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The Early Childhood Development and Health Board recognizes and appreciates the privilege which each individual in this State and nation has to express his or her opinion and to seek to make that opinion known to members of the Congress and the State legislature. The Board also recognizes the responsibilities with which it has been entrusted in connection with the operation of the early childhood development and health system and the advancement of early childhood development and health programs in the State of Arizona and recognizes that on occasion the interests of the Board will not coincide with the interests of individual employees of the Board.

In approaching members of the State legislature or the Congress, employees of the Board shall make every effort to indicate clearly that the position which they take is an individual position or is the position of a group other than the Early Childhood Development and Health Board. In instances in which the Board has taken an official position, the employee or employee group endorsing a differing position shall make it clear to the legislative body that the Board has endorsed a different or contrary position.

The employees responsible for the disbursement or allocation of State funds shall determine prior to disbursement or allocation that such funds will not be used for purposes of influencing legislation unless such use receives specific authorization by the Board.

Only the Chairperson of the Board or his or her designated delegate shall speak for the Board to members of the legislature in matters relating to policy. In responding to members of the State legislature or the Congress, Board members shall make every effort to accurately communicate officially-taken Board positions. In matters for which the Board hasn't taken an official position, Board members should indicate clearly that the position which they take is an individual position or is the position of a group other than the Early Childhood Development and Health Board.

This policy is not intended to nor shall it be enforced so as to restrict rights guaranteed to individual employees or Board members but is an attempt only to separate the views of those individuals from positions which the Board may take in attempting to discharge its responsibilities under the statutes of the State of Arizona.

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