

ARNEC

Photo Contest '09

Home, Family and Community
in Early Childhood Care and Development



At the heart of ECD is the child's immediate environment – **HOME**. Babies and toddlers form a special relationship with their **PRIMARY CAREGIVER** (usually parents, and often mother) who provides physical and emotional care continuously and consistently in their life. But the relationship with the **FATHER** is as important, so are those with **grandparents, siblings, and other EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS**, who play a significant role in their psychosocial well-being throughout the early childhood years (and onwards). Young children who have received **NURTURING CARE** and have established positive relationship with

parents (or those significant in their life), are more likely to develop better emotional functioning and social skills, as well as **POSITIVE** disposition for learning.

While family is a crucial context for child's development, the family itself is embedded in a broader **COMMUNITY** context with social and economic factors that have direct impact on the lives of children. The community and the families interact with one another to **INFLUENCE** the development of children. Moreover, successful EC programmes that show **POSITIVE** impact on young children's developmental outcomes are often

characterized by high level of parents'/ family and community involvement.

Exemplified by the African proverb "it takes a **WHOLE VILLAGE** to raise a **CHILD**", all of us have a shared responsibility for young children in providing a caring and stimulating environment that foster optimal child development.



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In an effort to encourage family and community involvement in early childhood development (ECD), the Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood (ARNEC) is pleased to invite entries for the second Photo Contest 2009 on the theme of “Home, Family and Community in Early Childhood Care and Development”

criteria and conditions

1. Photographs should depict children ages 0-8, of either gender, in the Asia and the Pacific region, particularly children from vulnerable groups or ethnic minorities, and children with special needs/disabilities.
2. Digital photographs must be submitted in TIF, EPS or JPEG format with a resolution of at least 300 dpi to Kanitha Kongrukreatiyos at kanitha.kong@gmail.com.
3. Or send us hard copies of the photographs or in CD-ROM to ARNEC Secretariat, ATTN: Kanitha Kongrukreatiyos, c/o UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office, 19 Phra Atit Rd. Bangkok 10210 Thailand.
4. For each photograph, please credit the photographer including the name, affiliation and place/country where it was taken. Any additional information about the activity in the photograph is most welcomed so that captions can be added.
5. Photographs must not have been featured in previous publications, promotional materials or websites.
7. Photographers or affiliated organizations must hold all rights to photographs entered into the contest.
8. The photographer or affiliated organization retains copyright over the photograph. Any photograph used by ARNEC will bear the photographer's name, affiliation and country. All contestants must agree to the condition that any image submitted can be used by ARNEC for use in our respective publications, websites, documents, and for use in presentations or promotions.
9. Each individual or organization can submit more than one entry.
10. Any individuals involved or interested in early childhood (students, teachers, school administrators, government officials, parents, caregivers, etc) are strongly encouraged to submit entries.

categories

Submitted photos should depict family and community involvement in the contestant's home country and must fall in one of the following four photo contest categories described below. When submitting entries, please identify photo category as well:

Category 1: Pregnancy through Birth; getting ready for parenthood

We look for photos that depict family environment before child birth, particularly for couples/households getting ready to have a baby. Photos can also include the time preceding/after child birth.

Category 2: Parenting and Family Support; building positive relationship with caring family members; responsive care and positive interactions at home by parents, grandparents and siblings

We look for photos that depict positive child rearing practices in the family context of local culture and customs, positive relationships between young children and their family members particularly in the home environment. Family members include mothers, fathers, siblings, as well as extended family members such as grandparents and aunts/uncles.

Category 3: Family Involvement and Support for EC Services; consistent care at home and at ECD programmes/centers

We look for photos that depict families engaged in helping young children acquire new knowledge, skills and positive behaviors, as well as those that address family participation and support for EC services.

Category 4: Community Participation and Support for Families with Young Children; active participation and support by community members for young children and families in ECD services

We look for photos that show a cohesive community and safe environment where families and communities know, trust and help one another.

schedule

All entries must be received by **September 13, 2009**. Announcements will be made by November 2009.

awards

The 13 contest winners will have their photographs and brief background information about their organization and themselves featured in the “ARNEC Calendar 2010: Home, Family and Community in ECCE”. This is to be distributed widely through the Asia-Pacific and beyond. The winners will also receive complimentary hard copies of the calendar.