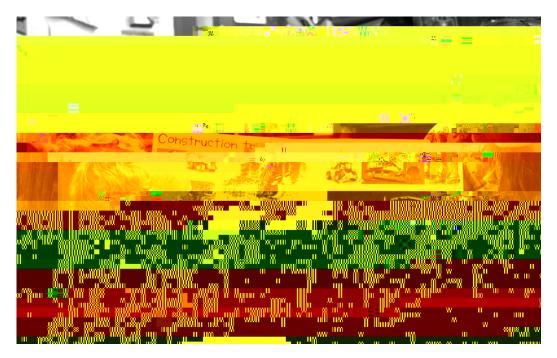
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## What is the AECEO?

**Mission:** To build and support a strong collective voice for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) so they can participate in and influence positive change that benefits children, families, communities, and ECEs.



**Purpose:** Building the capacity and leadership of ECEs to advocate for their profession and the children and families they care for.



## **Professionalization Gap**

Educators are competent and capable, curious, and rich in experience. They are knowledgeable, caring, reflective and resourceful professionals....they collaborate with others to create engaging environments and experiences to foster children's learning and development.

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