

The Changing Landscape of Early Childhood

Professionalization across Early Childhood: Addressing the needs of family child care providers

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What is a “Profession”?

- Vocation “requiring specialized knowledge” and “intensive preparation” (Merriam-Webster)
- Core Knowledge and Competencies (IOM)
- Continual development of knowledge base (Goffin, 2015, *Professionalizing Early Childhood Education*)

Family Child Care Providers:

- Are both practitioners and also business owners
- Represent cultural and ethnic diversity
- Are the lowest paid
- Work the longest hours



- Care for the broadest age range of children within the same setting
- Open up and share their home with children and families
- Are excited, eager, engaged life-long learners

Town Square as an Innovative Pathway

Standards



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Provider Voice



Where family child care professionals learn, share and thrive.



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