



Early Educational Alignment: Reflecting on Context, Curriculum and Pedagogy

Untangling the Knots – [K]not Easy:
Professional Identity in the
Early Childhood Care and Education Sector

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the early childhood care and education sector

Professional Identity

Gender

Integrated systems

Knowledge

**Vested
Interests**

Qualifications

Mixed messages



Early childhood Care and Education

Childcare is a key priority for Government

- Investment...has both social and economic returns....acts as a **key labour activation measure**, particularly for women.
- Quality measures for early education - **audits, inspections, training**, and restoring capitation levels in the sector.
- **Increase in minimum wage from €8.65 to €9.15 per hour.**

Teaching

- Education depends on Educators...**Teachers** have the capacity to transform a child's life
- **It's only right** that our nurses, our Guards, our **teachers**, our public servants generally, will see an improvement in their take home pay

Minister Brendan Howlin, Budget, 2015



Integrated systems



