

Public Policy Committee



California Association for the Education of Young Children

COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION

The California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAEYC) Public Policy Committee advocates for advancement in the early care and education profession and improvement of the lives of young children.

The Public Policy Committee reviews bills related to the importance of early childhood issues and communicates regularly to legislators regarding these concerns.

The Committee develops a policy platform that is approved by the CAAEYC Board of Directors.

We welcome you to attend the Committee's monthly conference call, held the third Monday of each month from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Meetings follow a formal agenda and use Robert's Rules of Order for committee process and action.

If you would like to attend a meeting, contact publicpolicy@caeyc.org.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Public Policy Committee has nine voting members:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Immediate Past Chair
- Two Co-Chairs of Each Workgroup:
 - Legislative Action
 - Communication and Outreach
 - Professional Linkages and Professional Development

With additional unlimited nonvoting members as Chapter Representatives and Workgroup members.

CHAPTER PARTICIPATION

Each CAAEYC Chapter is required to receive and disseminate information from the Public Policy Committee to their Chapter members.

Each CAAEYC Chapter is encouraged to have a member on at least one Public Policy Committee Workgroup.

Anyone is welcome to attend meetings (whether conference calls or live) of the Public Policy Committee.

PUBLIC POLICY WORKGROUPS 2023-24

Legislative Action Workgroup

- Identify legislation of interest
- Track legislation
- Write letters of support/opposition within the organization's guidelines and the public policy platform
- Communicate policy information and advocacy opportunities with members as necessary

Communications and Outreach Workgroup

- Develop a public policy committee member profile
- Provide staff with updates for the website
- Solicit and submit articles for eConnections
- Create and maintain a social media presence
- Communicate with Chapters and Satellite Communities; and recruit new members as needed
- Communicate policy information with members as necessary

Policy Linkages and Professional Development Workgroup

- Advocacy coordination, promotion and presentation
- Coordination of conference commitments for the CAAEYC HUB and conference presentations
- Develop an orientation program for new public policy committee members
- Support Chapters and regional coalitions in developing local advocacy events and training
- Create and maintain a calendar of early care and education advocacy events

Admin Workgroup

- Provide CAAEYC Public Policy coordination and support
- Convene with statewide advocacy/public policy groups

CAAEYC 2023-24 PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

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JULIET ZEMAITIS
Committee Chair

JENNIFER ESCAMILLA
Committee Vice Chair

JAMES MOSES
Committee Past Chair

JOYCE ROBINSON AND VACANT
Legislative Action Workgroup

JAN FISH AND SARA GASSNER-WOLLWAGE
Policy Linkages and Professional Development Workgroup

JUANA ARMENTA AND NELL REDANIEL
Communications and Outreach Workgroup

CAAEYC PUBLIC POLICY AND RELATED EVENTS

Public Policy Committee (PPC) meets the third Monday each month from 7:00pm-8:30pm (PST)

Legislative Action Workgroup meets the second Tuesday each month from 7:00pm-8:30pm (PST)

Communications and Outreach Workgroup meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30pm-6:00pm (PST)

Policy Linkages and Professional Development Workgroup meets the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm-7:30pm (PST)

CAAEYC Annual Conference and Expo - April 19-21, 2024 - Pasadena, CA

Meetings take place via Zoom. Contact publicpolicy@caeyc.org to RSVP and receive Zoom links.



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