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Recognition and celebration of the 2024 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Registered Apprenticeship Programs

INDIANAPOLIS, IN, October 1 - INAEYC's Executive Director, Dr. Hanan Osman attended the 2024 Signing Event of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Registered Apprenticeship Programs on September 25, 2024, at the Indiana State House.

INAEYC is endorsing the apprenticeship program which was outlined in the 2012 INAEYC blueprint, "*Steps Forward: Taking a Stock of Indiana's Pathways*". Many of Indiana's high school students elect enrollment in career and technical education as part of their high school curricula. For those who select a vocation in child development/early childhood education, Indiana must effectively begin them on a career pathway, including attainment of a national entry level credential, the Child Development Associate (CDA) that can lead seamlessly to their associate and baccalaureate degrees.

Since then:

- INAEYC was a member of the work group that has aligned the early childhood career pathway coursework for high schools to the national credential, Child Development Associate (CDA)
- Secured funding and developed the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Indiana Career and Technical Education CDA Assessment Scholarship with over 400 students supported to date.
- Secured funding and developed the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Indiana CTE Instructors Scholarship model to meet the educational requirements for Dual Credit agreements with Indiana Ivy tech Community College.

INAEYC is endorsing the strategic direction of the ECE Registered Apprenticeship Program that added three critical layers to the apprenticeship: **On-the Job Training** where "apprentices apply classroom concepts directly within early learning environments under the guidance of a mentor teacher. The mentor provides supervision, support, and ensures that apprentices are mastering key competencies," **Employment** where the "apprentices receive wages while participating in on-the-job training and learning. As they master competencies and earn credentials, their wages increase accordingly," and **Higher Education Partnerships** in which the program

consists of three tiers of related instruction, with each level guiding apprentices toward earning a credential or degree. The tiers are a high school diploma, associate's degree, and bachelor's degree.

INAEYC is committed to collaborate with the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) for future sustainability the apprenticeship.

ABOUT INDIANA AEYC:

As the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Indiana AEYC is a statewide, nonprofit organization serving Indiana at the local, state, and national levels. Indiana AEYC has a long history of promoting and supporting quality care and education for each and every child, birth through age eight, in Indiana. Our mission is carried out through professional development opportunities, quality program improvement initiatives, and as a champion with public policy pertinent to young children.

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