

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:3/1/2023

Erica Willard, Executive Director Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children 866-648-3224 miaeyc@miaeyc.org

Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Celebrates Week of the Young Child!

Join in the annual celebration to spotlight early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities!

Lansing, MI: Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children (Michigan AEYC) and its local chapters are partnering with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) the week of April 1st through 7th to create fun-filled, themed days that celebrate our youngest learners! While date and daily themes are designated, celebrations are organized and coordinated by individual early childhood programs and community organizations providing services to young children and families. Celebrations can be tailored to meet your own needs!

The NAEYC offers resources for you to celebrate with the young children in your life at <a href="https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/plan-your-event">https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/plan-your-event</a>. The Michigan AEYC offers resources for you to celebrate with the young children in your life at

https://www.miaeyc.org/about/committees/advocacy-committee/week-of-the-young-child/. Resources from Michigan AEYC include:

- Language for your local city or town to proclaim April 1st through 7th as Week of the Young Child
- Ten Ways to Celebrate Week of the Young Child
- A calendar of activities to do with a young child
- Incorporating Diversity as you celebrate
- A video to share on social media or local television stations
- Tasty Tuesday Farm Fresh Vegetable Resources

As we celebrate with children, interacting with them based on the serve and return model developed by Harvard's Center for the Developing Child, we support the development of 1 million new neural connections that are forming every second of a child's first few years of life. We look forward to you joining in the celebration!!

The Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children promotes high-quality early learning for all children, 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.