



During the Week of the Young Child, NAEYC encourages all early childhood educators, advocates and allies to lift up your voices on behalf of young children, and the adults who love, care for, and educate them.

Here are some advocacy action steps you can take each day of #WOYC24:

APRIL 8: MUSIC MONDAY!

JOIN THE CHORUS FOR CHANGE!

Every year, thanks to the great work of NAEYC Affiliates, partners, and friends, Week of the Young Child proclamations and resolutions are signed by Governors, Mayors, City Councils and more, all across America! This year, kicking off on #MusicMonday, we want all of your state and local elected officials to be singing from the same songbook, and joining the chorus to support and invest in the early childhood education professionals who help children, families, and communities thrive.



TAKE ACTION

1. Work with your [states' Affiliates](#) and advocates to [help policymakers sign state and local proclamations](#) that honor and support the early childhood education profession as part of the WOYC®.
2. Lift up your proclamation by sharing it on social media using #WOYC24. Tag the elected officials who signed them and thank them for being champions and supporters of early childhood education and educators.

Need inspiration?

[See more from NAEYC's Affiliate leaders and partners during past WOYC years.](#)

If you don't have proclamations to share, you can use these sample social media posts instead:



I'm joining the #WOYC24 chorus for change! Hear us now: policymakers must recognize, support & compensate early childhood educators for the valuable & complex work they do!



I'm celebrating Music Monday by joining the chorus for change! We are past the point where elected officials must value, support, and compensate early childhood educators for the complex and important work they do! #WOYC24



APRIL 9: TASTY TUESDAY

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS DESERVE A THRIVING WAGE.

Low wages for early childhood educators make it hard for them to make ends meet, and put food on the table for their own families. In the first half of 2023, [between 27 and 31 percent of child care providers reported they were experiencing food insecurity.](#)



TAKE ACTION

1. Check out NAEYC's most recent [ECE workforce survey briefs](#), which share national and state-by-state data on the status of the ECE workforce in the wake of the pandemic and the loss of federal stabilization funds.
2. Show support on social media for increased wages for early childhood educators on [Worthy Wage Day](#), coming up on May 1st.
3. Learn more about the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and how it supports the health and nutrition of early childhood educators and children from our partners at [FRAC](#) and the [National CACFP Sponsors Association](#).

APRIL 10: WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY

LEARN TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, BUILD TOGETHER.

The fight for child care and early learning is a collective one. As parents, educators, community members, and allies, there is a place for each and every one of us in the movement for a stronger, affordable, accessible, and equitable child care system.



TAKE ACTION

1. Whether you're new to ECE advocacy or an experienced advocate, your voice is always valued in national conversations. [Send a message](#) to your Members of Congress today letting them know it's the week of the young child and asking them to provide much needed investments in child care and early learning.
2. Stories and experiences from educators help to illuminate the realities of the child care system for policymakers, the media and the country. Share your story with NAEYC's Policy Team [here](#)!
3. Get connected to your states' NAEYC Affiliate and advocates to center the voices of educators and families. Stay persistent, engaged, and make your voice heard!



APRIL 11: ARTSY THURSDAY

**TOGETHER, WE CAN PAINT
AN EQUITABLE FUTURE.**

Our goal is to nurture a more diverse and inclusive generation of young children who thrive through their experiences of equitable learning opportunities in early learning programs. Thus, all early childhood educators have a professional obligation to advance equity as part of their work alongside, and in partnership with, young children and their families.



TAKE ACTION

1. Read (or revisit) NAEYC's [Advancing Equity in Early Childhood Education position statement](#) and learn more about living out the Advancing Equity position statement by exploring our [equity resources webpage](#), a collection primarily focused on elevating resources that support educators in teaching for equity.
2. As we stand together for equity and justice, we ask you to share how you are advancing equity in your own practice. Post your responses and reflections on social media using #EquityInECE!

APRIL 12: FAMILY FRIDAY

**POWERFUL
PARTNERSHIPS.**

Family members are young children's first and most important teachers. And, they are advocates too, having experienced firsthand the importance of affordable, high-quality child care and early learning.



TAKE ACTION

1. [Raise your voice](#) as a parent or family member by telling Congress it's time to #SolveChildCare. Join educators, allies, and advocates around the country in urging Congress to make the significant, sustainable and long-term investments in affordable, high-quality child care and preschool that are urgently needed.
2. Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. Share pictures and stories on social media using the hashtag #WOYC24 as we celebrate the unique role families play in their children's learning and development.