



Reclaiming the Promise



It's time to reclaim the promise of early childhood care and education—not as it is today or as it was in the past, but as it can be—to fulfill our collective obligation to guarantee every child and family has access to affordable, high-quality early childhood programs. Decades of experience and evidence show that one of the most effective ways to improve educational and economic outcomes for all children is to provide high-quality early learning experiences that set the stage for a lifetime of learning.

Reclaiming the promise is about fighting for **families' access to workplace and community supports** for the care and education of their young children.

Reclaiming the promise is about ensuring **all young children are engaged in developmentally appropriate programs** that foster their social and emotional development.

Reclaiming the promise is about ensuring **young children have a smooth transition from early education settings** into kindergarten and their neighborhood public schools.

Reclaiming the promise is about ensuring **early childhood care providers and educators are well-prepared and supported** so they can meet the individual needs of every child.

The promise is under attack by those who demand and pursue austerity and polarization while continuing to deny the need for a federal role in providing universal early care and education for all children.

By uniting our voices—parents, educators, care providers and community—we can reclaim the promise.