

# Breakfast with the **azaeyc** Board

Arizona Association for the  
Education of Young Children

10/5/2019

- Your Governing Board Members
- State of the Organization
- AzAEYC Governing Board Nominations & Voting
- Call for Feedback from AzAEYC Members
- NAEYC Statement on Advancing Equity



## Your AzAEYC Governing Board

- Representation of diverse ECE professionals:
  - Preschool Teacher
  - K-3 Teacher
  - College Student
  - Tribal Member
  - College Faculty
  - Professional Development Provider
  - Non-Profit Leader
  - District Administrator



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# State of the Organization: Where We've Come From, Where We're Going



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Eric Bucher



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Eric Bucher, Ed.D.



**Access today's  
handouts &  
resources  
electronically:**

[www.azaeyc.org/  
annual-meeting-2019/](http://www.azaeyc.org/annual-meeting-2019/)







On behalf of the  
AzAEYC Governing  
Board, thank you to:

**Dawn Wilkinson**  
Inaugural Executive  
Director  
AzAEYC  
2017 – 2019

# Service Regions



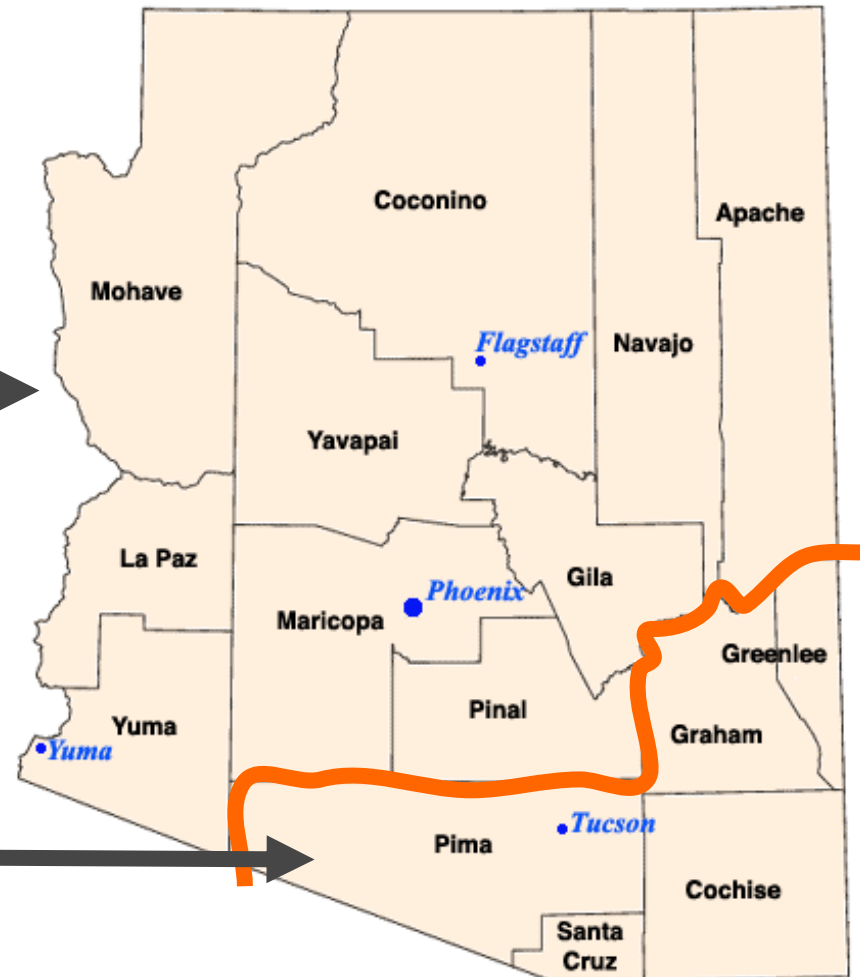
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Southern Arizona Association for  
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# State of AzAEYC



**1,525** Total Members



**65** NAEYC Accredited  
Early Learning Programs

**4** Institutes of Higher  
Education with NAEYC  
Accredited Degree  
Programs



# NAEYC Higher Education Accreditation

## Arizona Early Childhood Higher Education Accredited Programs Associates Degrees and Certificates



## Arizona Early Childhood Higher Education Accredited Programs Baccalaureate and Master's Degree



# State of AzAEYC



## Awards:

- Year 2 funding to support NAEYC Accreditation for 10 ECE Degree Pathways in AZ

# State of AzAEYC



## Awards:

- Advocacy & Public Policy grant to **elevate the voices** of teachers & parents

# Strategic Priorities

AzAEYC is committed to:

- High Quality Early Learning
- The Profession
- Organizational Advancement
- Organizational Excellence
- Leadership & Innovation



[www.azaeyc.org/  
azaeyc-strategies](http://www.azaeyc.org/azaeyc-strategies)



# Advocacy & Public Policy



- NAEYC = uniquely positioned to share latest research & **have voice in critical state/fed. policy**
- AzAEYC's Annual Public Policy Forum provides training on legislative process, bills to keep an eye on, and elevates the voices of ECE professionals on behalf of quality ECE – **March 2020**

# Advocacy & Public Policy



Feb. 2019

- **70 participants** at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual AZ Public Policy Forum sponsored by AzAEYC, SAZAEYC, CCR&R
- More than **350 ECE professionals** at the EC Day at the Legislature
- Continued partnership with AZECA

# AZToolkit & Shared Services

Let us put more time in your day!

