

DEDICATION

IN FOND MEMORY OF DR. GERA JACOBS

Gera lived and breathed the philosophy of “wanting children to have a sense of wonder and joy about learning.” She was an author, professor, mentor, beloved family member and friend.

It is with great gratitude and admiration that the South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines for children ages birth to pre-kindergarten are dedicated in her memory.



“Being the best “You” that you can be is the greatest gift you can give our children. Our children need and deserve you to be your best – so they in turn can live their best life possible. You do and will continue to make a difference. I so wish you the very best in all you do. Everyone has a gift to give through their work. No matter what your role, you can give everyone you are with a gift through truly being present with them at every moment. With great respect for you and your awesome potential, Gera”

Gera Jacobs, Former President, NAEYC, Professor, Early Childhood and Elementary Education, University of South Dakota