

Highlights and Lowlights of the Past Two Decades

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1977

Child Care Information Exchange launched at NAEYC National Conference in Chicago.

Education for Handicapped Children Act (PL 95-49) enacted.

5.4 million mothers with children under six were in the labor force (39% of all mothers of preschoolers).

Forty-nine percent of mothers with children under 18 were in the labor force.

Federal Interagency Child Day Care Requirements (FICDCR) postponed for another year.

Day Care and Child Development Council of America published first issue of *Family Day Care Provider*.

1978

First issue, *Child Care Information Exchange* published in Belmont, Massachusetts, \$12/year.

Child Care Employee Project began in California.

National Day Care Study published by Abt Associates.

First Save the Children Family Day Care Conference held in Atlanta.

Parents' Choice published as a bi-monthly to review children's media.

1979

Children's Television Task Force established by FCC.

International Year of the Child, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the *Declaration of the Rights of the Child*, designated by the United Nations.

NAEYC published papers on six key issues: Children's Television Advertising, Child Safety, Care of Infants and

Toddlers, Family Support Systems, Child Health and Nutrition, and Multicultural Early Childhood Education.

KinderCare Learning Centers celebrate 10th anniversary.

1980

Child Care Information Exchange celebrated 5,000 subscribers.

NAEYC began planning for the center accreditation project.

National Black Child Development Institute celebrated its 10th anniversary.

The White House Conference on Families recommended more family-oriented practices — plus more child care services.

Day Care and Child Development Council of America became the Day Care Council of America and adopts *Day Care and Early Education* as its journal.

OMEP (World Organization for Preschool Education) began to publish a semi-annual *OMEP News*.

Keys to Early Childhood Education was published by High/Scope.

First Teacher and *First Teacher for Parents* published by Teachers' Center of Fairfield University (Connecticut).

National Campaign for Child Day Care for Working Families established.

Ecumenical Child Care Network (ECCN) founded.

1981

Child Care Information Exchange moved to Redmond, Washington, \$20/year.

1982

Parents As Teachers (PAT) established in Missouri.

National Association for Family Day Care established.

Original organization that became Child Care in Health Care (CCHC) founded.

U.S. House of Representatives established a Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families.

National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers (NCCCC) founded.

1983 NAEYC published its "Criteria for High Quality Early Childhood Programs," the basis of the voluntary accreditation program that would begin in 1986.

The Day Care Council of America ceased operation, while the Child Care Action Campaign opened in New York City.

The National Governors' Association (NGA) created a Task Force on Children's Issues.

1984 Black and white photo of a center director appeared on the cover of *Child Care Information Exchange*.

Work/Family Directions, Boston, contracted with IBM to deliver CCR&R services nationwide.

High/Scope Foundation published *Changed Lives: The Effects of the Perry Pre-school Project Programs*.

Childhood Education, the ACEI journal, celebrated its 60th anniversary. *Young Children* changed to a larger size and a colored cover.

Introduction of *Head Start Bulletin: National Resource Exchange* which was sent to all Head Start grantees.

1985 *Child Care Information Exchange* celebrated 10,000 subscribers.

CCR&R professionals voted to establish the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA).

The National Academy of Early Childhood Programs was established by NAEYC to offer a national, voluntary center accreditation.

San Francisco became the first large city to require developers to set aside space or funds for child care facilities.

NAEYC introduced the Child Care Information Service.

NAEYC established *Early Childhood Research Quarterly (ECRQ)*.

Association of Childhood Educational International (ACEI) introduced the *Journal of Research in Childhood Education*.

1986 50th issue of *Child Care Information Exchange* published — July 1986. First photos appeared in articles.

National Association for Elementary School Principals (NAESP) put into place a traveling National Principal's Academy to offer training to principals and supervisors on quality education for four year olds.

Families using the 1040A (short form) to file income taxes became eligible to claim for child care tax credit.

Scholastic, Inc. established *Pre-K Today*, and two other periodical appeared: *Child Care Professional* and *Ecumenical Child Care Newsletter*. *Education Week* added columns on early education and *Dimensions*, the journal of the Southern Association for Children Under Six (SACUS), celebrated its 15th anniversary.

