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Rhode Island AEYC Announces Lisa Hildebrand into the Role of Executive Director

Warwick, RI, February 19, 2014 – The Governing Board of the Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children, the state affiliate for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), announced today the confirmation of Lisa Hildebrand into the role of Executive Director. Lisa has been serving as Acting Director since late December.

“We are very pleased to announce this appointment,” reported Chris Amirault, Rhode Island AEYC Board President. “Lisa will bring leadership and creativity to Rhode Island AEYC and a deep sense of commitment to our mission of improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for young children.”

Lisa earned a bachelor’s degree in Biology with minors in Education and Philosophy from the University of Rhode Island and a master’s degree in Counseling Psychology from Webster University. She came to Rhode Island AEYC after more than 15 years at Sherman College of Chiropractic, a doctorate program in Spartanburg, South Carolina, the last eight of which she served as Director of Admission and then Vice President for Enrollment Services. She was also previously a faculty member at Spartanburg Community College and taught graduate level courses at Sherman College. Prior to this appointment, Lisa was the Assistant Director for Rhode Island AEYC, and was hired to assist in the development and management of the Rhode Island Child Care Resource and Referral Center, a Rhode Island Department of Human Services (DHS) contract previously held by Rhode Island AEYC. She also was responsible for coordinating quality improvement initiatives for the state’s Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), BrightStars. BrightStars is managed by Rhode Island AEYC and the program was created to support a consistent supply of diverse and high-quality child care accessible to all Rhode Island families.

“I look forward to continuing to work closely with our state and community partners to assist in improving the quality of care provided to the children in our state,” remarks Hildebrand. “I am dedicated to this because it provides vital supports and resources to our child care and early learning providers. Rhode Island AEYC plays a key role in supporting these providers and I am excited to lead the agency in this important work.”

Lisa and her husband, Todd, live in North Kingstown and have two daughters, Riley and Annie, both of whom spent their early years in child care programs in South Carolina and Rhode Island.

About Rhode Island AEYC

Rhode Island AEYC's mission is to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of all young children with primary focus on the provision of educational and developmental services and resources. We are an affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the managing agency for [BrightStars](#), Rhode Island's Quality Rating and Improvement System for Child Care and Early Learning Programs. Learn more at www.naeyc.org.

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