**Mission Statement**

Iowa AEYC promotes high-quality early learning for each and every child, birth through age 8, by connecting practice, policy, and research. We advance a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children.

**Vision Statement**

Each and every child thrives and learns in a society dedicated to ensuring all children reach their full potential.

**Core Values**

* Appreciate childhood as a unique and valuable stage of the human life cycle.
* Base our work on knowledge of how children develop and learn.
* Appreciate and support the bond between the child and family.
* Recognize that children are best understood and supported in the context of family, culture, community, and society.
* Respect the dignity, worth, and uniqueness of each individual (child, family member, and colleague).
* Respect diversity in children, families, and colleagues.
* Recognize that children and adults achieve their full potential in the context of relationships that are based on trust and respect.