



Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children

Member Satisfaction Survey 1

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What do you like most about Iowa AEYC?

Networking capabilities, knowledgeable board members, professional development, T.E.A.C.H
It supports all my professional needs as well as a resource for expertise in our field.
The idea that Iowa AEYC attempts to bring Early Childhood professionals together.
Giving early childhood professionals status and making the public informed that we are professionals and should be treated as such.
networking and connecting with other professionals
I like the opportunities it gives me to network with other people from around the state.
They offer programs and classes to help new members learn more about how to use tools that will help them in the workplace to help develop the learning of early childhood children. Both parents work now a days, so they are not staying home with Mom or Dad and so the social and learning skills are not being met and we as educators need to keep those things in mind to keep encouraging the learning process.
Trainings! Fall institute was my first experience and I absolutely loved the training opportunities
Accessibility of staff and board members as professional peers.
The information I get regarding current research, best practices and what is current in "hot topics" in early childhood.
not sure
Advocacy for young children and quality care/education for young children
good communications!
Services and Institute
The information passed on about current ECE issues through emails, in short, concise form, easily accessed.
It keeps me connected and updated with the field.
Networking opportunities; professional development opportunities
Follow advocacy policies, keep up to date on early childhood trends and state activities.
Being able to network with other members.
There isn't much to like about the program. Never hear about accomplishments, goals, involvement, notes from the editor, write-in? This last article "UNDERVALUED" was awesome.
nothing
research they do
I haven't had the oppprtunity to be involved much yet, but I love the Fall Institute!
networking
don't use it to the fullest potential
we have a local chapter that I can be active in.
The chance to meet with and collaborate with like-minded people on issues on mutual passion
Email updates
That we are a community of like minded people that support early childhood education.

What do you like most about Iowa AEYC?

Research information and various trainings that have been offered
The connection to NAEYC
The way everyone helps each other
Being a part of a professional organization
I like the reading materials and journals to keep me aware of current information as well as appropriate information to use in day-to-day work with families and providers.
The friendly and personal staff. Barb Merrill was a networker for me. We had lunch once a year, but the networking and direction I was given, was priceless.
The information I receive. Without Iowa AEYC sending me information via emails and posting on their social media page, I would not have the latest and greatest info on the profession.
There has been a commitment to building a quality EC workforce through TEACH, professional development activities and leaderships opportunities!
Publicatios
Staff approachability—saw a decline in that at this year’s institute.
Networking and Professional development opportunities
I like the feeling that I belong to a community of educators who understand and can relate to how I feel.
They are a resource for what is current in Early Childhood!
I am not a member anymore. Our NAEYC group was not an inviting or friendly group to be in. Sure when certain people would come they were as nice as pie, but otherwise they were not at all. Don't need to be around people like that. Never wanted our help either-already had it decided anyway. Not a fan.
we are Iowa specific, but we have a national organization
Networking
quality of trainings
Resources for teacher and to share with parents
Professional development opportunity notifications and articles tying in research and child development.
conferences
Training you provide in the Fall
I am not familiar with IA AEYC, I am now a treasure for Siouxland Chapter
The conferences especially the qualified keynote speakers they have come.
Fall Institute!
Connection to ECE professionals
The networking possibilities. Before joining AEYC I didn't know about the different services that are provided to ECE Profession, and I within my chapter I hadn't worked much with in-home providers. I have much more respect for them!
Conferences
Keeping connected with colleagues and trends in early childhood
Knowing they are always there to answer a question, provide training or support
Willingness to help with training and update information on trainings/changes rules and regulations
Newsletter

What do you like most about Iowa AEYC?

Variety of workshops

Networking

resources, knowledgeable staff, institute and training

The diversity of early childhood staff from various settings and systems. Iowa AEYC supports early childhood staff through institutes and chapter programs. Networking is important to me.

Local info

Professionalism

*availability of TEACH *available help with CDA renewals

Community-however I live so far into NW IA attending events isn't feasible. SD events are closer. So commentary is missed.

Professional Development opportunities

Its positive forward motion for kids and early childhood educators!

I enjoyed the conference last year.

The access to national magazine.

Attending the Institutions at a reduce rate

I haven't been real involved lately.

I am invested in the mission of the agency and am honored to be a part of working to support young children and their caregivers.

updates per email

professionalism membership

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What do you like least about Iowa AEYC?

N/A

Nothing

Health in early childhood is a large part of learning. I am disappointed that AEYC does not make a better attempt at including this and its professionals to the AEYC table.

In the past, it has been difficult to coordinate with our local chapter and to gain benefits from the state.

I wish there were more advocacy opportunities, and that Iowa AEYC spoke with a louder voice on behalf of young children and their programs

Nothing at this time. Very happy with the changes that the state has been making.

I can't really say that there is anything that I don't like about IAIEYC.

