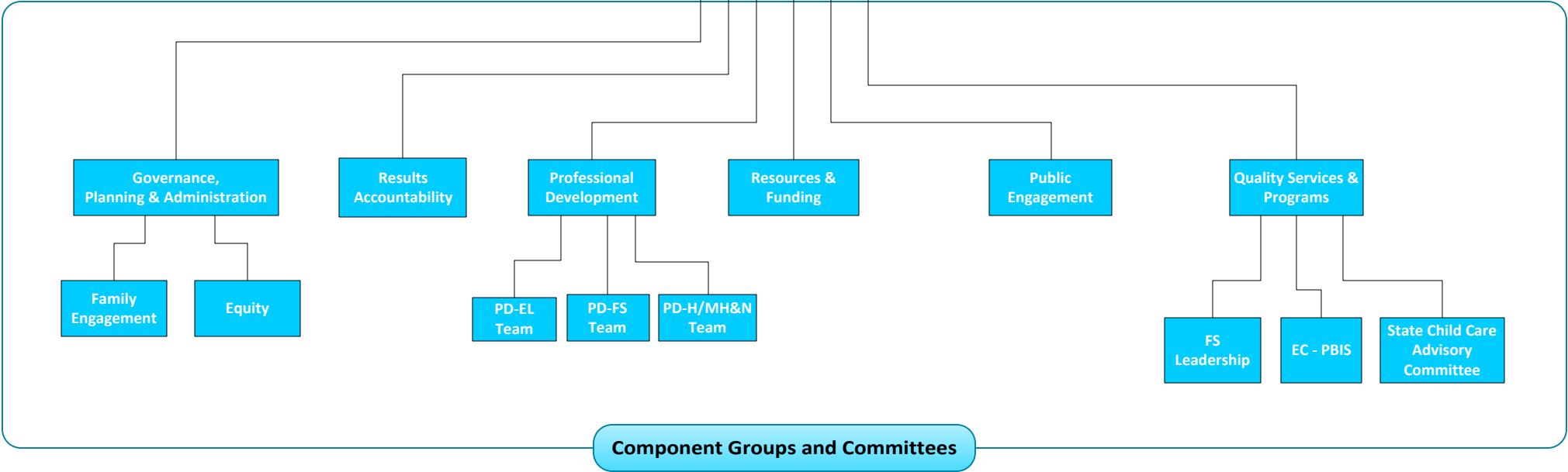
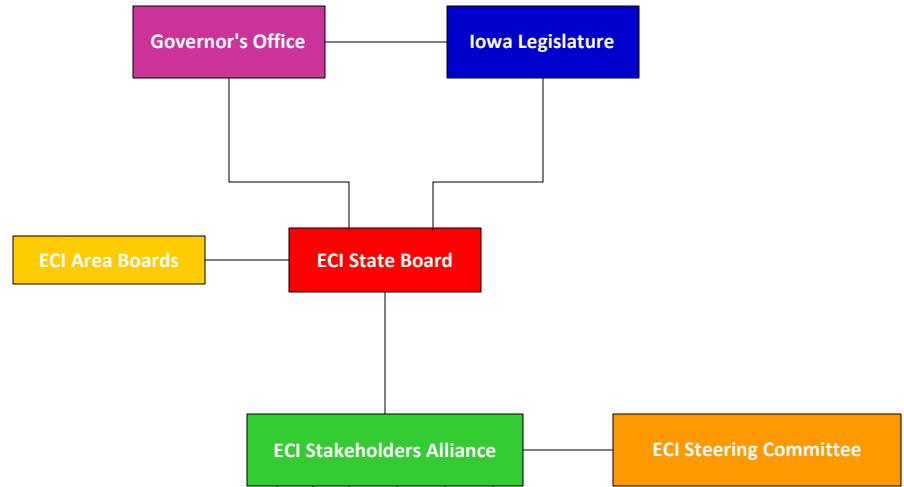


Early Childhood Iowa

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 ❖ ECI Stakeholders Alliance





Vision: Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful.

Purpose: To empower collaborative, systemic efforts to achieve the following desired results:

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| 1. Healthy Children | 4. Secure and Nurturing Families |
| 2. Children Ready to Succeed in School | 5. Secure and Nurturing Early Learning Environments |
| 3. Safe and Supportive Communities | |

Descriptions

Governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed legislation to create Community Empowerment, creating a partnership between communities and the state to support young children and their families (1998) Signed legislation to transform Community Empowerment into Early Childhood Iowa (ECI), establishing the ECI Stakeholder Alliance as the state’s Early Childhood Advisory Council (2010) May request or receive information from the ECI State Board and/or ECI Stakeholder Alliance
Iowa Legislature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created Community Empowerment/Early Childhood Iowa, along with the ECI State Board and Local Boards, to provide governance for planning and collaboration of services to support young children and their families. May request or receive information from the ECI Stakeholder Alliance
ECI State Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides oversight of the ECI Area Boards. Includes citizen members appointed by the governor; the directors (or designees) of the Departments of Education, Economic Development Authority, Human Rights, Human Services, Public Health, and Workforce Development; and ex-officio legislators May request or receive information from the ECI Stakeholder Alliance
ECI Area Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charged to reach the desired results to improve the quality of life for young children and their families. Consist of citizens, elected officials, and representatives of education, health, human services, faith, business and consumers.
ECI Stakeholder Alliance (SA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A confederation of stakeholders in early care, health and education systems that affects young children in the State of Iowa. Purpose: Overseeing/providing input into the development of a comprehensive, integrated early childhood system for Iowa that meets the needs of children 0-5 years and families; integrates the early learning; health/mental health/nutrition; family support and special needs/early intervention systems; supporting the ECI State Board in addressing the early care, health and education systems that affect children ages 0-5 years. Advises the governor, general assembly, state board, and other public and private policy bodies and service providers in coordinating activities and policies related to Iowa’s comprehensive early childhood system.
ECI Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established to provide leadership, organize, manage, and coordinate the activities of the ECI Stakeholder Alliance and the component groups.
ECI Component Groups and Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address key areas of Iowa’s early childhood system. Ensure that each component of the system is present and functioning as well as possible and work on the implementation of specific strategies within the ECI strategic plan. Groups and committees focus on the essential elements of an early childhood system including: Governance, Planning and Administration; Professional Development; Public Engagement; Quality Services and Programs; Resources and Funding; and Results Accountability.