

Jayne Hafer Honored with FACCM Award of Excellence



Jayne Hafer, currently enrolled in the Master Program for Early Childhood and N.E. Focal Point Preschool Manager, received the Florida Association for Child Care Management (FACCM) Award for Excellence as the Director of the Year. The award recognizes the contributions of outstanding early learning professionals for consistently demonstrating the ability to prioritize the educational and emotional development of Florida's youngest citizens, while nurturing their confidence, inspiring their imagination, and advocating for their well-being.

Jayne has been employed as Director and teacher at N.E. Focal Point since 1996. Her philosophy on early childhood education is that all children can learn when given the opportunity. She has been instrumental in promoting several innovative initiatives, including interactive and informative open house family breakfasts, articulation with three local elementary schools, and family interactive reading days in English and Spanish. She has helped form partnerships with Kiwanis Club involving book donations and reading days, the Treasure Box Project where the children receive wrapped treasure boxes during the holidays, and the American Legion and the Elks who provide dried goods and a turkey for every family. Jayne also writes grants that have provided computers, software, music, and teaching materials.

As well as being a full-time preschool director and a Masters Degree candidate, in her *spare time*, Jayne holds memberships and positions in NAEYC, SECA, Florida's Children Forum, Florida's Children Movement, ACEI, USN-UN Women East Florida Chapter, Community Partner with the Broward Early Learning Coalition, Week of the Young Child Chair 2010-2014, Vice President of BAEC, President of Kappa Delta Pi Rho Omega Chapter at FAU, Treasurer of the College of Education Student Achievement Council, Member Chair of Golden Key and member of Omicron Delta Kappa.

"Most importantly I have been Advocate of the Year for Broward County 2009, 2012, and 2012 and I have a desire to continue making a difference in the lives of children, " said Jayne.