

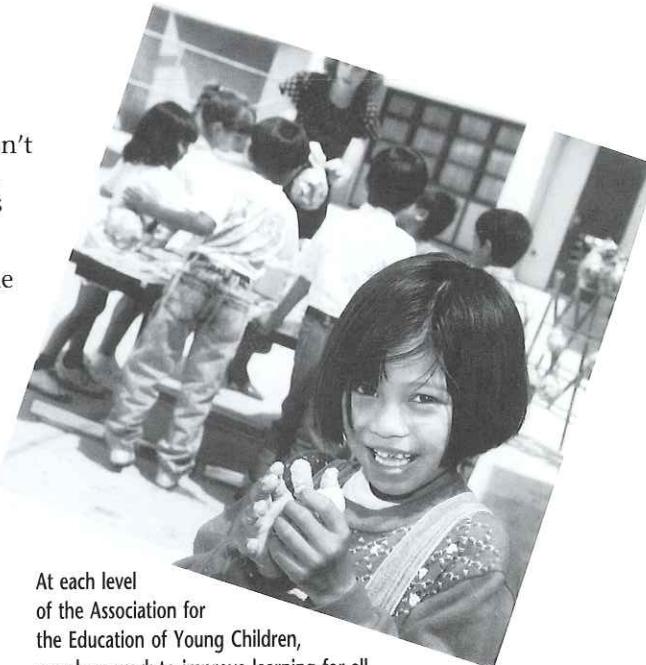
**E**ducating young children isn't always as easy as A-B-C and 1-2-3, but for student teachers, help is as easy as CCAEYC.

Part of a national organization, the student chapter of the Central California Association for the Education of Young Children offers information, support, and professional contacts to students who plan to work with children from birth through age 8.

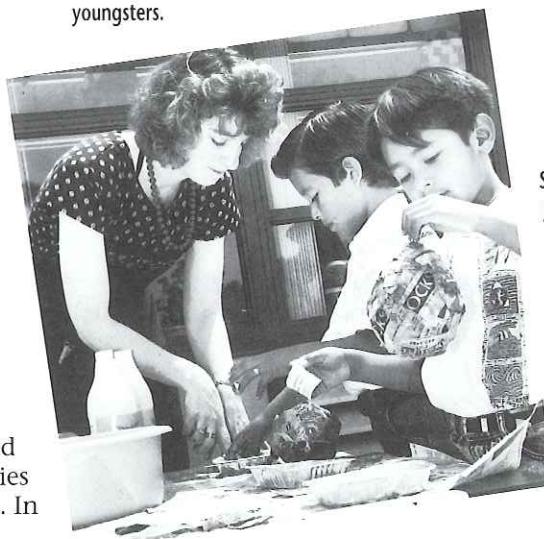
"Everything we do is oriented toward children," says Jennifer Taylor, president of CCAEYC's student chapter and an early childhood education major. "Whether it's networking to share our ideas about working with children, or learning what we can do to be children's rights advocates, or donating to the Juvenile Collection in the Henry Madden Library, we're directly or indirectly helping young children."

Although the majority of campus members are student teachers, membership is not limited to those in the Credential Program, as reflected by the information and activities sponsored by the organization. In addition to providing current teaching methods, CCAEYC also serves as a children's advocacy group, through which its members can learn about the legislative process affecting them. Members regularly attend meetings that feature guest speakers who demonstrate techniques for effectively educating the youngsters they will care for and teach in the future.

"Each meeting has a different speaker who gives a lot of information about ways to work with children," Taylor says. "Even if you don't use the material from the meeting immediately, you'll probably use it in your own classroom or with your family."



At each level of the Association for the Education of Young Children, members work to improve learning for all youngsters.



Student teacher Jennifer Taylor gains knowledge through her experiences with CCAEYC and gives it back tenfold to the students in her classroom. Here, she teaches young students the art of papier maché.



Every meeting of CCAEYC is devoted to learning new teaching methods that members can use in their future classrooms or at home with their own children.

"This organization is good for teachers and people who care about children. It really takes training to talk with kids and to discipline them in a healthy way."

Laura Kreutz, first-semester member of CCAEYC