

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



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



AZECA experts collectively 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

AZECA influencers work 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

Grassroots Constituents - Engaged independently by



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



Thank you for attending!

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Any Questions?