

# AUGUST ADVOCACY IS ACTION

Advocacy is Action is NAFCC's annual campaign mobilizing family child care educators, allies, and advocates to drive real policy change during the Congressional recess. Beginning August 11, 2025, educators across the country will rise in unified action to protect and strengthen the future of family child care.

This year's campaign comes at a turning point. Family child care continues to be squeezed out of the system, despite being the backbone of early care in rural, multilingual, and underserved communities. With nearly 100,000 FCC programs lost since 2012, and more closures looming, the stakes are higher than ever.



FAMILY CHILD CARE EDUCATOR

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## Appointed Roles

- **NAFCC Policy Fellow**
- **NAFCC State Representative**
- Co-Facilitator, NAFCC **Leaders Shaping Leaders**
- Leader, **NAFCC Military Caucus**
- **Member**, Commission on Professional Excellence in Early Childhood Education

## Impact

With 18 years in the field, licensed to care for up to 14 children with over 250 children and families positively impacted by her program over the years.

## Advocacy and Leadership

- **Air Force Veteran** bringing discipline, service, and leadership to the field of early childhood education.
- Holds a Bachelor's in Birth-Kindergarten Education and a Master's in Early Childhood Education with a focus on high-quality care and educator development.
- **Advocates nationally** for military-connected family child care educators and underserved communities, ensuring their voices and needs are represented in policy conversations.
- **Engaged in direct policy advocacy**, meeting with Representative Fong, Senator Padilla, and Senator Butler to advance policies that support family child care educators and families.
- Committed to **equity and access**, working to expand high-quality, home-based care and elevate educator voices in early childhood education policy.

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