

PROCLAMATION

NAEYC Week of the Young Child 2026

Town of Parker, Arizona

April 11-17, 2026

WHEREAS, All of Arizona's children deserve access to quality early care and education (ECE) environments; and

WHEREAS, Quality child care programs build children's lifelong learning skills during the critical years from birth to age five; and

WHEREAS, ECE teachers and child care providers are the essential workforce that helps Arizona parents get to work or school; and

WHEREAS, Funding quality child care is a smart investment that improves family well-being, strengthens communities, and grows our state's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, First Things First, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, and other community organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the 55th Anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and

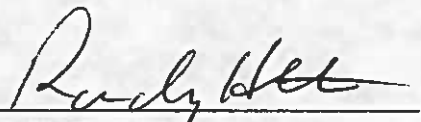
WHEREAS, These organizations are working to improve equitable early childhood opportunities that provide a strong start for children in the Town of Parker; and

WHEREAS, Public policies that support ECE for Arizona's youngest learners help our families, communities, and the economy thrive.

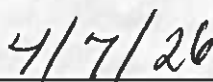
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Randy Hartless, do hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2026, as the Week of the Young Child in Parker, Arizona, and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early care and education in our community.

Issued this 07th day of April, 2026





Randy Hartless, Mayor



Date