

Better pay for Early Childhood Educators

Research based evidence has consistently demonstrated that Early Childhood Teachers with a Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education are one of the key components of high quality education for young children. Research has also consistently demonstrated that high quality early children education can change, in a positive direction, the life path of young children.

Early Childhood Teachers plan and deliver curriculum that is relevant to the particular children and groups of children they are teaching- the same as primary school teachers are required to do. ECT's document and report on children's learning and development – the same as primary school teachers are required to do. ECT's are bound by regulations and quality standards- the same as primary school teachers are required to be. ECTs **teach** children- as do primary school teachers.

Early Childhood Teachers perform a specific teaching role which is equivalent to, and as important as, primary school teachers. To avoid the loss of so many Early Childhood Teachers to the primary school setting Early Childhood Teacher's must be paid at the equivalent level as primary school teachers.

Sally Wilson