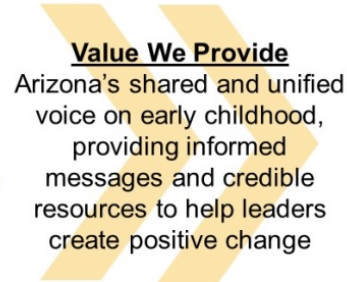




The Arizona Early Childhood Alliance (AZECA) *A Shared Voice for Arizona's Future*



Who We Are
Alliance of 40
partners with a
focus on early
childhood



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

AZECA early childhood experts create a shared voice for early childhood in Arizona; **AZECA business and community leaders** are engaged to take on Arizona early childhood issues that impact workforce development and the economy; **Government officials** receive useful resources to improve early childhood policy; and **Constituents** are informed and engaged by AZECA members.

AZECA partners welcome your support and interest. For more information or to get involved, please contact Kelley Murphy at kmurphy@azchildren.org.

Visit our website at www.azeca.org

And our collective efforts are driving results.

- More working families are receiving affordable child care
- Streamlined renewal process for child care assistance
- Improved quality and continuity of child care assistance
- Set the foundation for financing reforms that will target taxpayer dollars to higher quality child care.
- Continued federal funding for preschool and child care assistance.
- New and stronger partnerships between stakeholders along the entire education spectrum, and a shared set of goals for early learning success on the Arizona Education Progress Meter.



Arizona Early Childhood Facts and Figures

- Number of children aged 0-8 years of age: 796,093
- Children with ALL parents in the workforce, who may need child care services: 65%
- Number of families on the state's waiting list for child care assistance: 4,347
- Number of children involved with Department of Child Safety (DCS) living in foster care: 15,744 (December 2017)
- Percentage of children enrolled in quality early learning settings: 21%
- Percentage of children who are uninsured: 7.3%
- Percentage of Arizona 3rd graders reading at or above grade level: 44%
- Arizona children who are living in poverty: 1 in 5.