

Military Family Children: Resources for Parents and Teachers



In today's world, thousands upon thousands of young children have a parent deployed away from home for military service. Many of these children attend early childhood centers and family day care homes. Many other children enrolled in early childhood programs know children whose parents are away on military service. Teachers of these young children ponder effective ways to support children and adults coping with such absences.

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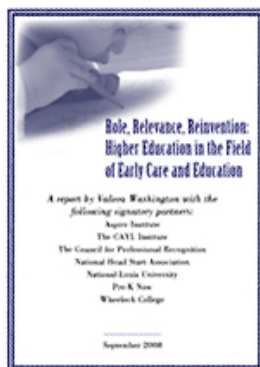
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Role, Relevance, Reinvention: Higher Education in the Field of Early Care and Education

Eight universities and non-profit organizations have worked together to spell out the necessary steps for the future role of higher education in preparing early childhood educators. Their findings may change the way that teachers of young children are trained. For example, the new requirements may include a bachelor's degree for most early childhood educators.

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The report and its brochure describe the results of this cooperative effort. Those documents are available as pdfs [here](#) on the Council's website.

Make Superhero Play Manageable

- Help children recognize human characteristics of superheroes.
- Discuss real heroes and heroines.
- Talk about the pretend world of acting.
- Limit the place and time for superhero play.
- Explore related concepts — bats, space travel.
- Help children develop goals for superheroes — figure out a plan for a rescue mission or treasure hunt, for example.
- Help children de-escalate rough-and-tumble play. Provide a safety zone for those who do not wish to participate.
- Make it clear that aggression is unacceptable.
- Give children control over their lives in other areas.
- Praise children's attempts at mastery.



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