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CDA, NAEYC
and
Distinguished
Service Award
recognition

We Can Make
A World of
Difference

Helping Our Youth



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OUR MISSION: Helping Parents Restart, Giving Kids a Head Start, Helping Staff Develop

Special recognition given to deserving people

FROM
THE
DESK
OF
OLGA



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There are special events in our lives that only occur one time. Monday, March 31 was one of those moments in the lives of some of our co-workers. Many of them received recognition because they achieved their CDA.

Each one had to work hard for this credential, and after waiting some time they came to Immokalee to receive their plaque and, of course, a warm hug from George Sorn, Barbara Mainster and yours truly Olga Hernandez. Congratulations!

And so many centers got their NAEYC accreditation this year—it was super! This proof of quality for our children makes all of us so proud. We thank all the staff for their hard work.

You can imagine being with RCMA for 15 to 20 years of happiness. Well, not everything has been a honeymoon, but it was for many coworkers who completed 15 or 20 years of working with RCMA. As Rocio Durcal says in one of her recent songs "How the years have gone by, how things have changed."

I imagine that time has changed many things, that we have laughed a lot, we have been sad and we have also cried. But we have continued working hard to help our families find a better way of life.

Congratulations. You are deserving and with your efforts you earned your reward. With our sights set on above, let us continue with our mission without giving up.

Congratulations everyone!

NAEYC Accreditation



RUSKIN MIGRANT EDUCATION CENTER:
Gloria Young, Peter Millard, and San Juanita Galan hold up the sign proclaiming their center a "Great Place for KIDS!" This center was accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Volunteer caught off guard

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VOLUNTEER SUPPORT AWARD: Doris Lee was presented with this award by Executive Director Barbara Mainster at the annual award recognition celebration in front of the RCMA Board of Directors. Doris can be found helping out at the Rollason Center.



Reconocimiento especial dado a personas merecedoras

DEL ESCRITORIO DE OLGA

Hay eventos especiales en nuestras vidas que solamente ocurren una vez. El lunes 31 de marzo fue uno de esos momentos en las vidas de nuestras compañeras/os de trabajo.

Muchas de ellas/os recibieron reconocimiento porque lograron su CDA. Cada una/o tuvo que luchar mucho para este certificado, y después de esperar algún tiempo vinieron a Immokalee para recibir su placa y por supuesto el abrazo cariñoso de George Sorn, Barbara

Mainster y su servidora Olga Hernandez. Felicidades!

Y muchos centros recibieron su acreditación de NAEYC este año. Fue estupendo! Esta prueba de calidad para nuestros niños nos hace muy orgullosos. Le agradecemos mucho a los empleados por ser muy trabajadores.

Se pueden imaginar ustedes de quince a veinte años de dicha. Bueno no todo ha sido una luna de miel, pero así fue para muchas de otras compañeras de trabajo que cumplieron quince o veinte años de trabajar con RCMA. Como dice Rocio Durcal en unas de sus recientes canciones "como

han pasado los años, como cambiaron las cosas."

Me imagino que el tiempo ha cambiado mucho, que hemos reído, quizás a carcajadas, hemos estado tristes y también hemos llorado, pero hemos seguido adelante luchando para ayudar a nuestras familias encontrar una manera mejor para vivir.

Felicidades!

Se merecen y con su trabajo se ganaron su galardón.

Así que mirando hacia arriba con nuestra vista en los cielos, adelante soldados de RCMA que la batalla nos espera.

Felicidades a todos!

NAEYC Accredited Centers

MASCOTTE MIGRANT HEAD START: Left to Right: Cristina Rincon, Lupe Razo and Retha Woolfolk.



ROLLASON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER ANNEX (Immokalee): Norma Ramirez (left) and Rosie Arevalo.



BELLE GLADE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: Betty Nelson (left) and Kathy Vergara.



RUSKIN MIGRANT HEAD START CENTER: Left to Right: Irma Chappa, Felipa Flores, Elodia Cortinaz and Jorge Velasquez.

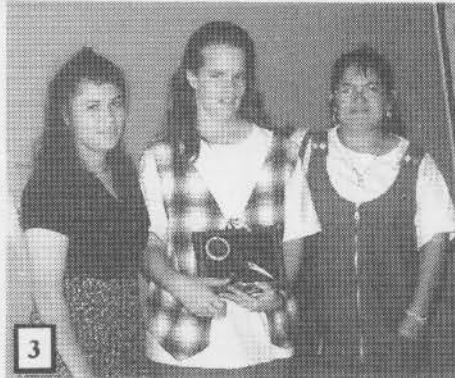
Look for more photos of NAEYC recognition in the May issue.

