

## ECI Stakeholders Alliance

### PARTICIPATE IN THE SUCCESS OF IOWA'S YOUNGEST

Early Childhood Iowa has a long and rich history of investing in young children and their families - a recognition of the impact early experiences have on health and success in school, work, and in life overall. ECI's Stakeholders Alliance and component groups are made up of anyone who values the first 2,000 days of a child's life and the support needed for families.

#### **The Stakeholders Alliance**

The least-demanding way of getting involved to support Iowa's Early childhood system is by joining and participating in the ECI Stakeholders Alliance. The ECI Stakeholders Alliance meets at least four times per year for two to three hours via webinar to discuss progress and goals and is open to anyone. Members (whether individual or representing an organization) are self-appointed to the Alliance.

#### **Join a Stakeholders Alliance Component Group**

Within the Stakeholders Alliance, individuals can get involved further by joining a component group. These component groups represent the key areas of the work needed to strengthen Iowa's Early Childhood system.

As laid out in the ECI's Strategic Plan, this work is made to result in:

- Healthy children
- Children ready to succeed in school
- Safe and supportive communities
- Secure and nurturing families
- Secure and nurturing early learning environments

Iowa's children need your support. Please consider contributing your support by joining the Stakeholders Alliance or a component group that best aligns with your interest, skill, or life experience.

#### **Governance, Planning & Administration**

This component group supports a coordinated early childhood infrastructure, working to advance resources and funding of the early childhood system while promoting collaboration to ensure young children and families receive the services they need.

### **Professional Development**

This component group supports the early childhood workforce through training and educational opportunities as well as through career pathways and resources, and works to ultimately improve the quality of early childhood services.

### **Results Accountability**

This component group supports infrastructure through creating and promoting data-infused discussions and decision-making processes throughout the early childhood system. Results Accountability group members also promote the adoption of a collective-impact approach to invest in high-quality, evidence-based services.

### **Public Engagement**

This component group supports building public will for investing in young children and their families by communicating the value of the first 2,000 days and collaborates in the development and implementation of a communication plan.

### **Resources and Funding**

This component group, with support from the State Board, Governance, and Steering Committee, plays an important role in applying data to inform system decisions. The group conducts a fiscal scan of investments across the early childhood system and works to identify early learning opportunities and services.

### **Quality Services and Programs**

This component group partners with families and communities to improve communication about what young children and families need. They develop, enhance, and maintain a continuous quality improvement process across core early childhood services.