



Michigan Association for the
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I am highly motivated to serve on the Michigan AEYC Governing Board because, quite frankly, change is on the horizon in early childhood education. We are in a time of uncertainty but also a time of hope for positive change. I would like to be part of an organization that promotes high-quality learning, advocates for young children and families, and provides guidance for Michigan's early childhood educators.

I have enjoyed a long and fulfilling career at Lansing Community College as a Faculty Lab Instructor. I feel fortunate that this career has provided me with the opportunity to develop a strong connection to early childhood educators in my community and stay in touch with the voices of Michigan educators. LCC's unique field instruction model takes me out into the community, allowing me to build positive relationships with other professionals in the field while simultaneously supporting students in their growth as educators. I have also taught many child development courses at Lansing Community College, focusing on topics such as the foundations of early childhood education, infant and toddler program development, and preschool curriculum approaches. These experiences have pushed me to stay current on trends in our field, profession-related changes, NAEYC standards, and developmentally appropriate practices.

Over the course of my career in early childhood education, I have participated in many activities to strengthen my leadership skills, including committee work and board positions. Most recently, my committee work, where I serve as a committee chair on campus, has centered around higher education. I am ready, however, to reinvest my time and commitment into Michigan's children, families, and early childhood educators. Together, we can make a difference!