



Michigan Association for the
Education of Young Children

Candidate Name: Lisa Newby

Employment Information: Heel Development Center Current Role in the field: Administrator

- 1) Why are you interested in serving on the Michigan AEYC Governing Board?

Hello and thank you for this opportunity to be a candidate of the Michigan AEYC Governing Board. I am interested in serving on the Michigan AEYC Board to work and share with likeminded individuals, gain a deeper understanding of policymaking, contribute to advocacy, partnership, networking and to grow as an individual. I feel this opportunity would be pivotal to my growth professionally and personally.

- 2) Please share any relevant professional and/or volunteer experiences within the past five years that would be applicable for this role.

This will be a new experience for me as I've never governed a board outside of my own, reason I feel that this opportunity would be instrumental as I go further into the profession of education. Some relevant experience I can share would be managing two early childhood centers for thirteen years. Throughout my years in education, I have built a community within our program, providing support and resources to families and leading a group of educators on a daily. The experiences I've gathered from working in early childhood has given me the ability to work with others from different backgrounds and has broaden my perspective. I am a great leader, I work well with others, respectful of opinions and always consider differences (culturally and developmentally) and support my team in and outside the classroom. I know what it takes to be a part of team, how to cultivate relationships and I'm able to balance all this while maintaining professionalism and mutualism.

- 3) Please share your knowledge, skills and abilities that would contribute to serving on the Michigan AEYC Governing Board.

While I have no experience of representing another organization, I understand role-playing and how important it is to be committed. Regarding my value, I would be bringing a unique perspective as I've worked in a diverse setting for many years and have gained useful data that could potentially be of some utility.

- 4) Please share your experience related to governance and leadership that would be applicable to this role.

Having the opportunity to gain useful experience and knowledge governing and leading in our early childhood program I feel would be complementary to the AEYC Board. The key thing that I've gathered, although there are many but the one that must be upheld is policy. There is no system without policy, and I understand and respect that as it's an integral part of any success.