

EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA STATE BOARD

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Shanell Wagler, Administrator

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending/Type</i>
David Arens, Chair	Urbandale	April 30, 2020
Diane Campbell	Muscatine	April 30, 2022
Richard Clewell	Davenport	April 30, 2022
Kathryn Dorsey	North Liberty	April 30, 2021
Terry Harrmann	Des Moines	April 30, 2020
Sigrid Lane	Waterloo	April 30, 2021
Angela Lensch	Glidden	April 30, 2021
Mayra Martinez	Storm Lake	April 30, 2021
Barbara Merrill	Johnston	April 30, 2021
Mary Petersen	Harlan	April 30, 2021
Brook Rosenberg	Des Moines	April 30, 2021
Jean Stadlander	Manning	April 30, 2021
Zachary Stier	Boone	April 30, 2022
Frank Varvaris	Cedar Rapids	April 30, 2021
Gerd Clabaugh, Director of Public Health		Statutory
Debi Durham, Director, Economic Development Authority		Statutory
Kelly Garcia, Director of Human Services		Statutory
Beth Townsend, Director, Department of Workforce Development		Statutory
Ryan Wise, Director, Department of Education		Statutory
San Wong, Director, Department of Human Rights		Statutory
<i>Ex officio, nonvoting members from the General Assembly</i>		
<i>Senate</i>		
Claire Celsi	West Des Moines	January 10, 2021
Chris Cournoyer	LeClaire	January 10, 2021
<i>House</i>		
Michael R. Bergan	Dorchester	January 10, 2021
Mary Mascher	Iowa City	January 10, 2021

Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) was established to create a partnership between communities and state government departments (Economic Development Authority, Education, Human Rights, Human Services, Public Health, Management, and Workforce Development). This partnership serves as a catalyst to integrate and coordinate an early care, health, and education network of systems for children from birth through age five and their families.

The ECI State Board sets goals to empower communities to achieve desired results, develop collaboration to support an early childhood care system, and advocate for public engagement. The board's role includes providing oversight, tracking, and reporting of the data on early childhood results and indicators; advocacy; and public awareness of the importance of early childhood issues. Current members of the board include department directors for six state agencies, four legislators, and citizens. The board is responsible for early childhood system development and the funding streams over which it has authority.

Thirty-eight early childhood areas operate throughout the state, representing all 99 counties. Each area has a citizen-led board to support activities to promote collaboration and develop systems in the community for young children and their families.