops and felt negativity over and over. I sincerely hope they do not treat children that way. All workshops were informative and one was extremely discouraging on working with head start parents. the simple comment. poverty isn't just one color anymore. Sure made me wonder what color it originally was.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be careful on placing speakers talking next to rooms that are noisy musical it is hard to hear
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some rooms too small - put keynotes in theater and splite the keynote room into 4 smaller rooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no complimentary coffee or treats? Sometimes even the water was gone! I would pay extra for continental breakfast. We had to buy groceries not enough time to go to restaurant for breakfast lunch break was good amount of time thank you.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I really enjoyed the siseton group and the SDSU group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it was great!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a conference that will show us how to deal with a child who hurts other kids, hits kicks bites scratches and punches the teacher. He is taken out of the classroom only to be brought back the next day and he starts all over with his behavior. Was dissappointed with the "what to do with the mad that you feel" session. did not answer my questions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add some extra blank pages to the back of the program guide for taking notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • watertown, good location. Great expeerience fun to see old friends awesome redlin center
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becky Baily was excellent thought her lecture was very ehlpful and useful in my situations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thank you, excellent conference!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • every other one I have attended pitchers of water were available instead of people having to pay for bottles. Those of us who pd for pre-conference basically had the same session over again in the keynote.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • jim gill didn't use his music to its best potential could have been more fun. He repeated his pre-conference at the keynote! Bekcy bailey was great very motivating. I'm eager to implement her tools to use daily conflicts as teachable moments. Meals were great. Well planned and organized conference. Loved the social at the redlin center!!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enjoyed keynote speakers very much, gained much valuable info. Really would appreciate a small snack mid morning and afternoon. Cookies, banana, etc. The luncheon on Friday was very enjoyable, good food, good emcee, just very pleasant

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tables in the small rooms really limited participation. Have more chairs and fewer/no tables to accommodate more people in the rooms. Have the conference in the fall. Make sure pre conference presentations are different from keynotes. Thanks for a wonderful conference lots of time and energy went into this and it was fantastic. Thank you!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• this conference was great. Good sessions and well organized. Great job!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I know its probably hard to control how presenters make handouts, but I feel the powerpoint handouts with the little boxes and tiny print leave a lot to be disired. I would like to see an improvement on this. Could have had an eve. Concert from Jim gill! thank you for all of your hard work!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• should have not tables in the smaller rooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• great Job! You put on a great conference! Everything was done well.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• workshop presenters had a hard time finishing in time. Maybe allow 1 1/2 hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• cold and hard to hear on Sat. with A/C on
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• thanks for the great job all of you do. Thought this facility was beautiful. Watertown a great places to visit!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• make sure water dispensers are full in the afternoon. Very well organized. More higher level presentations needed for those with many years of experience and educations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• when making labels for individual sessions please list what training category they would fit under. (i.e. health/safety, planning activities, program management, etc.) this would make record keeping much easier when tracking hours.

Attendance

Preconference	
Pre-Conf Keynote	94
Leadership Focus	36

Early Bird	
Member	147
Non-Member	46

Full Conference	
Member	12
Non-Member	26
Student	23

On-Site Full Conference	
Member	5
Non-Member	13

Member One Day Registration	18
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>4</i>

Member One Day Registration (On-Site)	3
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1</i>

Non member One Day Registration	11
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>3</i>

Nonmember One Day Registration (On-Site)	24
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>2</i>

Student One Day Registration	1
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1</i>

Student One Day Registration (On-Site)	8
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7</i>

Attendance Cont.

Age:	18-24	47
	25-30	56
	31-36	43
	37-45	90
	46-65+	131

Ethnicity:	Asian - A	1
	African Amer - AA	1
	Caucasian - C	315
	Hispanic - H	8
	Native Amer - NA	43
	Other - O	2

Membership:	AEYC	101
	HS/EHS Full-Time Student	177
	Non-Member	33
	Presenter	95
		93

Age Group Worked With:	Infants	98
	Toddlers	118
	Pre-School Primary	246
	Adults	71
	Other	89
		17

Work Setting:	Admin	38	Higher Education	20
	Child Care Center	71	Nutrition Services	8
	Elem School	49	Preschool	73
	Family Child Care	16	Other	90
	Head Start	154		

Please note: Not all attendees provided this information.