Congratulations to our 1995-97 CDA Recipients

Name	Area	Year
Wanda Gunn	A	1996
Cristina Rincon	C	1996
Katherine Peebles	C	1996
Terry Bonilla	E	1996
Myrtis Jordan	E	1996
Carmen Figueroa	E	1996
(Advisor for 25 candidates)		
Evelyn Melendez	E	1996
Maria Charles	E	1996
Vera Trevino	F	1996
Ninfa Gomez	F	1996
Janean Nelson	F	1996
James Jones	F	1996
Lucy De La Paz	G	1997
Maria Teresa Turner	H	1996

Name	Area	Year
Alfreda Redden	H	1995
Bertha Hooks	H	1995
Shirley Wright	H	1995
Sabrina Langford	H	1995
Debra Pardo	H	1996
Latarsha Lewis	H	1996
Florida Zamarron	H	1996
Viola Esquivel	H	1996
Regina Rhoomes	H	1996
Claudia Salinas	H	1996
Jacquelyn Kelly	I	1995
Lois King	I	1995
Sandra Brown	I	1995
Enedina Gallegos	I	1995
Marisol Roman	I	1995
Monica Rivera	I	1995
Noraida Rivera	I	1996
Brunila Guevara	I	1996
Silvia Chamul	I	1996
Veronica Adams	I	1996
Petrona Lopez	I	1996
Miriam Dominguez	I	1996
Marie E. Wainz	I	1995

Name	Area	Year
Samantha Sears	I	1995
Awilda Torres	J	1996
Laquita Prudent	J	1996
Lynn Bowen	J	1996
Shirley Sloan	J	1996
Tiffany Koch	J	1996
Carmen Epp	J	1996
Sophia Rodriguez	J	1997
Blanca Govena	K	1996
Maria Mata	K	1996
Edelmira Valle	K	1996
Luz Marina Gonzalez	K	1996
Belinda Rivas	K	1996
Macrina Vega	K	1996
Claudia Solis	K	1996
Maribel Perez	K	1996



[1] Left to Right: Regina Rhoomes, Debra Pardo, Florida Zamarron, Latarsha Lewis, Claudia Salinas, Shirley Wright, Sabrina Langford, Olga Hernandez, Alfreda Redden, Peggy Lawson, Frances Canty, Gloria Kendrick.

[2] Left to Right: Maribel Perez, George Sorn, Claudia Solis, Barbara Mainster, Olga Hernandez, Marbelia Zamarripa.

[3] Left to Right: Susana Zamora, Lucy De La Paz, Elida Gomez.

[4] Left to Right: Becky Burns Hoffman, LaQuita Prudent, Tiffany Koch, Gloria Padilla, Sophia Rodriguez, Barbara Mainster, Olga Hernandez.

[5] Left to Right: George Sorn, Katherine Peebles, Angie Herrera, Cristina Rincon, Barbara Mainster, Olga Hernandez.

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Celebrating longtime commitment to RCMA



15 year of service

Name	Area
Raeann Lusik	B
Mozella W. Marshall	B
Roberta Fields	B
Edna Blue	B
Margaret Murray	B
Ramona Vidales	C
Retha Woolfolk	C
Guadalupe Razo	C
Evangelina Lupercio	D
Mary A. McClain	D
Maria Dragustinovas	D
Elodia Cortinaz	E
Felipa Flores	E
Maricela Serrano	E
Rita Davila	E
Jannie Polk	H
Rosalinda Minez	H
Althea Wallace	H
Imelda Ibarra	H
Walter Carter	H
Everlina Richardson	H
Judy Burleson	I
Sara Sandoval	K
Teresa Jimenez	K
Marbelia Zamarripa	K
Gyla Wise	Rollason Center
Velma Adame	Rollason Center

20 years of service

Name	Area
Yolanda Guajardo	E
Myrtelina Rivera	E
Faye Sandoval	E
San Juanita Galan	E
Karri D. Greene	H
Marylou A. Alvarado	J
Rosa L. Daniel	K
Ernestina Cruz	J

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