

Iowa AEYC Vision

All young children thrive and learn in a society dedicated to ensuring they reach their full potential.

Iowa AEYC Mission

Iowa AEYC promotes high-quality early learning for all children, birth through age 8, by connecting practice, policy, and research. We advance a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children.

Iowa AEYC Core Values

The Iowa AEYC values:

- Early childhood as a distinct and specialized state of human life, full of wonder and precious opportunities for development.
- Professionalism as a critical goal for the early childhood field, and professional growth as a lifelong process for early childhood educators.
- Reflective practices as a means of promoting continual professional growth.
- The value of mutual support among a diverse, broad-based and inclusive Iowa AEYC membership.
- The value of collaboration between Iowa AEYC and key stakeholders in the early childhood field.
- The role of a strong, caring community in nurturing children and families.

Iowa AEYC Core Beliefs

The Iowa AEYC holds true that:

- *Excellence and Innovation*—We are imaginative risk takers willing to challenge assumptions while being accountable to our mission and fiscally responsible.
- *Transparency*—We act with openness and clarity.
- *Reflection*—We consider multiple sources of evidence and diverse perspectives to review past performance, note progress and successes, and engage in continuous quality improvement.
- *Equity and Opportunity*—We advocate for policies, practices, and systems that promote full and inclusive participation. We confront biases that create barriers and limit the potential of children, families, and early childhood professionals.
- *Collaborative Relationships*—We share leadership and responsibility in our work with others. We commit time and effort to ensure diverse participation and more effective outcomes. We act with integrity, respect, and trust.