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My professional expertise, experience and dreams revolve around my fascination with young children's development and my belief that educators and caregivers of young children serve children better when they share that fascination. Understanding what makes young children tick is the foundation of good early care and education.

Along with 15 years teaching preschool-aged children in a variety of settings, I have a doctorate in early childhood education and a lifelong love of learning the latest in developmental research. After working in academia for several years, I started my own web-based business, ChildWise Resources, to more directly connect with and support professionals in understanding and caring for young children. In addition to creating my own content for ChildWise, I've enjoyed working with several organizations on projects aimed at supporting the professional development of early childhood professionals in Ohio.

In 2011, I began working with the Military Families Learning Network, creating content and managing social media for ECE professionals who serve military families in child care environments. These professionals are in a unique position to:

- Help young children understand and take pride in their identity as a member of a military family and the larger military community;
- Help young children understand and cope with the unique challenges and stresses of military family life; and
- Support both the service member and homefront spouse as they parent their young child in the context of military life.

My hope is to provide early care and education professionals with information and resources that will help them to support young children and parents from military families with sensitivity, wisdom and insight. Through this project I'm also creating online communities via social media where ECE professionals can share their expertise and ideas and discuss issues related to serving military families with young children.

Connect with these resources and online communities from here:

<http://blogs.extension.org/militaryfamilies/child-care/>.

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