

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 **North Carolina State Representative**
- **Board Member**, National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)
- Former member, **NAFCC Leaders Shaping Leaders Cohort**
- Appointed by Governor Roy Cooper to the **North Carolina Child Care Commission**
- **President**, Family Child Care and Center Enrichment Foundation

Impact

With 39 years in the field, licensed to care for up to 13 children for two different shifts, with over 500 children positively impacted by her program over the years.

Advocacy and Leadership

- **North Carolina QRIS Advocacy:**

Advocates for improvements to North Carolina's Quality Rating and Improvement System to ensure family child care educators are supported, valued, and fairly assessed.

- **NAFCC August Advocacy 2024:**

Leads efforts to mobilize family child care educators nationwide through NAFCC's August Advocacy is Action Campaign, advancing policies that strengthen and protect family child care.

- **Award-Winning Advocate:**

Recipient of the Ruby Brunson Community Advocate Award (2023) and the Eleanor Toliver Distinguished Leader Award (2024) for leadership and contributions to early childhood education.

- **Champion for Policy and Equity:**

Drives policy change focused on educator well-being, economic sustainability, mental health, disaster preparedness, and access to quality care.