



Michelle Mathews received her undergraduate, Master's, and PhD degrees from the University of Missouri, where she has worked for over 15 years. Currently, she directs the MU Child Development Lab, advises Child Development and Education majors, and is an Assistant Teaching Professor where she teaches Curriculum and Assessment and Administration for the Department of Human Development & Family Science.

Michelle has served on the state board as Advocacy/Public Policy Co-Chair and on the Central and River's Bend local boards. She was first introduced to the organization in 1992 when she and two friends (Heather and Penny) received funding from the state board to attend the national conference in Denver, Colorado. The three college students headed west and had an amazing time attending sessions, exploring exhibits, and enjoying the city of Denver. Michelle remembers this experience as a defining moment in her professional development and has been a member ever since.

Michelle participated in the 2000 restructuring process and is interested in helping with the current restructuring process. She is also interested in helping to increase membership by recruiting new members, reintroducing past members, and retaining current members. She is committed to ensuring that AEYC-MO is a high performing inclusive organization that meets the needs of early childhood professionals throughout the state.