

CAAEYC

***Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children***

***CAAEYC Mission***

*The purpose of the Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAEYC) is to enhance the lives of children by providing support for adults working with or on behalf of young children. CAAEYC expresses its mission in terms of three broad goals:*

* *Facilitating improvements in the professional practice of early childhood development and education.*
* *Increasing public understanding and support for high quality programs for young children and their families.*
* *Fostering collaboration and building a cohesive community of early childhood professionals.*

 Innovation Grant Committee

**Encouraging Innovation in Early Childhood Education**

**Do you believe that children are positively impacted by the inclusion of innovative ideas in the classroom?**

**Are you interested in helping early childhood professionals reach their goals of implementing these ideas into their classrooms/programs?**

**Do you have experience assessing other’s work or would you like the opportunity to learn how?**

**If so, CAAEYC has a committee for you!**

*Responsibilities:*

* Creating a flyer detailing the Innovation Grant and distributing this information to area early childhood professionals via e-mail, newsletter, website, Facebook, and announcements during CAAEYC special events. The flyer should contain the following items: purpose, deadline, brief instructions regarding the application process and expectation of winner to create a documentation panel for use in a display at the CAAEYC conference
* Creating an Innovation Grant application and distributing it to others via e-mail, newsletter, website and copies to be handed out at CAAEYC events
* Developing a detailed rubric for use in assessing applicants’ proposals. The rubric should be a collaborative effort with other committee members/Board members in an effort to make it as fair and comprehensive as possible
* Collecting applications and reviewing them with other committee members before making recommendations to the Board
* Mailing out letters notifying applicants that their applications were received
* Mailing out a letter to winning applicant and scheduling a time to present winner with award certificate and check

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 ***“The VOICE of Early Childhood in the Capital Area”***