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**INDIANA ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (INAEYC)  
RECEIVES A \$50,000 GRANT FROM LILLY ENDOWMENT, INC.**

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN** – INAEYC, a leading statewide early care and education expert, is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. This generous grant will support the organization’s strategic planning and enable it to continue and improve upon its mission: serving the needs across Indiana for quality early childhood care and development.

This funding will support a three-year strategic plan with focus areas that include:

- Increasing collaboration with early childhood organizations on national, state, and local levels
- Diversifying funding streams with a focus on long-term sustainability
- Improving capacity to provide training and education to the state’s early childhood workforce

INAEYC intends to:

- **Engage a broad, diverse, and representative group of stakeholders**, including, but not limited to, the early childhood workforce, higher education institutions, the Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC), and Early Learning Indiana (ELI)
- **Assist in creating communication and marketing tools** focused on advancing the early childhood profession, communicating our mission, and outlining targeted investment opportunities for stakeholder groups
- **Support the growth of philanthropic initiatives**, including strengthening outreach to and engagement with potential donors and continuing to develop relationships with current supporters

**ABOUT INDIANA AEYC:**

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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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