
IOWA AEYC 2020 PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

The Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children works to build public awareness about quality child care and early childhood solutions through advocacy and outreach.

Priority #1: Each and every child ages birth through age 8 will have access to an affordable, high quality early care and education program.

- Increase availability by using public private partnerships and advocating through state and federal levels to increase impact. Support programs that improve workforce retention.
- Support and recognize accreditation and other processes geared towards meeting nationally recognized standards of quality. Encourage participation in Iowa's quality rating system and other statewide, recognized quality initiatives.
- Encourage the use of developmentally appropriate practices, research or evidence based programs, and use of the Iowa Early Learning Standards.
- Advocate for policies and tax incentives that support making child care affordable to all families. Support partner organizations working to make improvements to Child Care Assistance.

Priority #2: A diverse early care and education workforce will be appropriately educated and fairly compensated.

- Support national efforts in establishing a unifying framework. Support statewide systems in the funding and implementation for all levels of the career pathway.
- Support and advocate for workforce initiatives which achieve fair compensation among those equally educated.