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**Policy:**

The Early Childhood Stakeholders Alliance shall adopt a purpose statement.  
The current purpose shall be:

**Be a catalyst in the development of Iowa’s comprehensive, integrated Early Care, Health and Education System.**

**Purpose:**

Early Childhood Iowa shall collectively develop a purpose statement that provides overall direction for ECI.

**Definitions:**

As the catalyst the Early Childhood Stakeholder Alliance shall:

- Oversee/provide input into the development of a comprehensive, integrated early childhood system for Iowa that meets the needs of children ages 0-5 and families, and integrates the early learning; health, mental health and nutrition; family support and special needs/early intervention systems
- Support the Early Childhood Iowa State Board in addressing the early care, health, and education systems that affect children ages 0 -5.
- Advise the governor, general assembly, state board, and other public and private policy bodies and service providers in coordinating activities and policies related to Iowa’s comprehensive early childhood system.

**Procedures:**

- The ECI Stakeholder Alliance shall revisit the current purpose statement every 5 years and members should commit to the current or revised guiding principles.
- Any and all members may propose possible changes in the purpose statement at any time, either through in-person exchanges or through technological means such as a survey.
- The ECI Steering Committee will implement a process to review and update the purpose statement based on membership input; input will also be sought from the State ECI Board, ECI Area Boards, Local ECI Directors and ECI Component groups and other interested stakeholders.
- The ECI Steering Committee will provide any recommended changes to the ECI Stakeholder Alliance, the ECI State Board, and ECI Area Boards for adoption by consensus by the ECI Stakeholder Alliance to maximum extent possible. A minimum threshold for adoption is agreement by 2/3rds of those in attendance.

**Responsibilities:**

It is the responsibility of the membership of the Early Childhood Stakeholder Alliance to commit to and express the purpose statement in aiming to achieve the vision through work, setting priorities and decision making.

Revision History