

LOVE THE WORK. HATE THE PAY.



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This is not another column about wages in licensed child care. Instead, we take a step outside that inner circle to consider the people who train early childhood educators.

College faculty are not a group that earns ready sympathy. Two months off in the summer! Time off at Christmas and mid-term breaks! Those breaks exist, but many college teachers spend them grading papers, preparing for the next semester, doing research to stay relevant in their field, or teaching an extra class. The job is year-round. The pay is not.

The high tuition students pay for higher education frequently buys them an instructor working on contract, moving from college to college, classroom to classroom, trying to make two or three sessional placements add up to a living wage.

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