

Name	Megan Purcell
Introduction	<p>Since becoming a member of DEC approximately 20 years ago, I have found a formidable professional network and family. DEC has afforded me incalculable and invaluable experiences to grow in my own professionalism and leadership. My own growth has made me a better leader, teacher, professional development provider, and DEC member.</p> <p>My desire to return to the Executive Board is one of dedication to DEC’s mission and the wish to give back to an organization that has given me so very much.</p>
Background and Professional Experience	<p>My background and professional experiences include being a developmental preschool teacher, professional development provider, and a higher education faculty member. Through all of these, I have aligned my work with DEC’s mission and resources. For example, the RPs are an integral part of my professional development and educator preparation curricula. As well, my curricular and training content, while aligned to the CEC Personnel Preparation Standards, embodies DEC’s mission. These experiences with DEC and all that DEC provides the field make me a better leader in and for DEC.</p>
Leadership Experience	<p>My view of leadership is one of guidance, facilitation, and teaming. I do not expect to know or be able to do all of the business of a board. Instead, I work with teams to identify and utilize the strengths and logical contributions from each leader. I will look to the strengths and contributions of the Executive Office, Board, and the volunteer leadership and workforce to ensure DEC continues powerful work.</p> <p>Leadership /activities for DEC: Subdivision leadership including president in two states; chairing Subdivision Support Committee; member of the Standards Development Taskforce; past Member at Large on the Executive Board.</p>
Brief Bio	<p>Dr. Purcell, Clinical Assistant Professor in the department of Human Development and Family Studies at Purdue University, coordinates, teaches, and conducts field supervision for the Early Childhood Education and Exceptional Needs program. She prepares educators to work with children with and without disabilities ages birth through 3rd grade.</p> <p>Personally and professionally, Dr. Purcell plans to continue what she is currently doing until she can do it no more. That is, to work with and prepare current and future early childhood educators and early interventionists to provide highly effective services for ALL children and families to achieve the best possible outcomes.</p>