

ACCESS

ACCESS is a group of early childhood associate degree faculty in community, technical, junior and 4-year colleges who share instructional design, program articulation and classroom research related to early childhood and out-of-school time programs

ACCESS has grown from a small network in 1978 to a national organization with individual members and affiliate groups all over the United States and Canada. It has become recognized as the representative organization of associate degree faculty who are helping to build national consensus on professionalizing the field of early childhood education.

ACCESS serves as a communication vehicle on a national level, promoting dialogue among its members and between associate and baccalaureate degree faculty.

ACCESS promotes the establishment of local and state affiliate groups to carry out its goals and objectives.

VISION

ACCESS is founded on the belief that learning is a lifelong process and that associate degree programs are an important link in early childhood professional preparation. The members of **ACCESS** support the vision that quality care and educational services should be available to all children and their families.

MISSION

With this vision in mind, the mission of **ACCESS** is to:

- Promote the acquisition of a core body of knowledge at the associate degree level
- Serve as active participants in interrelated continuum of professional growth and education for families and children
- Work with practitioners to ensure the availability of quality early care and education for families and children
- Provide a professional network for sharing knowledge and support among early childhood educators at associate degree granting institutions
- Address issues and concerns of members and promote the professional growth and education of early childhood practitioners
- Cooperate with national organizations concerned with the study and education of young children
- Promote early childhood care and education

What are the benefits of your **ACCESS** membership?

- Website www.accessece.org
- **ACCESS** online newsletter
- Members Only area on website
- Two professional meetings per year
- Reduced annual meeting fees when applicable
- Representation on the NAEYC Professional Development Panel
- State/regional support
- Organizational support for members to make improvements in their programs

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership form is also available at our website:
www.accessece.org

Please print or type:

Mr/Ms/Mrs/Dr (circle one)

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

Email _____

INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

Email _____

Mailing preference: Home _____ Institution _____

___ I do NOT want my name, college, college address, college phone number and college email listed in the online Membership Director, available in Members Only area of website.

___ I am interested in serving on an **ACCESS** committee or leadership position. Please contact me with more information

ACCESS INFORMATION

ACCESS AFFILIATES

Illinois
Iowa
Michigan
New York
North Carolina
Pennsylvania
Texas

Are associate degree colleagues regularly meeting in your state? You can be recognized as a state affiliate of **ACCESS** by completing the requirements. Benefits: Membership rebate of \$10 per member to your state affiliate and a seat on the ACCESS national board. See the website for details and timetable for application.

Annual Dues: \$50

Membership Year is the calendar year.

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