

# A World Without Early Childhood Professionals

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A world without early childhood professionals.  
Think of all we would be without.  
Our lives would look much different,  
We can say without a doubt.

Less classrooms organized and filled with materials.  
Less songs being sung by little voices.  
Less outstretched hands for little ones to hold.  
Less cheerful praise for making good choices.

Less drawing, painting, and ABCs.  
Less nature walks, exploring, and playing outside  
Less imagination, dress-ups, and playing pretend.  
Less big feelings managed and tears being dried.

Less mothers able to advance their careers.  
Less support for families in need.  
Less friendships made and communities created.  
Less opportunities for children to succeed.

A world without early childhood professionals seems dark and lonely.  
But thankfully, this is not our reality.  
Our children and families can thrive.  
Because early childhood professionals are the backbone of our society.

Because of you there are more block towers built  
More finger paintings to display.  
More puzzles put together.  
More songs and free play.

More children prepared for school.  
More dreams coming true.  
More families feeling at ease.  
All because of you.

An early childhood professional's impact cannot be measured.  
Your influence lingers long after children leave your care.  
For you are shaping future generations.  
No other profession can compare.