

Why a Career in Early Childhood Education?



Myth

Reality

Just a babysitter

Early childhood educators are trained in child development and safety.

No skill required

Quality programs that care for and educate children require professional knowledge and skills. Educators often build additional transferable skills for related fields.

Not meaningful work

Early childhood educators are brain builders during critical years of a child's development.

Low pay forever*/no opportunity for advancement

Entry-level positions can advance into the highest levels of leadership and pay. There are also many advancement opportunities in core early childhood education roles and closely related fields.

Continuing education is costly

There are several funding streams available to study early childhood education at low or no cost - and even opportunities to be paid to learn!

* While the field of early childhood education has historically been underfunded, advocates continue to push for adequate funding for pay. There are opportunities to become part of these advocacy efforts.

Benefits

Tuition & Scholarships:

Advance your education with financial assistance.

Economic Impact:

Support parents/caregivers who need child care to do their work effectively.

Job Satisfaction:

Experience the joy that comes from caring for children.

Societal Influence:

Impact the next generation by supporting all aspects of growth and development.

Apprenticeship Programs:

Earn a degree while getting paid.

Job Security:

Work in a sector that will not disappear—child care is a consistent need.