



Ohio Association for the  
Education of Young Children

## **POWER TO THE PROFESSION ACTION NETWORK** **Your Profession. Your Voice.**

Frontline early childhood educators must be engaged in developing and implementing policies, regulations, and practices that impact them. Policies are too often designed without considering the opinions and experiences of those who they will most immediately impact. As the largest state-wide association consisting of individual professionals representing the range of roles and settings within the early childhood field, the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children is uniquely positioned to serve and objectively speak on behalf of the early childhood workforce.

Ohio AEYC is launching the groundbreaking Power to the Profession Action Network project, which aims to **amplify the voices of early childhood educators** to inform policy, promote best practices, and advance a strong early childhood system in Ohio. This work, funded by grants from NAEYC, Groundwork Ohio, and the Ohio Head Start Collaboration Office prioritizes increasing the leadership capacity of early childhood educators, services that support family child care providers and a special emphasis on engaging and supporting early childhood educators of color.

The Power to the Profession Action Network will provide opportunities to

- Discuss and identify issues impacting your daily work
- Receive relevant information in a timely manner
- Connect with a gathering of like-minded professionals
- Use your expertise to co-develop solutions to challenges/barriers
- Communicate and advocate for decisions based on best practices.

Together, we will build a diverse network of early childhood leaders who will develop solutions and be empowered to advocate, influence, and advance the shared policy agenda of NAEYC, Ohio AEYC and Groundwork Ohio. The collective expertise of this network will be leveraged to educate policymakers on the needs of the early childhood profession which includes family care providers and those working with children birth through age three.

## **Join Us Today!**

Please complete [this brief survey](#) and let us know your interest in engaging in this work!

### **About the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children**

Ohio AEYC is a 501 c3 non-profit statewide professional association established in 1974. Ohio AEYC advocates for the early childhood workforce, quality care and education for young children and families; and provides leadership and professional development opportunities for Ohio's early childhood educators. For more information, visit [www.oaeyc.org](http://www.oaeyc.org)