



Early educator Kathy Moore accepts a Governor's Tribute from Secretary Bunting and Delaware Early Childhood Council Chair Madeleine Bayard in honor of her retirement.

Educator Spotlight: Kathy Moore honored for impact on early learning

For over twenty years, Kathy Moore has been a leader of change for early childhood in Delaware. As the administrator of the United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware Parents and Children Together at Tech (PACTT) child care center at Sussex Tech High School, Moore has worked closely with children and families to make certain all students receive the high-quality early education they deserve. As she now prepares to retire, Moore leaves behind an early learning culture in Delaware that she worked so tirelessly to help create.

Moore's dedication and passion for early childhood started more than 40 years ago in her hometown of Mohnton, PA. A director for the Wyomissing Valley Preschool, Delaware was fortunate to gain Moore in 1994. Since then, Moore's work at PACTT has shaped the way early childhood centers are currently run in Delaware. Moore was instrumental in the creation of the Delaware Stars for Early Success (Stars) program and partnering with the Delaware Department of Education in the Early Head Start Child Care partnership grants.

Under Moore's leadership, PACTT at Sussex Tech expanded year-round services for infants and young children with Downs Syndrome, ADD and ADHS, Spinal Bifida, Cerebral Palsy and more. The program also offers a summer camp for older children to support their learning outside the traditional school year.

Moore is an advocate for inclusion and believes in involving families in nearly all education decisions, including their input in the operation of programs, as a way to engage and further their parenting skills. Her approach to early education aligns with Delaware's early learning priorities, which include providing a healthy start for all children and ensuring all children have access to high quality early learning programs. Engaging families and communities is another Delaware early learning priority, as is the highly skilled and educated workforce Moore represents.

Earlier this year Governor John Carney committed to strengthening Delaware's focus on early education for all students and expanding connections between early learning programs and the K-12 system to support more children as they transition from early learning to kindergarten.

"Moore has dedicated her life to providing all children the supports they need to succeed in K-12 classrooms and beyond," said Secretary of Education Dr. Susan Bunting. "Research shows that early education is a critical investment for families and for our state's future, thus, we thank Moore for her enduring impact on Delaware. We wish her the best in retirement."

According to a [2016 report](#) from the [National Institute for Early Education Research](#), more than 4,500 three- and four-year-olds attend government-supported pre-K and Head Start programs in Delaware.

Moore will always say more spots are needed, and all of the new initiatives and opportunities Moore has brought to PACTT and Delaware are evidence of her dedication to the families throughout the state. Delaware has been fortunate to have Kathy Moore as a strong advocate for early childhood and will feel her impact for years to come.