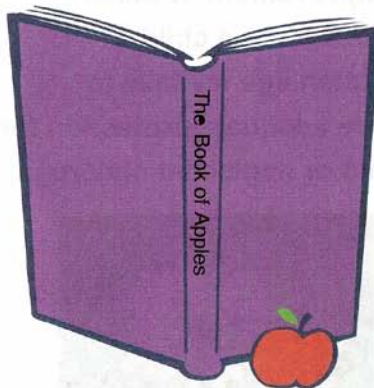


Educator Responsibilities to the Community:

- ♦ As educators we acknowledge our responsibility to provide the best possible programs of care and education for children.
- ♦ Conducting ourselves with honesty and integrity.
- ♦ Obligation to advocate for the best interests of children.
- ♦ Serve as a voice for young children everywhere.



Statement Of Commitment

1. Never harm children
2. Ensure that programs for young children are based on current knowledge and research of child development and early childhood education.
3. Respect and support families in their task of nurturing children.
4. Respect colleagues in early childhood care and education and support them in maintaining the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct.
5. Serve as an advocate for children, their families, and their teachers in community and society.
6. Stay informed of and maintain high standards of professional conduct.
7. Engage in an ongoing process of self-reflection, realizing that personal characteristics, biases, and beliefs have an impact on children and families.
8. Be open to new ideas and be willing to learn from the suggestions of others.
9. Continue to learn, grow, and contribute as a professional.
10. Honor the ideals and principles of the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct.

Educational Responsibilities of the Community



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Individual Educator Ideals

1. We shall provide the community with high-quality early childhood care and education programs and services.

Ideals in the Best Interest of Children

1. We shall promote cooperation among professionals and agencies concerned with addressing health, education, and well-being of children, families, and early childhood educator's issues.
2. We shall promote knowledge and understanding of children's needs. Work toward greater social acceptance.
3. We shall ensure appropriate assessment systems that include multiple sources of information and are used for benefiting children.

Principles of Individual Educators

1. We shall apply for, accept, and work in positions for which we are personally well suited and professionally qualified.
2. We shall carefully check references and not hire anyone unsuited for the position.



3. We shall be familiar with laws and regulations that serve to protect the children in our programs.
4. We shall not participate in practices that violate laws and regulations.

Principles in the Best Interest of the Children

1. Educators have a responsibility to work and to change practices that do not benefit children.
2. Educators have a responsibility to report problems to appropriate authorities when services are failing to meet its obligations to ensure children's well-being.
3. Educators have a responsibility to work toward the improvement of these services when a child protection agency fails to provide adequate protection for abused or neglected children.

