

Compilation of ECE Workforce Compensation Resources

There are several resources that highlight strategies and recommendations for increasing early childhood educator compensation. This list includes those that have been published as of April 2024, but is not exhaustive.

Email advocacy@naeyc.org if you'd like your resource to be added to this list.

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