

CAROLE STEPHENS (formerly Peterson)

Early Childhood Music Specialist

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Nationally acclaimed speaker on Early Childhood Music and Movement:

2005 – 2023 KEYNOTES: CCR&R-IL, MassAEYC, NYS-AEYC, TX E.C. Alliance, WI-ECA, Frog Street Press, Quad-Cities AEYC, Grenada's first EC Conference, Kids First/IA, YWCA of Lake County, Heart of IL, UW-Platteville ECE, IAFC, SI-AEYC, Joliet AEYC, DAWN AEYC, Central IL AEYC, G3EM Conf., Legacy Conference, MA, IL-AEYC and many CCR&R's in the Midwest!

FEATURED SPEAKER: IL-ASCD Kindergarten Conference (15 years), Sharing-A-Vision, MassAEYC, FL-AEYC, CA-AEYC, Opening Minds/Chicago, IN-AEYC, MN-AEYC, Head-to-Toe Conference, IL-AEYC, IL State BOE – IL Starnet, all regions, ECMMA National Conference, IMEA-IL, SDE: "I Teach K" and "I Teach 1st" Annual Conferences, SDE Indiana "I Teach K" Conference & many more.

PRESENTER at NAEYC 2013, 2014 & 2015

European Community International Schools Early Childhood Conference – Belgium

AWARDS for recordings: Parents' Choice Award (4 times, including GOLD!), Children's Music Web (3 times), I-Parenting Media, National Assoc. Parenting Publications Award, Mom's Choice Award GOLD (4 times). **For Macaroni Soup! Website:** I-Parenting Media Award for excellence

Current Employment: OWNER/CEO: Macaroni Soup! Active Music for Kids! LLC

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

2022-present: Child Care & Development Center, Lincolnwood IL – music teacher

1989-present: Macaroni Soup Music: parent/child and Family classes – creator & teacher

2021-2023 Trinity Preschool, Mt Prospect IL – music teacher

2006-2020: St David's Nursery School, Glenview, IL – music specialist

2001-2013 Steinberg Preschool, Highland Park, IL – music specialist

1998-2012 Gertrude Nielsen Center, Northbrook, IL – Toddler music specialist

1994-2006 Northbrook Community Nursery School, Northbrook, IL – music specialist

1994-98 Science and Arts Academy, Des Plaines, IL – music/theater teacher

1984-85 Co-host, "PM MAGAZINE" – KWWL-TV, Waterloo, IA

1984 Personal assistant to actor/artist Anthony Quinn

1983-84 Actress, "All My Children" – ABC Network, NYC

1975-84 Commercial actress in New York City and Chicago

EDUCATION: Northwestern University – Bachelor of Science in Communications

PAST JOB EXPERIENCE (unrelated but helped make me who I am!):

Cruise Director for Royal Caribbean Cruises, created advertising for financial software company, Emcee, game show contestant (yes, I won!), actress and bartender

Current business affiliations: National Assoc. for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), NAFME

For references: Contact Carole

For testimonials: visit the "What People Are Saying" page of her website

Personals: 2 children, 1 husband, Girl Scout Leader, Chess Queen, Alpha Phi Fraternity, Choir Director, PTO, '08, '12 & '21 Children's Music Network National Conference Chair

Philosophy: If you teach with enthusiasm, children will learn with enthusiasm!