

Wisconsin Early Learning Coalition

- ◆ Disability Rights Wisconsin ◆ Milwaukee Child Care Alliance
- ◆ Supporting Families Together Association ◆ Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health
- ◆ Wisconsin Association of School Boards ◆ Wisconsin Child Care Administrators Association
 - ◆ Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
- ◆ Wisconsin Council for Exceptional Children - Division for Early Childhood
- ◆ Wisconsin Early Childhood Association ◆ Wisconsin Family Child Care Association
 - ◆ Wisconsin Head Start Association

*Working Together to Ensure that All Wisconsin's
Young Children Get a Great Start
...by providing all Wisconsin children access
to high quality early learning experiences and nurturing care
so they are happy, healthy, eager to learn
and prepared to succeed.*

Guiding Principles for the Wisconsin Early Learning Coalition

1. **Build on solid base of services:** The Early Learning Coalition's legislative agenda will build on Wisconsin's solid base of services that provides families and children access to essential early care and education services through an infrastructure that supports quality. Our agenda assumes that these services will be maintained and funded, and the Coalition will oppose any efforts to erode this existing base of services.
2. **Role of parents:** We strongly support the role of parents as their children's first and most important teachers.
3. **High quality:** Building on Wisconsin's strengths, the Coalition supports high quality early learning experiences for children birth through age five delivered by a set of diverse services that engages families.
4. **Focus on children at risk:** We pay particular attention to children at risk of school failure and poor developmental outcomes, those who are from disadvantaged backgrounds, and those with disabilities or special needs.
5. **Investment in early learning:** The Coalition seeks funding levels that allow for implementation of research-based, high quality models that include investments to improve quality and support an infrastructure for continuous improvement.
6. **Holistic approach:** We believe that all aspects of early childhood development, including social and emotional development, need to be addressed.
7. **Strong workforce:** The Coalition seeks to ensure that early childhood providers are well-prepared and compensated to educate, nurture, and meet the needs of young children and their families.

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