



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board

MISSION

Our purpose is to increase the quality of, and access to, the early childhood development and health system that ensures a child entering school comes healthy and ready to succeed.

VISION

Our vision is that by 2018 all Arizona children birth through age five are afforded opportunities to achieve their maximum potential to succeed in school and life.

VALUES

Children, birth through age five, and their families *must be our central focus at all times. Providing more and better opportunities to prepare all young children to attain success in school and life should be what drives every action we take and every decision we make.*

*We must use **culturally responsive** practices. Every person we work with and every person working at first thing first has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.*

*Only through **continuous improvement and innovation** will we be able to maximize benefits to children and their families.*

*We are **accountable** to demonstrate that our work truly improves the lives of children and their families, and promotes support for investing in early childhood development and health.*

Our board, staff, regional council members and community partners are our most valuable resources. *We must develop and maintain a culture of strong collaboration and cooperation both internally and externally to best provide essential family supports while providing increased opportunities for young children to enjoy success in school and life.*