

South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children

## **Childcare Lets Me Work – Instructions**

Thank you so much for joining us in this effort to highlight the essential nature of childcare and Early Childhood Education to our US Senators and Representatives!

This toolkit includes everything you need to participate during the Week of the Young Child. You can access the full digital toolkit using the link or QR code below.

In preparation for the event, please send out the Letter to Families prior to April 7 and let them know about this campaign. You may want to include the list of social media handles for our legislators as well.

During the Week of the Young Child (April 7-11), provide stickers at drop off and ask families to fill in the name of your center/home provider or the name of a teacher who is important in their lives. Then ask them to either snap a photo and post to their preferred social media platforms, tagging our legislators, or ask if you can take a photo to post. We want the stickers to be visible in the photos, so if families don't want their faces shown, ask if you can just photograph the sticker itself and post it. There are sample social media posts included in the toolkit as well. Use those to promote our message. If you do not have physical stickers, families can use this link to create a digital badge to post:

http://scaeyc.org/childcareletsmework-badge-maker/

In addition to tagging our legislators, please use the following hashtags in your posts from April 7-11:

#ChildCareLetsMeWork

#solvechildcare

#scaeyc

Thank you so much for being an advocate for early childhood educators and for families and children in South Carolina. The more we flood the legislative offices with messaging, the more they will pay attention. It may seem like a small effort, but the impact could be HUGE!

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