



# GOOSE CREEK

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Peter E. Hyland Alternative Learning Program child care director Tammy Davis talks to Melany Arispe during school last week. Davis was recently named 'Administrator of the Year' from the Texas Area Association for the Education of Young Children.

### ALP child care director named 'administrator of the year'

Goose Creek CISD's child care director Tammy Davis was in the process of training her staff on first aid and CPR when she received a call: Congratulations, you have been named Administrator of the Year!

"I was so excited about the news I thought my staff was going to have to use their CPR skills on me," said Davis who heads up child care at Peter E. Hyland Alternative Learning Program.

Davis has won the title of "Administrator of the Year" from the Texas Area Association for the Education of Young Children. The award is given to an outstanding early childhood administrator who is committed to overseeing a high-quality early childhood learning environment while serving as a role model for early childhood practitioners. "Your passion and commitment to the children and families you serve in the Texas community is exemplary and deserving of statewide recognition," said Aaron Carrara, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children awards chairperson.

Davis will officially receive the honor at the Texas Area Association for the Education of Young Children annual conference in Galveston on Sept. 26.

She will then vie for the national award.

Davis earned administrator of the year honors at the Houston Area Association for the Education of Young Children in May. "I never expected to win the HAAEYC Administrator of the Year award earlier this year let alone the TAEYC Administrator of the Year award," Davis said. "I feel honored to be recognized for something that I feel is my calling in life, and I find it very rewarding caring for young children in a way that enriches their life."

Davis has been the Alternative Learning Program Child Care Director for the past four years, and has worked in the early childhood field for 20 years.

Last year, Goose Creek CISD's Alternative Learning Program childcare center became one of the first early childhood programs to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) - the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

Peter E. Hyland Alternative Learning Program allows teen parents to study while providing on campus child care services. It's also a school for any student, who wants to earn an education, but is finding it difficult to do so in the traditional setting.

Davis said the most important thing she does is help her staff learn how to provide developmentally appropriate activities that help in the growth and development of infants and toddlers. "I also find it rewarding to help and guide the young parents with their parenting skills," Davis said.

"I really enjoy being able to make a difference in the lives of young children and in the process help teen moms."

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