Na

Prior to Power to the Profession, I would have said the division between education and child care paradigms. My hope is that we can continue to bridge the gaps and divides, creating uniform enhancements for professionals, expanding understanding and capacities of families to make choices and advocate for their children, and most of all for betterment of all children.

Cost of membership and everything (conferences, etc) center in Des Moines.

not sure

I have no complaints

Helpful when needed. Offer good training/continuing ed opportunities

NA

I don't have any complaints.

N/A

I do not attend meetings because it takes away from family time since I am working full time.

Not knowing what is going on in my area.

Already mentioned in last question

it does not benefit me in any way

often feel my local caters more to people with lesser education and doesn't offer much they more education and experience you have

Unsure

Cost to join/renew

I do not like how political it is. I have a choice and I do not appreciate being told how to vote. The views expressed by ISEA do not coincide with all of my views.

would like to see more regional conferences

Helping members engage meaningfully with Chapters

Limited professional development opportunities for more advanced professionals

The lack of access to a membership in North West, IA but am glad to say that an informational meeting is scheduled in a couple of weeks.

Focus on childcare. Lots of preschools that don't have childcare need to somehow feel it is for them as well.

The disconnect with local areas, I feel our local chapters can use more attention.

Not knowing all the programs

What do you like least about Iowa AEYC?

Don't really see many trainings or meetims..or maybe I am not getting notice?

Not sure there is anything least liked.

Most activities are centered in DesMoines or Cedar Rapids - no local support

As a former Fellowship Award Recipient, I would get random emails from Barb, telling me that I should consider volunteering for a certain early childhood committee. I miss that. I contacted Rick, at IAEYC and he has helped me find a role in a committee, so IAEYC is still helping me serve.

Nothing

The chapter activities can struggle at time with changing local leadership so it is hard to get professional connections and training done effectively at the local level at time. Whatever Iowa AEYC can do to support chapter level leadership growth would be great!

Time of meetings

Nothing really

the travel time to get to des moines

So far nothing.

Nothing

Our group was not friendly. Would ask a question and be ignored. Walked home in the rain and wind and lightening one night from a meeting at our YMCA. I was so upset how they treated me. Was not a good thing... Don't even remember walking home really about 9 or 10 blocks away.

nothing

infrequent director trainings

nothing

Nothing that I can think of at the moment.

distance to travel to meetings

Not much is done to connect us - networking

N/A

I have not engaged in local chapter, but that's on me, you guys do a great job of promoting events, etc.

Little relevance to ECE retirees

I don't have any really. As an officer I get frustrated when members don't participate but that's all really.

Discussing directors frustrations with child care assistance funding

I can't say that there is anything I don't like.

Your office isn't located in SE Iowa

daily emails- seem to be annoying- once a week would be ok

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I felt some of them ran too long and I would have preferred going to more workshops that were shorter in length

Distance

not sure

So many early childhood staff don't know about this fabulous membership organization or know and still don't see the benefits of joining.

So many emails

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What do you like least about Iowa AEYC?

Distance to events

Membership cost

That's a hard question... perhaps it could look at how to serve the providers that are serving kids on CCA... I think IA-AEYC is very accessible to our extroverted-upper tier of providers but not to others--this is especially true for home providers.

I don't know.

All seems well.

Don't really have anything

I feel they need to look at the real needs of centers and workers. Do what is best for workers and centers and not your needs.

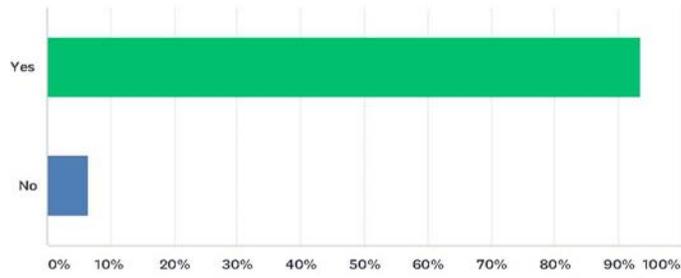
As with any agency (especially one that is made up of mostly women) there seems to be splintering of the staff. We are not all the same and have different strengths that make us right for the position we have in the agency. While I feel that executive director and my supervisor can appreciate that I am not sure that all staff do.

n/a

Old blood - get new people involved

Q3 How likely are you to renew your membership?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.59%	73
No	6.41%	5
Total Respondents: 78		

