

As I write this last eein annual meeting report I am proud when I reflect on the last four years of service I have provided to this organization as the president. I am also honored that my predecessor and personal mentor, Karen Welford, is the new president of eein. Karen comes to eein with many years of experience in the field of early intervention and Head Start. In her time on the eein board she has done superb work chairing the Development of Early Intervention Professionals Action Committee, served as the member at large on eein's executive committee, served on the Training and Ed committee and been eein's representative at the NH Child Care Advisory Council meetings. She has also facilitated eein's annual retreat and strategic planning for the last three years. So, please take a moment the next time you see Karen to thank her for stepping into the leadership role for eein.

As you will see from reading this report, eein continues to be a busy and thriving organization committed to providing excellent training and mentorship to professionals working with young children. This last year we revised our mission statement to be:

EEIN promotes optimal development of young children with special needs and their families through the support and education of professionals and individuals who work with children and families by providing opportunities to learn, collaborate and build partnerships.

This revision better reflects the work we do with ALL providers who work with young children with special needs and better exemplifies our purpose.

One of the highlights this last year was eein 30th anniversary celebration this past spring. Bringing together the many amazingly talented people who were instrumental in founding, shaping, supporting and developing eein into what it is today was awe inspiring. This organization has been blessed to have so many talented people committed to carrying on the great work eein was founded to do 30 years ago.

I want to personally thank every person who has helped me during these last four years. As we move into the next fiscal year we will continue to look to add more members to our board of directions and general eein membership, provide more advanced level trainings and mentorships and expand our growing web site, as well as continue to provide high quality newsletters, and orientation for ESS service coordinators.

Respectfully,

Suzanne Iverson