

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

**AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WORKS WITH OR ON BEHALF OF
YOUNG CHILDREN BIRTH - AGE 8 AND THEIR FAMILIES,
I COMMIT MYSELF TO FURTHERING THE VALUES OF
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION AS THEY
ARE REFLECTED IN THE IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES
OF THE NAEYC CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT.**

TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY I WILL:

- **NEVER HARM CHILDREN.**
- **ENSURE THAT PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN ARE
BASED ON CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH OF
CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.**
- **RESPECT AND SUPPORT FAMILIES IN THEIR TASK
OF NURTURING CHILDREN.**
- **RESPECT COLLEAGUES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND
EDUCATION AND SUPPORT THEM IN MAINTAINING
THE NAEYC CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT.**
- **SERVE AS AN ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES,
AND THEIR TEACHERS IN COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY.**
- **STAY INFORMED OF AND MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS
OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.**
- **ENGAGE IN AN ONGOING PROCESS OF SELF-REFLECTION,
REALIZING THAT PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS, BIASES,
AND BELIEFS HAVE AN IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

**THIS STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT IS
A PERSONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT LEADS TO
AN INDIVIDUAL BECOMING PART OF THE PROFESSION.
IT IS A REFLECTION OF A WILLINGNESS TO EMBRACE
THE DISTINCTIVE VALUES AND MORAL OBLIGATIONS OF
THE FIELD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION.**