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Comments

Already have:)
I am a professional. I need to stay current. I also want to support the organization that advocates for early childhood professionals. I enjoy working with my peers.
I have limited funds at this time and have not gained anything from my membership up to this point that will benefit my professional standing of job performance.
Haven't decided. Have been retired for several years and feel like I can no longer relate. But, of course, am still interested in the children and occupation.
It is my professional organization.
I have been a member of IAEYC for many years and when I decide to really retire from being part of a school system, then I will not renew my membership at that time.
I plan to continue my training through the institutes.
There is not other association doing the work NAEYC or Iowa AEYC does!
See answer to question number 1
I feel like being a member keeps me in the know about the latest policy and advocacy efforts around quality care and education for young children.
Benefits from being a member
Because it's important to stay abreast of new policies and information in the field.
Great networking opportunities for early childhood professionals
Just renewed for the year to keep up to date with practices.
Because I am an early child professional I plan on keeping up with my membership to better my knowledge in this area.
I have to a membership, and I like the symposium in Altoona. sometimes there are classes for Home Providers.
I do not use the membership for anything. I have a very low income & there are better ways I can spend the money.
I will keep my membership as long as I'm working.
Trying to be more involved in advocacy as well as staying on top of what is new and important in early ed.
Consider it an important part of being a professional
I will only because I am an adjunct faculty member. If I did not have that position, I very likely would not renew. I do not like looking online for the information I want. I appreciate it being sent to me.
Have been a long time member and membership is essential to support the association.
Keep up on research and trends in early childhood
I enjoy receiving the magazines, the access to conferences and the professional development institute.
I like the resources from NAEYC
Because the positive out weights the negatives. Plus, we all try to work together
Because I get good materials that are very useful to my day-to-day work.
The NAEYC membership is important for QRS as well as staff that have CDA's

Comments

The membership is more of a formality for me. The value of IAEYC is in the staff and the people who work at the IAEYC office. The IAEYC board has exceptional people too. I join to support the IAEYC work in Iowa. For example, IAEYC was instrumental in establishing a B.A. Early Childhood program that does not lead to licensure. Next week, I begin teaching the first course of that program at Northwestern. We all work together to strengthen the quality of care and education for young children in Iowa! Thanks for all you do for Iowa's young children.

It's my favorite membership

Already done!

believe in the mission

It is important for me to renew. I am an officer at the local level. I feel it is important to give them a voice and keep them connected

There are so many avenues that I haven't explored yet and I like knowing that I have an organization that I can reference.

I feel it is important to remain active in organizations that support what we do!

Not an inviting group. When you do help with an event the 2 people just ignore you anyway. Membership cost is high for what I got out of it. Oh boy a magazine (WOW)! I am in another group that does the same thing and more and we have a lot of fun and give to the community more. I can get a point for QRS in another way if I choose to do QRS again. I hear that the QRS rating is changing. We that are 4s probably won't be anymore because we are not CDA certified. I took all of the classes in 2001 and my instructor wouldn't help me lesson my words to 300 words and our son was graduating from High School at that time so It really wasn't that important to me. I still have all of my papers and things from the classes and have way over the class hours to do it. But I will be retiring in a few years anyway. I was going to do it to use it to work as a fill-in down at the Early Learning Center but was told the Preschool CDA is different then the In-Home CDA so... So tired of jumping everyone's hoops. We do what they want us to do and then they don't even have things in place when we do what they tell us to do. And with all of these children not being taken care of that should have been checked on like they do us makes me so very angry that they died because people did not do their jobs and we do everything that they want us to do and are Registered with the State and the lady around the corner has way to many children and is not registered and the DHS worker that checks us says that that is not their job that is another person's job. Bull Roar! I guess you got me on a good day to let you know how a lot of us feel about everything going on with the system. Thank you!

If internet at NAEYC is working OK, I prefer renewing that way, but couldn't get into the site before Christmas

Like the benefits

trainings

Required for licensing

I plan to renew my membership because I consider Iowa AEYC a valuable resource to tap into as needed.

My employer does it for me.

Not currently working in the field of early childhood.

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Believe in the power of professionals and the need for advocacy as a group

Comments

The benefits. I'm using NAEYC for dental insurance now, and I also found out that NAEYC has discounts for travel. My family is planning to go to Disneyland, and NAEYC has great benefits for it.

I am a director

I feel it is important to continue to support the organization and to continue my connection to trends in the field.

To keep my rating status at a Quality Rating 4 or higher

Work pays for it

Professional reasons

Valuable - gives me access to Iowa and national resources and information

It is important for me to belong to a membership organization. I've belonged to this organization for multiple decades. Couldn't live without it!

I join primarily for the Young Children journal

requirement and I like the Young Child magazine

It is required by qrs

It is required for some of our certificates and accreditations

Because I believe in YOU! You are the BEST voice for early childhood in Iowa. Your programs from TEACH to the new gardening ones are making a difference! Thank you for all you do each and every day--everyone on staff is so supportive & friendly & resourceful! Iowa's children benefit from your hard work.

I am the VP of the IFCCA and feel it's important to be a member of all important associations specific to early childhood education in Iowa.

To continue professional status and learn more about early childhood.

I like receiving the journal

Only because of QRS

I love the information, especially the research based information available. Also, I am a professional in the field and want to join with other professionals to lobby for what is needed by children and families. This membership is one way I keep in touch with that.

Wouldn't teach a day without it!