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National Association for the Education of Young Children Honors Diane Trister Dodge With Scholarship Designation

Washington, DC, December 17, 2010—On Monday, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) announced its designation of the Diane Trister Dodge Scholarship Award. This scholarship is named in honor of Diane Trister Dodge, founder and president of Teaching Strategies, Inc., in recognition of her dedication and contribution to advancing and supporting the early childhood profession.

"Throughout her professional life, Diane Trister Dodge has championed excellence in professional development opportunities as a fundamental leadership development tool," said Jerlean Daniel, executive director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. "The NAEYC Lasting Legacy Scholarship Fund was established to support leadership development in early childhood education. Designating a Legacy Scholarship to our annual National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development in Diane's name is the fitting way to honor her achievement."

A recipient will be chosen from among those who apply for scholarships to NAEYC's National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development, which is held each June. This year's Institute will be held June 12–15 in Providence, R.I. Scholarship applications for the Institute are due by February 7, 2011. The winner of the Diane Trister Dodge Scholarship will be announced this spring. Scholarships to the Institute and to NAEYC's Annual Conference in November are made possible through generous donations to NAEYC's Building a Lasting Legacy Campaign.

"I am very honored by this wonderful Scholarship Award, especially because I know how many colleagues also deserve recognition for their many contributions to our field," said Diane. "Having been a member of NAEYC since 1972, I have seen what a profound difference the Association makes in raising the quality of early childhood education and promoting the professional development of thousands of teachers. This award offers a perfect opportunity to mentor new leaders, and I look forward to being actively involved with each of the teachers who are awarded the scholarship."

About the National Association for the Education of Young Children

Founded in 1926, the National Association for the Education of Young Children has nearly 80,000 members worldwide. The Association is the largest and most influential voice for early childhood educational professionals and the field of early childhood education in the United States.

About Teaching Strategies, Inc.

Teaching Strategies is a dynamic educational publishing company that serves the early childhood community exclusively, bringing curriculum, assessment, professional development, and family connection resources to programs serving children from birth through kindergarten. The company's mission is to provide the most effective early education resources to support the critical work of early childhood educators.