



Did you know?

- That....WV has the lowest workforce participation rate due, in part, to working families not having access to affordable child care.
- That....The average child care worker in WV, most of whom are parents themselves, makes less than \$18,000/year! That's below poverty level.....
- That....WV has a very low literacy rate. The best time to start building literacy is in early childhood.

What we are fighting for....

We are all united to create the strongest possible early childhood education system in the country. Included in this system would be improved quality standards for child care centers, better pay for child care workers, expansion of home visiting programs that help prevent child abuse and to aid children with disabilities.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS AND TELL THEM TO INCREASE THE CHILD CARE REIMBURSEMENT RATE so....centers are not shutting their doors on working families and centers get the reimbursement they need to pay workers a decent wage.

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