1987 First color photo used on cover of *Child Care Information Exchange*.

Public Law 99-457 extended services for handicapped children to children below age two. PL 94-142 provided intervention services for three to five year olds.

New Publications: *Child Care Center* for managers; *Baby Times* for new parents; *Nurturing News* for men in preschools; and *Work and Family Life: Balancing Job and Personal Responsibilities*.

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) founded.

National Alliance for Better Child Care (ABC bill: S 1885/HR 3660) introduced.

National Child Care Association (NCCA) founded.

National School-Age Care Alliance (NSACA) founded.

1988 10th anniversary issue of *Child Care Information Exchange* published, \$35/year.

Even Start, a parent education/literacy program, established by U.S. Department of Education to help parents became partners in the education of their children.

Comprehensive Child Development Centers established with U.S. Department of Education funding in 24 sites.

ABC bill defeated in the Senate.

National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) published a book, *Right From the Start*.

Report on Preschool Programs celebrated its 20th anniversary.

1989

Family Day Caring Magazine first published by Redleaf Press.

National Conference of State Legislatures “urged better coordination of preschool and child care programs.”

President Bush convened an Educational Summit in Charlottesville, Virginia. The six national education goals were developed by the National Education Goals Panel and the National Governors’ Association.

Three organizations established: National Center for Children in Poverty at Columbia University; Center for the Future of Children at Stanford; and Parent Action.

UN Assembly adopted an International Convention on the Rights of the Child.

1990

First color advertisements appeared in *Child Care Information Exchange*.

Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) enacted (PL 101-508). The Family Support Act expanded Title IV-A funding for families coming off welfare and at risk of going on welfare.

Head Start celebrated its 25th anniversary.

High/Scope Foundation celebrated its 20th anniversary.

1991

The Head Start/State Collaboration Project began with 12 sites. By the mid-1990s, all 50 states had such a project.

NAEYC announced the new National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development.

1992

Child Care Information Exchange celebrated 15,000 subscribers.

Beginnings became a regular section of *Child Care Information Exchange*.

Child Care Aware: A Partnership for Quality Child Care — in cooperation with NACCRRA, the Child Care Action Campaign, NAEYC, and the National Association for Family Day Care.

NACCRRA opened its national office in Washington, DC. “Prime Time” segment, claiming widespread child care abuses, elicited enormous public response.

Association of Childhood Education International (ACEI) celebrated its 100th anniversary.

1993

Child Care Information Exchange published its 15th anniversary issue.

National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 signed into law.

1994

Child Care Information Exchange launched subscription initiative in Australia, Singapore, and

Malaysia.

Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 signed into law.

UN announced the International Year of the Family.

The National Center for the Early Childhood Workforce, formerly the Child Care Employee Project, opened its national office in Washington, DC.

1995

Child Care Information Exchange celebrated 20,000 subscribers.

“Caring for the Little Ones” newsletter incorporated into *Child Care Information Exchange*.

Doll Campaign started in Colorado carried to Congress in Washington during the February NACCRRRA National Symposium.

Nineteen infants and children died in the Oklahoma Federal Building bombing on April 19.

USA Child Care founded.

1996

Child Care Information Exchange celebrated 25,000 subscribers.

“Stand for Children” campaign brought 250,000 people to the Mall in Washington, DC, on June 1.

Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 enacted on August 22, raising concerns about welfare reform and child care.

NAEYC celebrated its 70th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of its accreditation program.

Alliance of Work/Life Professionals founded in merger of advocates’ and consultants’ associations.

1997

Child Care Information Exchange publisher presented “Friends of the Family Award” from *Working*

Mother magazine.

Child Care Information Exchange launched “Strategic Partners Project” with AWLP, NCCA, NACCRRA, ECCN, CCHC, NCCCC, NSACA, and NAFCC.

“I Am Your Child” public engagement campaign kicked off with a national broadcast on ABC hosted by Rob Reiner.

White House Conference on Child Care (October 23) held in Washington, DC, with President Clinton, First Lady Hillary Clinton, and Vice President Al Gore.

NACCRRA celebrated its 10th anniversary.

1998

Child Care Information Exchange published 20th Anniversary issue.

President Clinton announced a proposed \$21.7 billion over five years for a range of programs for child care and early education.

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