

2018 Public Policy Agenda

OUR GOAL

MnAEYC-MnSACA will work aggressively to eliminate disparities that affect children, their families and the professionals who educate and care for them.

Our goal is that every Minnesota child is nurtured, healthy, eager to learn, and prepared to succeed in school and life. We believe a variety of program options are essential to honor the diverse needs of children and families.

To achieve this goal MnAEYC-MnSACA seeks to improve the quality and increase the access of early childhood and afterschool in Minnesota by educating policymakers, supporting members to be effective advocates, and by collaborating with other stakeholders to promote policies that address the needs of young children and youth, their families, and the professionals who educate and care for them.

Support Working Families by Increasing Access to High-Quality Early Childhood and Afterschool Programs

- ✓ Support changes and increased investments in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) that will ensure more families experiencing high needs are able to access quality care in both early childhood and afterschool settings.
- ✓ Support increased investments in parent-directed scholarships for infant, toddler and preschool children to attend high-quality early learning programs.
- ✓ Support investments to increase access to high-quality before school, afterschool, and summer learning opportunities for all children and youth.

Support the Quality of Early Childhood and Afterschool Programs

- ✓ Support investments in Parent Aware to continue to support early childhood programs in their ongoing pursuit of quality.
- ✓ Support investments in early childhood evidence-based mental health programs and consultation.
- ✓ Support increased investments for support of afterschool programs in their ongoing pursuit of quality.

Support the Building and Sustaining of High-Quality Early Childhood and Afterschool Workforces

- ✓ Support increasing the CCAP reimbursement rate & the number of early learning scholarships to ensure a qualified, diverse and supported field.
- ✓ Support expanding MN DEED grants to provide increased quality and capacity of early childhood providers in both rural and metro areas.
- ✓ Support increased investments in programs like TEACH and REETAIN to grow and retain the number of early childhood and afterschool professionals.

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