



**Crystal Abbe
Vice President Nominee**

Crystal has volunteered in leadership roles for IAAEYC in a variety of positions for both chapter and governing board service. These many years of experience combined with more than 35 years in early care and education continue to increased her commitment to the integrity, growth, inclusivity and responsiveness of IAAEYC from the governing body, throughout its membership and in support of its staff.

Having studied child development and social work, Crystal has center experience, owned a home-based program, presented adult education to professionals and parents, coordinated many community and statewide initiatives and for the past 15 years, worked for Des Moines Public Schools Preschool Program as a Family Engagement Facilitator.

When considering a final term in the position of Governing Board Vice President, Crystal says, “It would be a privilege to continue the responsive work of the governing board, especially as IAAEYC moves in directions to increase its reach and service to early care and education professionals throughout the state. As a part of this, I would enjoy collaborating with others to develop a strong leadership pipeline within our statewide membership.”