



Michigan Association for the
Education of Young Children

Candidate Name: Julie Amy
Employment Information: CEO/Executive Director
Board Position Applied for: Member-at-Large

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

I am interested in Michigan AEYC because its mission aligns deeply with both my professional work and my personal values. For more than twenty years, I have worked as a private childcare provider, CEO, and early childhood leader committed to creating high-quality learning environments where children, families, and educators feel a true sense of belonging, safety, and importance.

Michigan AEYC plays a critical role in advancing quality, equity, and advocacy across the state, and I am drawn to the opportunity to contribute at a governance level where thoughtful leadership and real-world perspective matter. I bring a provider and employer lens shaped by daily experience with workforce challenges, family partnerships, regulatory realities, and the systems that either support or hinder high-quality early learning.

In addition to my program leadership, I am actively engaged in regional and community-based work, including participation in local child care coalition efforts, service on my community's downtown development authority, completion of the Livingston leadership program, and ongoing involvement in workforce development initiatives. I have also been recognized as an employer champion through the Livingston catalyst grant. Through this work, and through ongoing conversations with local and state leaders about childcare as essential infrastructure, I bring a perspective that connects daily practice with broader community and policy impact.

I am particularly interested in serving because I believe strong policy and advocacy must be informed by practitioners who understand how decisions impact children, educators, and families on the ground. I bring a unique perspective as a long-standing private provider and employer, and I am committed to ensuring that the voices of practitioners—especially those leading programs day-to-day—are represented in decisions that shape our field.

Finally, I value Michigan AEYC's commitment to continuous improvement. I am not only interested in representing the perspectives I bring, but also in listening, learning, and contributing to thoughtful, forward-moving decisions that strengthen the early childhood profession across Michigan.