



Kathy Attaway: I Want to Be Your SECA President

The presidency of the Southern Early Childhood Association—SECA—is a wonderful opportunity to *pay forward* the many opportunities that SECA has provided me. SECA has empowered me to become a leader among Kentucky's early childhood professionals and I can think of no better way to give back. If elected, I intend to lead the association's continued focus on meeting the needs of our members, children, and families particularly in the south.

I had been a member of SECA for many years before recognizing its true value. It was the deal of the century: "Become a member of four professional organizations all for one low price." So I joined and became a member of NAEYC and SECA and KAECE and LAECE! The journey began when I became active in my local organization as a student member. Once encouraged to become active at the state level, I realized all that the Southern Early Childhood Association is/does. My first SECA conference hooked me. I am proud to be a member of an organization that encourages all members to engage in commitment and leadership to influence positive growth and development of young children and those who care for them. It is important to me that SECA continue to reach out to all sectors of early care and education, such as childcare providers, classroom teachers, center directors, college professors, the mom who is trying to do the right thing for her children, the state legislators, the national decision-makers, etc.

The Southern Early Childhood Association empowers me with the confidence and courage needed to become the next SECA president. I want to share that sense of empowerment.

The Southern Early Childhood Association:

- E**ncourages, enlists and empowers all who care for children and families of the south.
- S**hares a wealth of information and experience with all who impact the world of early childhood education.
- S**peaks out, especially for children of the south and those who care for them.
- R**esponds realistically to all the hard questions such as "how" and "why".
- A**ddresses individual needs of each state association so they can make a difference.
- S**upports and represents the classroom teacher, the day care administrators, and the needs of organizations, children and families.
- P**rovides ways to get involved such as submitting proposals to give presentations at the annual conference, review children's books, serve on the SECA Board of Directors, etc.
- R**egularly shares information through publications such as *Dimensions of Early Childhood*, *The SECA Reporter*, *Public Policy Notes*, *The Leadership Letter*, and *What's Happening at SECA* to share information on a regular basis.
- D**elivers interviews on SECA Radio to keep us informed and up-to-date.
- O**ffers opportunities to publish books and journal articles.
- C**ontinually updates an easy to navigate website containing invaluable information.
- S**ponsors an annual conference to provide opportunities for learning and networking in a comfortable and welcoming environment.

The Southern Early Childhood Association continues to involve its members and encourage innovative and responsible service to children and families of the south. Who wouldn't want to be the President of such an organization? I know I do!

Evelyn Wright Moore: I Want to Be Your SECA President



Greetings SECA Member! I am Evelyn Wright Moore from the Great State of Texas and I want to be your President! I would consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you as President of one of the three associations you pay for through your membership dues (your state AEYC, SECA and NAEYC). I have served on the board of all three of these associations and served as the Texas AEYC President from 2002-2004.

As the President of SECA, you can count on me to work on your behalf to help strengthen our association at the regional level so that we will be a voice that is heard, appreciated and valued in order to make a difference on the behalf of the members of SECA, children, families and communities we serve throughout the South and our wonderful nation. It will be indeed an awesome task with all the issues our country currently faces, but I am up to the challenge!

I began my career in the early care profession as a classroom teacher in a child care center after graduating from college in 1975 with a degree in Home Economics/Early Childhood. After marrying my high school sweetheart, I was hired in 1975 as the Head Start Director in the county in which I grew up. I later earned my Masters Degree in elementary education. Today I serve as President and CEO for the Agency and we currently serve 569 children annually. We have seven NAEYC accredited centers and a staff of 99. As President of SECA, I would bring a wealth of experience and leadership skills to serve you. I love SECA and I want to be your next President!!!

Former SECA President Testifies on Capitol Hill

Phil Acord, Executive Director of the Chambliss Children's Shelter in Chattanooga, TN, recently testified before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Subcommittee on Children and Families during a hearing entitled, **CCDBG Reauthorization: Helping to Meet the Child Care Needs of American Families**. Phil was President of SECA in 2002 & 2003.

According to the letter that invited

Phil to testify, *"the purpose of the hearing is to discuss critical improvements that can be made to the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) within current funding levels that does not sacrifice access to care for working families."* They specifically asked Phil to address *"his experiences in managing Children's Home and the multi-site alliance of early childhood education programs in Chattanooga and, spe-*

cifically, what improvements you believe can be made to ensure high-quality, safe and healthy care for children who benefit from CCDBG without damaging current enrollment levels for families."

Phil's testimony is posted on the Public Policy page of the SECA website. **Congratulations Phil!**



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