

**Marsha Dumka**  
**Candidate for Governance Chair**  
**NYSAEYC Governing Board**

For over 35 years I have worked directly on behalf of the children and families in the Greater Rochester area, as well as state wide as an advocate. My professional career has included 16 years as a preschool special education teacher, 18 years as an administrator of a multi-faceted early childhood agency with programs for child care, special education, early intervention, family child care and Pre-K. We also created a work experience program for young urban mothers in early childhood. Currently I am an Adjunct Professor at SUNY Empire State College teaching classes that support the Children's Administrator Program Credential (CPAC). I also mentor directors in several child care programs. Throughout these years I have used my voice in community leadership roles to advocate for equity and inclusion, so that all children and their families have equal access to high quality care and learning.

As Governance Co-Chair, on the NYSAEYC board, I would bring experiences of several years serving on various boards, both locally and statewide. As an active member of the Rochester AEYC since the 1980's, I have served in numerous roles including Co-President, and currently as Public Policy chair; served as a member and past Co-Chair of the WBNY Steering Committee; worked for 18 years with a governing board as the chief executive officer. And most recently, I have served as Vice-President of NYSAEYC for two terms. I have gotten to know wonderfully dedicated people statewide, who work on behalf of children every day. I would tap into my knowledge of what skills and knowledge are needed for statewide leadership positions.

The greatest issues facing the early childhood field right now, are garnering respect for the workforce, and the important work teachers and administrators do every day, moving the field to becoming a profession, and ensuring that funding is adequate to support children and families so they can access education and care at a high quality level. I will continue being a voice for those who do not yet have one.

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