

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

Trina Averette

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Appointed Roles

- NAFCC State Representative
- · Ohio AEYC Board of Directors Member
- Care Economy Organizing Project Child Care Organizer
- Member of Ohio Early Childhood Educator Coalition
- Family Child Care Advisory Group Member
- NAFCC Leaders Shaping Leaders Alum
- Host, Day Without Child Care (DWOCC), mobilized over 600 participants statewide
- Co-host, Virtual DWOCC 2025

Impact

With over 26 years in the field, she is licensed to care for up to 7 children. Over the years, her program has positively impacted over 180 children and families.

Advocacy and Leadership

Care Economy Organizing Project (CEO Project)
Mobilizing family child care educators, administrators, and parents across the state to advocate for the resources our communities need. Key efforts include:

- Leading advocacy in response to state budget cuts that reduced family child care reimbursement rates
- Introducing and organizing support for WIN/SB 177, legislation advocating for free child care for child care workers
- Facilitating statewide review of licensing rules, gathering feedback, and collaborating with state committees on regulatory updates
- Coordinating written and in-person testimony to legislators, town hall meetings, and visits with local officials
- Hosting advocacy training sessions and voter registration drives





