# Arizona Early Childhood Alliance (AZECA)



#### Value We Provide

Arizona's shared and unified voice on early childhood, providing informed messages and credible resources to help leaders create positive change

Our Goal
Children ready
to succeed by K
and proficient in
math and
reading by end
of 3rd grade

#### Who We Are-

• AZECA is an alliance of 55+
cross-sector partners
statewide who serve as
Arizona's shared and
unified voice on early
childhood, and our goal is to
ensure all Arizona children
are prepared for
Kindergarten and are on
track to succeed by the end
of third grade.

#### What We Do-

- We mobilize action and change around urgent early childhood priorities.
- Our experts and influencers work together to develop and communicate impactful messages and recommendations to support change in early childhood programs and policies.

## AZECA Structure/ Committees



work on critical early childhood issues and develop impactful messages and recommendations to support program and policy change.

Types of Experts Engaged: Nonprofits, practitioners, foundations and supporting collaboratives with experts to translate policy messages and recommendations to use in advocacy efforts with elected officials and state agency leads.

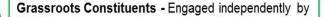
Types of Influencers Engaged: Advocacy organizations, foundations, and business leaders



Government officials get informed messages that help them improve program and policies.

Types of Leaders Engaged: Elected officials and state agency leads

- Leadership Team-
- Legislative Strategy
   Committee-
- Alignment Committee-
- Early Childhood Day at the Capitol Planning Committee-
- Children's Policy Institute (coming soon in 2023!)



# Policy Agenda-How to Craft?



Step 1: Talk to Your Community



Step 2: Engage Partners



Step 3: Educate Legislators and other Policymakers



Step 4: Engage in Outreach to Incoming Administrations

## AZECA's 2023 Legislative Agenda

## Appropriate

#1: Appropriate \$\$\$ to fund a childcare impact study on Arizona businesses, industry, and the economy.

#### Invest

#2: Invest state general funds to close the gap between current childcare subsidy reimbursement rates and the actual cost of quality.

## Replenish

#3: Replenish CCDF Stabilization Funding

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# Thank you for attending!

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Any Questions?

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