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Celebrating You With Gratitude: A Year of Working in a Pandemic

This March marks the year anniversary of working in a pandemic. COVID-19 changed everything on every front. Things and words that weren't familiar to us a year ago are now a part of everyday existence - social distancing, face coverings, quarantine, and Zoom - the list goes on.

And yet, with all the changes, you - the early childhood professional - continue to step up and to adjust no matter what the challenge, from adapting to new safety and health measures to managing financial resources. Your commitment to serving Delaware's children and their families is exemplary and recognized by many.

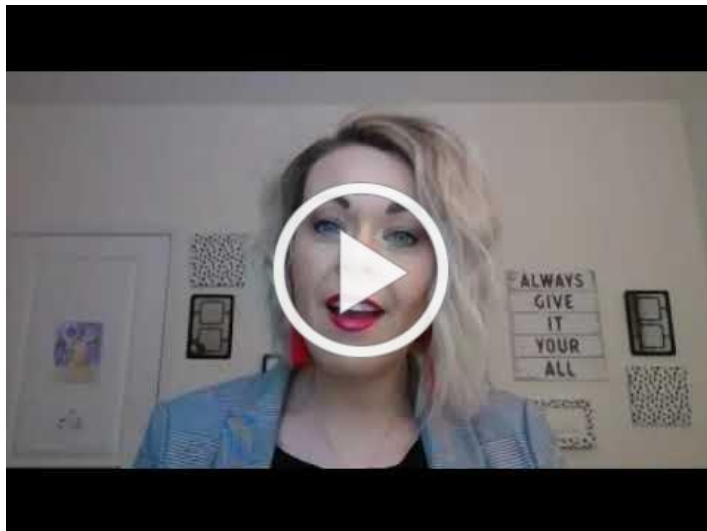
We've dedicated this issue of REACH to acknowledge you and express our gratitude. From state leadership to various DIEEC staff members, we all wanted to applaud your work.

From DIEEC's Director



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GB2SiwIUH_A

We Appreciate You! Thoughts from the Office of Early Learning



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B14eUSnCUZg>

You are Essential! DIEEC Expresses Thanks



THANK YOU.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jh-0IjY79Jo>

There aren't enough words to express our thanks, but we will
continue to try.

Words are not enough to thank you for your strength, courage and dedication!

Being on the frontline isn't easy, but it is very much appreciated and our community is better because you are a part of it!

Thank you for everything you are doing to help Delaware families. We depend on you and can never thank you enough!

— **DENA NACCI**
Delaware Stars TA

A TA and a FCC Provider During COVID Time

We were asked to stay away when all we needed to be is close.

Exposed to germs that can be described as gross.

Our little ones saw a mask instead of a smiling face.
We found the best thing to do is work but stay in one place.

We cleaned our classrooms until our programs gleamed.
Taking on all the challenges no matter how difficult they seemed.

The skills we developed made our programs a safe place.
And we hid the urge to hug that cute little face.

As a year of being a part of the essential crew,
we know what heroes are made of and that is YOU!

— **LEA ATTARIAN**
Delaware Stars TA

