



**Anchorage Association**  
for the **Education of Young Children**

PO Box 201301  
Anchorage, Alaska 99520-1301

May 14, 2005

Dear Fellow Early Childhood/Elementary Education Professional,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Kathy Poelker as a speaker for your event. I recently had the joy of spending time with Kathy when she came to our conference in January of this year.

Kathy's attitude, energy and spirit are infectious; combine this bundle with a thorough knowledge of young children and you have a speaker that will leave a lasting impression on your attendees.

What particularly impressed me about Kathy was her willingness to learn about the diverse cultures of Alaska and its people. Kathy was able to use knowledge gained in three days of small groups and social activities to provide a culturally relevant keynote on the final day of our conference. As a self-admitted musically challenged person, I appreciated Kathy's ability to explain music on my level and articulate music's powerful effect on literacy and pre math skills of young children.

As an administrator of a large program I had several requests from staff to purchase Kathy's CDs for our program. It brings a smile to my face to see our toddlers and pre-k youth singing songs our staff learned from Kathy.

I am confident Kathy will be a hit at your event, just as she was for us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (907)770-7325.

Yours truly,

Christyn Holmes  
President  
Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children