



Meet Joy D'Amico

I joined the EPEL board to support the impact this local early childhood collaboration is having on the Elgin community. EPEL consists of passionate, knowledgeable, and dedicated individuals who understand the impact the first five years of life have on a child's overall success. EPEL is deeply rooted in the community, and is focused on advocating for children and families to ensure they get the supports they need to be successful citizens. -Joy D'Amico

Joy has passionately worked in the early childhood field for over 20 years. She has had the pleasure of influencing early childhood systems in California, Florida and Illinois. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Child Development from San Diego State University, a Master's Degree in Psychology from Troy University, and an Infant Studies Certificate from Erikson Institute.

Joy has worked on behalf of children and families in poverty through funding from Head Start, Child Care Resource and Referral Systems, and local CCDBG (Child Care and Development Block Grant) funding in Illinois. Joy focuses on supporting child care leaders and practitioners through reflective supervision, and on-going practical support. Joy's current role is serving as the Family Services Director at the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago.