

Jeanie Pittman- Secretary



Summary of Experiences:

- Currently is the Internship Coordinator and Instructor, Department of Human Development, WSU
- Previous experience includes teaching children and co-developing a reading program
- Eastern Washington AEYC member, and past member of Idaho AEYC and Palouse Area AEYC
- Past experiences on Lewiston (Idaho) Boys & Girls Club Board, Lewiston School District Strategic Planning Committee and School Improvement Team

Candidate Statement

I've had the opportunity to serve as Member-at-Large on the Governing Board of WAEYC for two years and now welcome the opportunity to apply for the position of Secretary.

If elected to continue on the WAEYC Governing Board, I will strive to promote excellence in early learning and have a voice for high quality care, education and support of all young children and their families. For the past 25 years, it has been my passion to advocate for children. After obtaining a degree in elementary education, I began my career as a kindergarten teacher in a small private school and child development center in Longview, Washington. When I moved to the east side of Washington State, I took on various leadership positions in my community. I served as PTA president of my children's school, was appointed to the district-wide school improvement team, and served on the advisory board of the local Boys and Girl Club.

If I am elected to the WAEYC Governing Board I will be dedicated to providing quality professional development opportunities for those who work with young children and their families. Having been a preschool teacher myself, I understand both the challenges and joys of the profession. While on faculty of Walla Walla Community College, I taught in the parent-cooperative preschool and also taught parent workshops on early childhood issues. Currently,

as a faculty member at WSU, I teach courses in early childhood development and care. I also help WSU Human Development students find internships in human service agencies such as DSHS, Head Start, and various social service organizations.

While on the WAEYC Governing board, I will continue to serve our community by striving to inform the public about the vital work early childhood professionals do. I realize the importance of establishing a strong and effective public voice for high quality care and education. Therefore, I welcome the opportunity to participate in legislative action and public awareness campaigns. I will advocate for early learning and quality care for young children at local, state, and federal levels. I have a keen understanding about how to interact with both private and public institutions. While earning a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University, I studied the operations of corporate, not-for-profit, community and government organizations. If elected to the WAEYC Governing Board, I will bring this unique set of communication and collaboration skills to the table.

I believe the various experiences I've had working with young children, parents, schools, organizations, and human service agencies would enhance the diversity of the Governing Board. Thank you for considering me for this position.

Warm Regards,
Jeanie Pittman, M.A.