



A Welcome Letter from the Interim President Elect

May 2022

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Amy Morales Baum, our former president. As many of you know she will be taking an important role at First Things First. Her leadership and dedication will be missed throughout our board but her work in early childhood will continue throughout our community.

With that being said, I am excited to announce that I will be filling in as interim president elect of the Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children. I will serve until December 31,2022.

SAZAEYC commitments remain in place and I will do my best to carry them out. My fresh ideas, passion for advocacy, and early childhood education, along with my experience in leadership will help me in fulfilling this role. I look forward to working with our board of amazing educators, advocates, and administrators. We will move forward with the planning of the yearly membership meeting, collaborating with our sister affiliate AzAEYC, and organizing Southern Arizona's largest early childhood conference.

There is a bit of a shuffle going on in our board as we appoint members and fill positions. We have a few new board members and we are excited to see the leadership and skills that arise throughout this transition.

Thank you for this amazing opportunity. I am honored and look forward to continuing working with all of you.

With love and kindness,

Stefany Paredes Urias
Interim President Elect
(She/her)