

# It's Rewarding to be an Early Childhood Educator.

Make a difference in your community.

## Benefits of being an Educator:

- Provide safe and healthy environments for children
- Support learning during critical years for brain development
- Encourage children to discover their interests; play, sing, read, and laugh with them
- Join a resilient community of educators who support economic growth, embrace lifelong learning, and advocate for children and families
- **Be a Champion!**

## Angie Muncy



### 2023 Early Childhood Champion of the Year for the New River Valley

- Owner & director of **Milestones Childcare** in Floyd, which she opened in 2009
- Nominated by 8 different people for this award

*“She is a constant pillar of support for staff and families and makes an effort to make all of the children in her center feel seen and loved...Angie is a true blessing to the children, staff, and families of Milestones Childcare.” - a former employee*

For more information on early care & education as a career, please contact Kim Thomason. (kimbe74@vt.edu) or Margaret Hurst (margarethurst@cfnr.org)