

Early Childhood Education lays the essential foundation for lifelong learning, healthy development, and future success; a strong, well-prepared early childhood workforce is critical to ensuring that all children receive high-quality care and education during their most formative years.

Early Childhood Education (ECE) apprenticeship programs also provide a meaningful pathway for individuals to enter, grow, and thrive within the education profession through hands-on experience, mentorship, and continued learning.

These apprenticeship programs have demonstrated success in expanding and strengthening the workforce within schools and early learning centers, helping to address staffing shortages while elevating the quality of care and instruction.

The voices and lived experiences of apprentices, educators, and program leaders serve as powerful testimony to the impact and effectiveness of these programs. Social media platforms offer an accessible and far-reaching tool to amplify these testimonies, celebrate successes, and inspire others to pursue careers in early childhood education.

Sharing authentic stories of growth, opportunity, and community impact fosters greater public awareness, strengthens recruitment efforts, and builds support for continued investment in apprenticeship pathways;

Now, therefore, let it be proclaimed that we recognize and celebrate the value of Early Childhood Education apprenticeships and encourage educators, institutions, and communities to actively share their stories through social media and other platforms for National Apprenticeship Week.

Let it be further proclaimed that through the collective sharing of these testimonies, we can inspire a new generation of educators, strengthen our schools, and ensure that every child benefits from a skilled and dedicated early childhood workforce.

In witness whereof, this proclamation is set forth to honor the transformative power of apprenticeship and community in building the future of education.