

# Early Childhood Educators work to support families but can't afford to \$upport their own!



- Early Childhood Educators' monthly income is less than the average monthly rent of a 1 bedroom apartment in San Francisco.
- Despite working full time, almost half of Early Childhood Educators need to rely on public benefits, such as food stamps and subsidized housing to survive.
- Though their work is critical for children, families, and society, Early Childhood Educators have the lowest salaries of any college major.

- The quality of care children receive has a lifelong impact - 90% of a human's brain is developed in the first 5 years of life!
- Educator wages are highly correlated with the quality of care and education young children receive!
- Because children deserve great educators, we must provide wages that allow teachers to be economically self-sufficient!

## INVEST IN ECE!!!

- ✓ Provide professional wages to retain and attract excellent educators for our children!
- ✓ Increase the quality of care and education for children!
- ✓ Save society significant tax-payer money over time!

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For more information about Early Childhood Educator wages, please visit: <http://www.irle.berkeley.edu/cscce/>

