

Early Childhood Education Transcription

Images on screen: Heartland logo and students

Speaker Ashlynd, Early Childhood Education Student:

“The Early Childhood Education Program interested me because once I get out of the program, I would like to have an in-home day care, and I’ve always been interested in working with young children.”

Action: Student teacher working with young children at classroom art table

Speaker Maureen “Mo” Kelly, Executive Director, Katie’s Kids Learning Center

“As an employer, I often look for Heartland Community College students and graduates of the Early Childhood Program. I do this because, as an employer of 75 individuals, I know that they’ve been exposed to great professors and hands-on learning here at the Child Development Lab.”

Action: Child and teacher working with art supplies; children sitting in a circle on the floor with three student teachers

Speaker Johnna Darragh-Ernst, Professor of Early Childhood Education:

“I think students that best fit this field of study are students who really have an interest in supporting the developmental learning of young children, so are really passionate about making an incredible difference in young children’s lives. And their family research has consistently shown that the investment that we make in the early years just pays off for years to come.”

Action: Young boys playing with building blocks on the floor

Speaker: Hope, Early Childhood Education Student

“What I enjoy most about kids is they’re so young and they take in so much when they’re young that I enjoy teaching them those skills that they’re going to use later on in their life.”

Action: Children at art table

Speaker: Maureen “Mo” Kelly

“We are very fortunate in our community to have an early childhood program. It is one that many centers emulate and it is just wonderful to be able to partner with such a high quality program.”

Speaker: Ashlynd

“I was ready to go off to a four-year university and start in their Early Childhood program, but I realized that I didn’t really want to work with school age children and so I came back to Heartland because their Early Childhood Program was just right for me and it had what I needed to work with younger children.

Speaker: Johnna Darragh-Ernst

“One of the most rewarding things for me is to see how people take their study and their degree and are just able to use it as a launch pad for the different educational and career paths that they are pursuing.”

Images on screen: Collage showing group of students and Heartland logo