



**Quality  
Counts**

and Iowa's youngest are counting on you!

**It's as easy as 1,2,3** ...you can be a voice for young children this legislative session by:

**1. Checking out the Early Childhood Iowa and Every Child Counts Web sites:**

[www.earlychildhoodiowa.org](http://www.earlychildhoodiowa.org)

[www.everychildcountsiowa.org](http://www.everychildcountsiowa.org)

**2. Support the Early Childhood Iowa priority goals for each of the following five result areas:**

Children Ready to Succeed in School

Secure and Nurturing Families

Healthy Children

Secure and Nurturing Early Care and Education Environments

Safe and Supportive Communities

**3. Define how you fit with these priority goals and be ready to tell your story!**

**Opportunities** for advocacy this session:

★ Early Childhood Day on the Hill on February 12

★ Become a member of Every Child Counts - [www.everychildcountsiowa.org](http://www.everychildcountsiowa.org)

★ Contact your legislators

★ Attend legislative forums

**A Few Advocacy Resources:**

The Iowa Legislature General Assembly - [www.legis.state.ia.us](http://www.legis.state.ia.us)

Advocacy Toolkit - [www.empowerment.state.ia.us/tool\\_kit.asp](http://www.empowerment.state.ia.us/tool_kit.asp)

Day on the Hill Packet - [www.everychildcountsiowa.org/?Advocacy](http://www.everychildcountsiowa.org/?Advocacy)

NAEYC - [www.naeyc.org/policy](http://www.naeyc.org/policy)

National Women's Law Center - [www.nwlc.org](http://www.nwlc.org)

Results.org - [www.results.org](http://www.results.org)



## Support the Early Childhood Iowa priority goals:



### **Children Ready to Succeed in School**

Increase access to affordable quality early learning environments for all children. Increase the capacity of schools to be ready to meet the educational needs of all children.



### **Secure and Nurturing Families**

Increase positive relationships between child and parents. Increase effective opportunities to learn about child development and parenting skills.



### **Healthy Children**

Increase access to and utilization of social, emotional, developmental and mental health services. Increase access to and utilization of preventive health care services.



### **Secure and Nurturing Early Care and Education Environments**

Increase the number of quality early care and education environments for all children. Increase parent and community demand for quality in early care and education environments.



### **Safe and Supportive Communities**

Increase the safety of young children and families in their communities. Increase community investment in the early care, health, and education system.

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