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Policy: ECI SA membership is open to anyone (Person or Organization) that touches the lives of children ages prenatal through five years in the state; has endorsed the purpose, vision and guiding principles, and has formally asked to be a member. Membership also means that the person is engaged in Alliance activities. Specific responsibility of individual members is in Policy and Procedure 2.1.3

Purpose: This policy defines membership of the ECI Stakeholders Alliance. The Stakeholders Alliance serves as an advisory body to Iowa's early childhood system work. In that responsibility, they are advisory to the Governor's Office, the Iowa Legislature, the Early Childhood Iowa State Board, including the following state agencies: Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Economic Development Authority, Iowa Department of Public Health, and Iowa Workforce Development (Code 256i.12).

The Stakeholders Alliance serves as the State Advisory Council initiated through the Head Start federal legislation (42 USC 9801, Section 642B) and meets the requirement of that legislation through the ECI Stakeholder Alliance Steering Committee.

The Stakeholders Alliance works to ensure its membership reflects programs and services that support lowa's youngest population and their families, including under-represented lowans. This also includes representation by each of Early Childhood Iowa's identified sectors: early learning; family support; health, mental health, and nutrition; early intervention/special needs.

Definitions:

<u>Procedures</u>: Any person interested in being a Stakeholder Alliance member can contact the ECI state office and ask to be added. Information is also provided on the ECI website regarding membership. In addition to requesting information, interested persons are asked to complete a survey to endorse the purpose, vision and guiding principles.

Responsibilities:

Membership of the ECI Stakeholder Alliance , including maintenance of accurate membership list. is managed by the ECI state office. (Code 256i.12).

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