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But we know that a qualified, stable workforce is key to expanding access to quality early education for all children.

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Professional development is one of the main ways states use federal Child Care Development Fund dollars.

Meanwhile, the majority of center-based educators already have degrees: 76% have a bachelor’s degree or higher and a further 16% have an associate’s degree.

Professional development investments are lost as long as poverty-level wages keep driving qualified teachers out of the field.

As a consequence, children lack qualified teachers and stable learning environments. Efforts to expand access suffer as the educator shortage intensifies.

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Increase compensation through public investment to keep early educators in the field.

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