## azTOOLKIT

Resources to Improve Quality and Business Administration Practices

- AZToolkit is a shared services platform designed for early learning providers
- Find essentials to build business administration practices - right at your fingertips
- Speedy access to complex state and federal requirements
- Save on office, safety, and child care supplies, credit card processing and payroll services. Typical savings are 20-50%
- Resources to advance quality - all in one location
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# Higher Education Accreditation Project



- Set the **gold standard** on what ECE professionals are expected to know & do as they study
- Supports a cohort of **10 ECE degree pathways**/ 6 Higher Ed. Institutes to **achieve accreditation**



# Early Learning Program Accreditation



- NAEYC Accreditation is considered the gold standard by which quality ECE programs are measured.
- **65 NAEYC Accredited programs** in AZ – mark of quality helping parents find best possible ECE experiences

# Professional Development

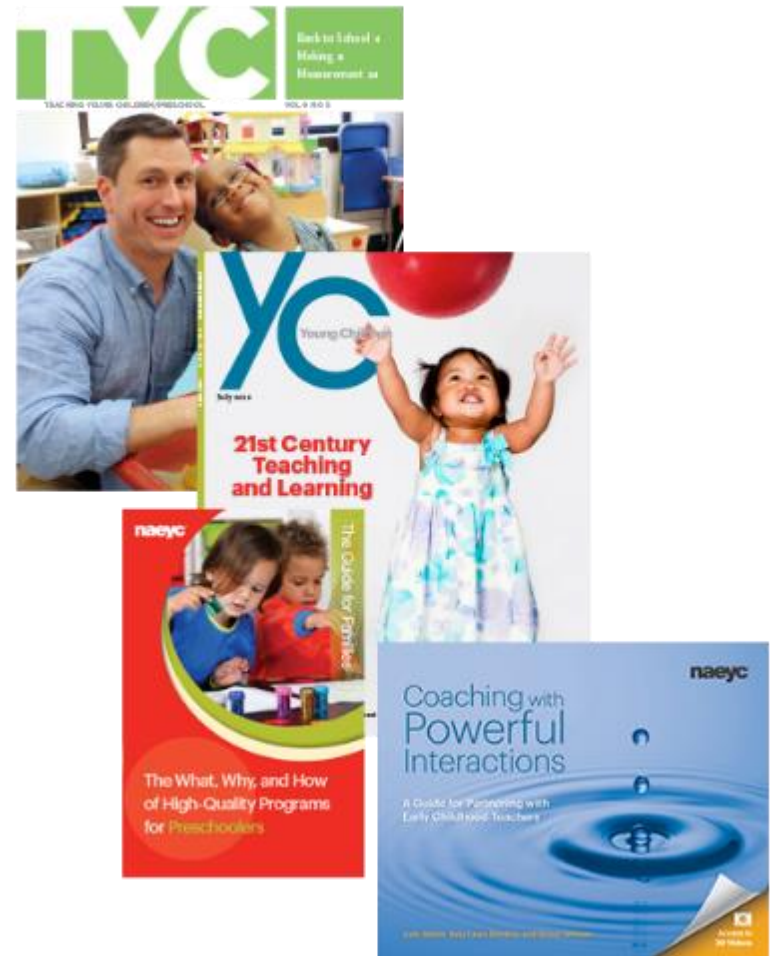
- NAEYC members have access to exclusive professional development courses & opportunities, as well as registration discounts to NAEYC's Professional Learning Institute & Annual Conference.
- AzAEYC provides training and technical assistance on **AZToolkit & Shared Services Alliances**, **advocacy & public policy**, **quality early learning**, and **accreditation**.

For more information: [ebucher@azaeyc.org](mailto:ebucher@azaeyc.org)

# Publications & Resources

High-quality resources dedicated to **improving the quality** of programs for young children

Extensive line of **books, videos, brochures, and posters**, *Young Children*, a professional journal, and *Teaching Young Children*, a magazine for educators



# Join AzAEYC/NAEYC Today!

## Power to the Early Childhood Profession.

Wherever you are in your journey,  
there's an NAEYC/AzAEYC membership for you!

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### Premium Membership - \$150

Access to NAEYC's robust suite of member benefits including periodicals, publications, online learning and VIP events.

### Entry Level Membership - \$30

For students or young professionals. Access to digital research & forums, insurance and discounts to member-only events.

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