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Southern Arizona Association for
the Education of Young Children

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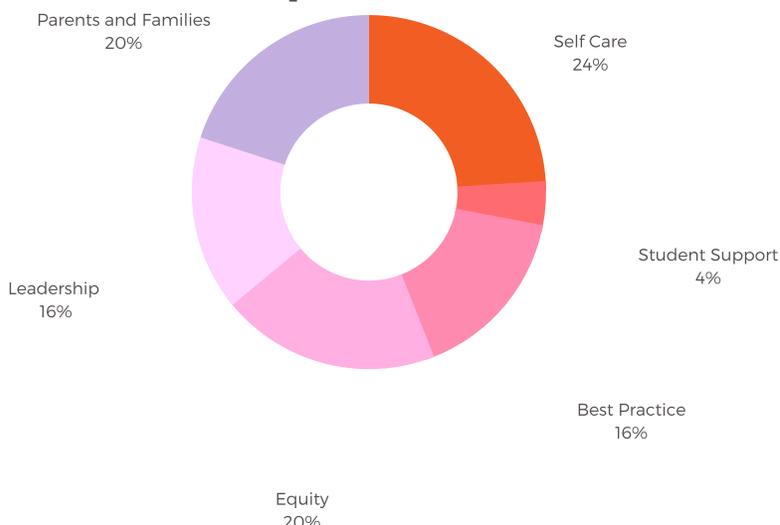
STATISTICS

SAZAEYC YEAR OF SERVICE
2020-2021

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

The purpose of SAZAEYC is to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights, and well-being of all young children with a primary focus on the provision of educational and developmental services and resources. We have activities that support early childhood experiences that benefit our local community. Our board advocates on behalf of children's issues and service on public policy committees extend and enhance our ability to improve the lives of all young children and families. We have accomplished this by speaking to legislators, encouraging our members to participate in the political process, training our members on how to advocate for children, and keeping our membership aware of current issues. Finally, SAZAEYC has reached out to families, in-home care providers, primary (K-3) school teachers, and other organizations in the community that are also interested in the well-being of children and families.

Professional Development Topics Offered



Our awards brunch reached **77** ECE professionals



Our conference reached **217** ECE professionals & **61** at our Coffee and Conversations Series



Our membership body includes **353** ECE professionals



Our listerv reaches **698** people



Our facebook has **1045** followers and reaches **1688** weekly



Our instagram has **436** followers and reaches **145** weekly



Our Twitter has **106** followers and reaches **120** monthly

OVERVIEW

SAZAEYC YEAR OF SERVICE
2020-2021

Week of the Young Child

Music Monday

Offered a live music session for families
508 participants on FB live

Tasty Tuesday

40 meal kits purchased
550 engagements on FB

Wednesday

Established a Free Library with 100 books
521 engagements on FB

Artsy Thursday

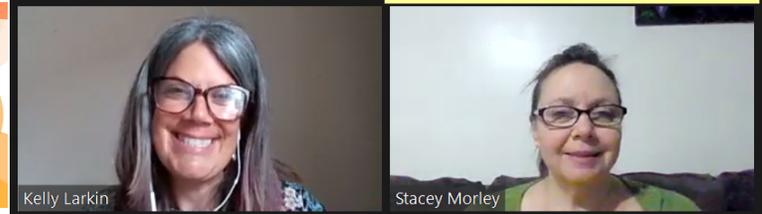
Neighborhood art project
86 engagements on FB

Family Friday

Shared families stories that amplified the voices of people of color
507 engagements of FB

SAZAEYC Saturday

Workshop with 17 participants



Honoring Award Winners

Through generous donations from the community and board members we offered each award winner \$100, a meal and supplies to honor their work

PD Scholarships Donated

25 community members
donated scholarships equaling
\$500 donated to SAZAEYC

Board Donated Time

80 hours a month equaling
\$27398.40 of time donated to
SAZAEYC

STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to the Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children for allowing me to serve as your President for 2020 and 2021. It is an honor and privilege to have the trust of my fellow members to lead this outstanding organization. As in the past, we face great challenges in the organization of identifying and mentoring young and upcoming men and women in the early childhood education field. However, it is also an exciting time of growth and opportunity for us!

During my tenure, we have made a shift to develop virtual professional development opportunities that will benefit both our members and the early childhood field. This year we will start with our Coffee and Conversations, which will be a monthly series based on emergent needs in the Early Childhood Education Community. These learning opportunities will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month beginning at 9 am. We are working to create spaces for educators to join and collaborate. The past year we shifted our awards and recognition ceremony to online and found that we created space and love and revenge for the educators in our field who work tirelessly to on behalf of young children and families.

Our board is a collection of educators, coaches, parents, mentors, higher education professionals and early learning center directors. This group of people inspire me every day to create an equitable and accessible environment for all the educators in Southern Arizona that serve our youngest children. The future of our field lies in the development of new talent, as well as keeping ourselves up to date on the latest advances and opportunities available.

SAZAEYC is your NAEYC affiliate. We are striving to reflect the needs of our educators and families. As you know, SAZAEYC is built on a legacy of a strong sense of community, I believe that our efforts over the next two years will only add to that legacy. The equity statement presented by NAEYC in the winter of 2019 is becoming one of our guiding documents. Crucial to our mission is how we serve our membership body in a way that provides value to all members. We have taken this a step further and offered content around amplifying the voices of people of color and we will continue to be a space to highlight those who need it.

When I began my tenure, our future looked vastly different than it does now. I want to state on behalf of the board and Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children that we are committed to supporting the community in this time of turmoil and being a part of the solution. We are committed and continue to prove our commitment to serving the community as safely as possible during this global pandemic. If anything has been proven through our shift to social distancing is that early childhood professionals play an increasingly vital role in our global society. With each day that passes, the need for highly-qualified and equally compensated professionals who can help individuals, families, businesses, and communities thrive becomes ever clearer. We are committed to moving the field forward and I am honored to be the president of the Southern Arizona Association for the Education during this time.

With Kindness, Compassion and Adoration,
Cynnamon Woodberry, SAZAEYC President