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The second of a biennial series, this report out of University of California, Berkeley reviews the early childhood workforce across 50 American states. A comprehensive analysis of data on remuneration and working conditions concludes with robust, evidence based policy recommendations to support the economic security and well-being of early childhood staff.

About the report

The 2016 inaugural edition of the biennial Early Childhood Workforce Index represented our first effort to establish a baseline description of early childhood employment conditions and policies on a state-by-state basis in order to improve early childhood jobs. This 2018 edition, as well as future editions of the Index, will focus on tracking progress and identifying trends in the states over time.

The 2018 Index provides an appraisal of current workforce conditions and policies across states and notes changes since 2016. It is divided into four topical chapters.

1. **About the Early Childhood Workforce** provides a national snapshot of characteristics of the early educator workforce across settings and discusses state-level variation.

2. **Earnings and Economic Security** provides national and state data on ECE workforce pay in relation to other occupations and presents new analyses of pay inequities across the field.

3. **Early Childhood Workforce Policies** assesses state policies in five areas: qualifications and educational supports; work environments; compensation and financial relief strategies; workforce data; and financial resources.

4. **Family and Income Support Policies** assesses state policies across occupations in two areas: income supports and health and well-being.

The indicators assessed in our policy-related chapters represent state-level opportunities to enhance the lives of the many children and adults affected by ECE employment conditions.

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