

# Calling all Storytellers

**As an Arkansas early childhood professional, you became one of the nation's most essential workers during the Covid-19 pandemic.**

We know you have **important things** to say! We want to provide you with the opportunity to work with a story coach and a group of colleagues/fellow storytellers to hone your story and increase your confidence in sharing with others.

The country has heard the numbers (closures, cost of care, wages etc) but they need to hear the stories behind the numbers. Your story can connect the data to real people, real children, real families.



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This process was validating and powerful. It not only confirmed I had a story to tell but that my experiences in life did make a difference in others' lives and will continue to do so in the future. As we all do, I had hit a "burn out" season and this process reminded me that there is more work to be done in early childhood and the littles still need me to be in the game.

- Renee, Program Administrator





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# Why Storytelling?

**We believe that storytelling is a great way to build connections with others and learn new ways to share what you care about and why.**

-  This coaching opportunity is professional development like no other!
-  Crafting your story will give you lifelong skills to help you share your story with other educators, families, legislators, and other members of the public.
-  You can draw people in to working in the early childhood sector - show them what an amazing place it is to be!
-  Boost your own confidence in explaining the importance of early childhood education and how brains are built in the first few years of life.

**“ Hilary and the Yarn experience really helped me reflect on my entire career in early childhood education. This experience helped me at a time I was experiencing burnout and helped remind me why I love all my children and families.  
- Susan, Family Child Care Provider ”**

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# The Process

**The process starts with YOU - what lights you up?**

**What are you passionate about?**

**What challenges have you overcome?**

You will meet Hilary Trudell who is the Executive Producer of The Yarn. The Yarn uses the power of story to amplify voices, build understanding, and create space for human connection. Hilary will help you to craft your story to inspire others, boost your own confidence and help you to share your own unique perspective as an early childhood professional.

You will gain skills to highlight the importance of your work and instill confidence in the value of your story and the need for it to be shared. Hilary will work with you individually and as a group - you will get to meet fellow early childhood professionals who are just as passionate as you!

Your story will be captured by our team and shared on our website to be used in our advocacy efforts to help change the landscape of early childhood education as we know it. You will be highlighted as a key player - helping to change the lives of children and families, as well as your fellow colleagues, across Arkansas.

**Visit our website for more info and to apply:**

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