

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>
Richard Clewell, Chair.....	Davenport.....	April 30, 2022
David Arens	Windsor Heights	April 30, 2024
David Barajas.....	Marshalltown	April 30, 2024
Diane Campbell	Muscatine.....	April 30, 2022
Ryan Howard	Cedar Falls	April 30, 2024
Aaron Johnson	Ankeny.....	April 30, 2023
Angela Lensch	Glidden.....	April 30, 2024
Mayra Martinez.....	Storm Lake.....	April 30, 2024
Barbara Merrill.....	Johnston	April 30, 2024
Mary Petersen	Harlan.....	April 30, 2024
Zachary Stier.....	Boone.....	April 30, 2022
Gary Zittergruen.....	Waverly.....	April 30, 2023
Debi Durham, Director, Economic Development Authority		Statutory
Kelly Garcia, Director of Public Health and Director of Human Services.....		Statutory
Ann Lebo, Director, Department of Education.....		Statutory
Beth Townsend, Director, Department of Workforce Development.....		Statutory
San Wong, Director, Department of Human Rights		Statutory

Ex officio, nonvoting members from the General Assembly

Senate

Chris Cournoyer.....	LeClaire	January 8, 2023
Jackie Smith.....	Sioux City	January 8, 2023

House

Michael R. Bergan	Dorchester.....	January 8, 2023
Mary Mascher	Iowa City.....	January 8, 2023

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.