

Step Up To Early Learning Who Cares for Delaware's Children?

More than 53,000 children attend approximately 1,830 programs across the state. They are cared for and educated by 6,069 professionals in early care and education and school-age programs. Below are highlights from the 2006 Early Childhood Workforce Study, commissioned by the State, conducted by the Center for Disabilities Studies, University of Delaware. The final report will be released late 2007.

	Directors	Teachers	Family Child Care Providers
Average Age	45	35	46
Highest Education:			
Some High School	0	4.4%	4.7%
High School Diploma/GED	2.0%	25.8%	76.5%
Some College	24.8%	41.0%	0
AA in Early Childhood	8.9%	2.8%	3.4%
AA in Another Field	5.0%	4.1%	4.0%
BA in Early Childhood	15.8%	2.2%	2.7%
BA in Another Field	27.7%	17.1%	8.1%
MA in Early Childhood	4.0%	0.3%	0
MA in Another Field	11.9%	2.4%	0.7%
Average Hourly Wage:		\$ 9.76/hour	\$ 8.05/hour
Median Annual Salary:	\$30,001 - \$40,000		
Medical Insurance Coverage:	95.1%	80.5%	86.7%
Coverage through Medicaid:	6.8%	22.3%	16.7%

*Summary of this study compiled by The Family & Workplace Connection