



Guiding Principles for MPPI Affiliated State Advocacy Organizations

MPPI Mission: Promote Policies to Protect Authentic Montessori Implementation

MPPI Vision: A policy landscape ensuring children of all ages have access to authentic Montessori education

Our Goal: We stand as representatives and advocates to ensure a policy landscape that protects and promotes authentic Montessori implementation for all children.

Our Commitments

We promote strength in numbers through a unified message and organizational policies, which are clearly communicated to all members of the advocacy group.

We actively and respectfully reach out, as professionals, to promote amicable relationships with all Montessori Schools, Directors, Heads, Administrators, Teachers, Trainers, Parents, Alumni, School Boards, State Education Departments and Legislators, etc.

The ideal toward which we strive is to have inclusive representation from AMI and AMS on our Boards or within our leadership structure.

We invite Montessorians from various backgrounds and trainings, from the public and private, non-profit and for-profit sectors to participate in our organization, and openly invite all to attend meetings, extending just and equitable treatment to all members.

We actively promote harmony in discussions with all, with an effort to reach consensus and find common ground.

We commit to supporting and communicating our work with the MPPI staff and/or Council, and we communicate regularly with other states through the MPPI list serve. We work collaboratively, ask for help, share advice and talents, and celebrate our success with others around the country.

We adopt the 'Montessori Essentials' document as the fundamental baseline for authentic Montessori practice in order to protect and raise the standards for all Montessori schools, and

we utilize this document when speaking with our state legislature and licensing agencies. (N.B.: The 'Montessori Essentials' document is attached to this document).

We foster public understanding of Montessori pedagogical principles and methodology.

We support our advocacy organization and positively represent it in public discussions. We distinguish our private views from the official positions of our advocacy organization and MPPI.

We define the issues clearly to our constituents, communicate up to date information regularly, create transparent action plans and communicate results publicly.

We agree to work with organizations identified by MPPI as leaders in supporting our initiatives, such as MACTE (Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education - a national organization recognized by the US Dept. of Education), which offers support for any state seeking recognition of Montessori teacher credentials and certification.