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**Rhode Island Early Childhood Education Leader Weighs in on NAEYC's
Strategic Direction**

NAEYC Previews Strategic Direction

Warwick, RI, November 3, 2014 – The National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) National Governing board along with Lori Harris (Affiliate Council), Elisa Huss-Hage (ECADA Commission) and Rhode Island early childhood education leader Chris Amirault (Council for NAEYC Accreditation) embarked on a strategic planning process in January 2014.

NAEYC's [strategic direction](#) includes a new vision and mission statement as well as a commitment to core values and core beliefs. Additionally there are five strategic priorities--each of which has implications for time, energy, structure and resources. Strategic priorities include:

- High-quality early learning
- The profession
- Organizational advancement
- Organization excellence
- Leadership and innovation

As the state affiliate of NAEYC, Rhode Island AEYC supports NAEYC's new **Vision: *All young children thrive and learn in a society dedicated to ensuring they reach their full potential.***

"I am excited about the direction NAEYC is taking on the strategic plan. At Rhode Island AEYC we envision our own work as essential to the success of the early childhood education field and this strategic direction", said Chris Amirault, Rhode Island AEYC Board President.

To view NAEYC's strategic direction visit www.naeyc.org.

About Rhode Island AEYC

Rhode Island AEYC's mission is to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of all young children with primary focus on the provision of educational and developmental services and resources. We are an affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the managing agency for [BrightStars](#), Rhode Island's Quality Rating and Improvement System for early learning and education programs. Learn more at www.naeyc.org.

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