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UPDATES FROM INAEYC

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – As we approach September 30, we want to share important updates and reaffirm our continued commitment to early childhood education across Indiana.

INAEYC's Enduring Strengths

- INAEYC proudly remains the only Indiana affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), representing over 2,900 members statewide. Our 10 chapters continue to lead with strong local engagement and professional development opportunities.
- Our governance structure remains robust, with an active and diverse board currently engaged in strategic planning with Kristi Howard Schultz Consultants to guide future growth and innovation.
- INAEYC continues to serve as Indiana's leading statewide voice in advocacy and public policy for families and early childhood educators, driven by meaningful community partnerships.
- We are proud to host Indiana's statewide early childhood education conference, an annual event that offers research-based professional development and a vibrant space for networking and collaboration among the early childhood workforce.

Changes Ahead Due to shifts in Indiana's early childhood funding landscape, including adjustments to CCDF and quality initiatives, some programs will be impacted:

- Funding for OMWPK Manager positions will conclude after October 1, following enrollment caps in the On My Way Pre-K program.
- The Workforce System department, including programs such as the Training and Trainers Approval System, Career Coaching, Turnover Reduction, and Model Work Standards, will sunset as of September 30.

Though some of these valued team members will no longer be with INAEYC after September 30, their dedication and impactful work have left a legacy on Indiana's early childhood programs and the lives of countless young children across the state.



What Remains Strong

1. Professional Development

- The TEACH Early Childhood® Indiana program remains fully funded, supporting over 1,800 early childhood professionals in earning CDAs, associate, bachelor's, and graduate degrees. This initiative is supported by the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning (OECOSL) and the Indiana Head Start Collaboration Office.
- The Indiana Non-Formal Project continues to grow, with over 250 CDA training seats available thanks to support from OECOSL, the Department of Workforce Development, and Adult Education.
- CDA Navigators remain fully funded, with 190 self-paced CDA seats available to support credentialing pathways.
- OECOSL continues to provide support for discounted conference registration for over 900 professionals. We anticipate more than 2,000 attendees this year, with additional sponsorship from foundations, coalitions, and businesses.

2. Program Quality

- Accreditation Scholarships and Support remain funded through OECOSL. Our dedicated team continues to build relationships with national

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accrediting bodies and support the recruitment and retention of accredited programs—currently totaling 485 across Indiana.

- INAEYC continues to support the Elevate Learning Project in three regions, funded by Early Learning Indiana. We also provide coaching for LENA's research study, supported by LENA and Lilly Endowment Inc.

INAEYC remains steadfast in its mission to elevate early childhood education across Indiana. While some transitions are ahead, our core programs and advocacy efforts continue to thrive, thanks to the dedication of our members, partners, and supporters.

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