



## **2018 Public Policy Forum in Washington, DC California Team Member Alvin Haywood**

*“I thought that the 2018 NAEYC Public Policy Forum in Washington, DC was a total success! As a newcomer to NAEYC, I felt that I was well-prepared for the event, including pre-travel information/planning for the Forum and what to expect. The daily agendas were clear and easy to follow, not to mention that the Crystal Gateway*



*Marriott Hotel layout and service was simply exquisite! Most importantly, it was quite exciting to meet my California teammates for the first time, and the team leader, Jean Goulart. Jean did an outstanding job of keeping us all updated and informed throughout the process. There is an inclusive and general feeling of unity within and among the California group members. I felt as though I had known everyone all along. I was given the support and guidance that I needed to*

*successfully navigate the conference policy briefings and our Day on Capitol Hill.*

*I learned so much from this experience. The overall content, presentations by speakers, handouts, other resources, and involvement of all members was great! There were many opportunities to be engaged in activities in both large group and small group settings. Everything seemed to be relevant and productive in meeting our overall goals of advocacy for continued funding for affordable childcare, the promotion of high-quality early childhood education for all children and extended higher educational opportunities and equitable pay for teachers and other early childhood education professionals. I highly recommend NAEYC's Public Policy Forum to one and all! Kudos to all of the Forum leaders, presenters and panelists, who all did an excellent job!”*

Alvin has joined the Public Policy Committee (PPC) and the Legislative Workgroup. PPC is excited to welcome Alvin! Where will Washington DC advocacy experience lead you?

Plan today to be a part of the California Team. The next NAEYC Public Policy Forum will be held February 24-26, 2019 in Washington, DC. Each team member funds their trip so planning now gives you time to conduct fundraising, ask your chapter about support and use professional growth funding from an employer.

