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**INAEYC AWARDED A GRANT FROM NEW VENTURE FUND TO ADVANCE
EQUITY, RELATIONSHIPS, AND ADULT DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION**

Indianapolis, IN - The Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children (INAEYC) is proud to announce it has received a grant from the New Venture Fund through its Trust for Learning to support a statewide initiative focused on equity, relationships, and adult development in early care and education.

The grant period runs from January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and will support a collaborative effort between INAEYC, the Central Indiana Educational Service Center (CIESC), and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Together, the partners will work to strengthen instructional coherence and professional learning across Indiana's publicly funded early learning systems.

"This investment affirms the critical role educators play in shaping equitable, responsive learning environments for young children," said Dr. Hanan Osman, Executive Director of INAEYC. "Through this initiative, we are supporting educators in developing a shared, intentional Ideal Learning approach that guides daily practice and serves as a reflective anchor for continuous growth."

The Equity, Relationships & Adult Development Initiative will support educators serving children and families across all auspices, with a specific emphasis on homebased early learning settings. The initiative centers adult learning as a driver of equitable outcomes for children, strengthening educators' capacity to build culturally responsive relationships and sustain high quality learning environments.-based early learning settings.-quality learning environments.

Key components of the initiative include:

- Development of shared professional learning resources grounded in **Ideal Learning Environments**
- Training of trainer and coaching support for early childhood leaders and educators-of-trainer and coaching

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- Cross sector collaboration to align instructional practices across early learning systems-sector collaboration to align instructional practices across early learning systems

The New Venture Fund, through its Trust for Learning, supports organizations working to advance equity and innovation in education nationwide. INAEYC is honored to partner with the New Venture Fund to further its mission of supporting early childhood educators and improving outcomes for Indiana's youngest learners.

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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