

# WELCOME TO MO-ACCESS

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## JOINING WITH OTHER STATES TO ACCOMPLISH GOALS

- Foster cooperation and coordination among post-secondary institutions with a common interest in instruction and learning in early childhood
- Promote the acquisition of a core body of knowledge at the associate degree level
- Work with practitioners to ensure the availability of quality early care and education for children, families, and communities
- Provide a professional network for sharing knowledge and support among early childhood educators at associate degree granting institutions
- Address issues and concerns of members and promote the professional growth and education of early childhood practitioners
- Collaborate with state and national organizations concerned with the study and education of young children
- Promote and advocate for quality in early childhood care and education



We are pleased to announce that Missouri is the 10<sup>th</sup> state to form an affiliate group of ACCESS. We are excited for all two-year degree program Early Education faculty because we have high hopes for forging collaborative relationships here in Missouri.

## Current Goals

Our current goal for this initial year is to grow our state membership and establish opportunities to collaborate and support one another. Currently we have 17 members. We would love to have member representation from every community college in Missouri, both full time and adjunct faculty.

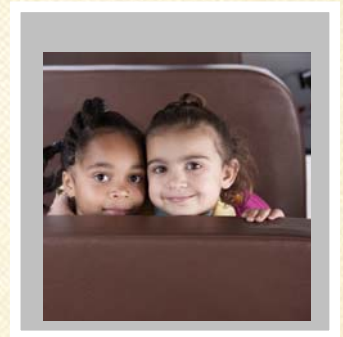
We also plan on utilizing the national ACCESS website to post information about our state group. This site will be operational very soon at [www.accesssece.org](http://www.accesssece.org) The newsletter and website are full of resources and information. A copy of the current newsletter is attached.

The membership year runs from January to January, but you can join this fall for a reduced rate. There is also the opportunity to receive the journal from NAECTE.

We plan on having a membership meeting at one of the state conferences in spring 2012.

**PLEASE JOIN US**  
*Membership forms are available in the newsletter and on the ACCESS website.*

*We are very interested in sharing your ideas and building connections throughout the state.*



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