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Policy:

The Early Childhood Stakeholders Alliance shall adopt core beliefs.

The current core beliefs shall be:

- To thrive, young children must have quality experiences, healthy and safe environments, supportive people in their lives and supportive communities.
- Strong and positive outcomes for young children are a necessary part of a positive future for Iowa.
- Investments in early care, health and education of young children will yield a commensurate increase in economic growth and development for Iowa.
- Public policy has a direct effect on young children and their futures.
- All adults have responsibility to help grow our youngest Iowans.

Purpose:

Early Childhood Iowa shall collectively develop a set of core beliefs to set priorities and guide decision making. Naming those beliefs helps identify additional allies, inspires the desire to see the vision become reality and to provide orientation around shared priorities.

Definitions:

Core beliefs are shared fundamental beliefs among the members of the Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholder Alliance to support the commitment for the healthy growth and development of Iowa's youngest children.

Procedures:

- The ECI Stakeholder Alliance shall revisit the current core beliefs every 5 years and members should commit to the current or revised guiding principles.
- Any and all members may propose possible changes in the core beliefs 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 core beliefs based on membership input; input will also be sought from the State ECI Board, ECI Area Boards, Local ECI Directors, 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 tenets of the core beliefs in their work, setting priorities and decision making.

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