



Iowa AEYC adopts the following 2009 Every Child Counts Legislative Initiatives



Quality Early Care and Education

Early Learning and School Readiness

- Update child care reimbursement rates to providers based on the current market survey and phase in a tiered reimbursement system.
- Provide additional nurse consultants to support full implementation of the Quality Rating System.
- Provide professional development and training that promotes a culturally diverse workforce.
- Require all home child care providers to complete pre-registration visits annually.
- Conduct annual monitoring and complete all needed follow-up of child care homes.

High Quality Preschool

- Monitor implementation of the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children and make modifications as needed to ensure the needs of low-income and minority children and their families are met.

Family Support

- Expand the use of research-based home visitation programs.

Child Well-Being and Development

Child Health Care Coverage

- Ensure quality health care coverage for all children.

Healthy Child Development

- Continue to expand 1st Five to additional communities.

Child and Family Economic Success

Child Care Assistance

- Phase in an increase of the child care assistance eligibility level to get to 200% of poverty by 2012.

Income Tax Treatment of Families with Children

- Increase the earned income tax credit and improve tax treatment of families with children by closing tax loopholes.