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MEMORANDUM

To: Early Childhood Education Teachers and Program Administrators

From: Amy Corriveau, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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Subject: **Arizona Early Learning Institute**

During the past six years, the Arizona Early Learning Institute (ELI) has become one of the premier professional development opportunities for both teachers and administrators working with children preschool through grade three.

This summer, the Arizona Department of Education ~ Early Childhood Unit will not be hosting the ELI. This is mainly due to two reasons.

First, in the current fiscal crisis, it would be difficult for our section to offer an institute of the magnitude and quality to which you have become accustomed.

Secondly, and most importantly, Arizona is the chosen site for NAEYC's National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development on June 6th-9th. This Institute is designed for teacher educators, program administrators, and others who provide professional preparation and ongoing professional experiences for the early childhood workforce.

Having NAEYC come to Phoenix in June is a wonderful opportunity for early childhood educators and administrators to attend a national conference! Many early childhood educators and administrators may not have attended a national conference of this magnitude before. Please see the website for additional information and registration <http://www.naeyc.org/institute/>

Early childhood educators from around the nation will descend on Phoenix this June! We hope you will be among them. You will find presentations from the ADE ~ Early Childhood, First Things First, Arizona's Institutes of Higher Education and a host of other national experts in the field.

Those wishing to attend the NAEYC Conference instead of the ELI may need to make an amendment to early childhood grants. **The deadline for amendments is April 2nd.**

For additional information please contact an Early Childhood Specialist at 602-364-1530.