



Who is taking care of our children?

NATIONAL ECD CHILDCARE STUDY:
WORKFORCE AND TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2011



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Executive Summary

High quality early Childhood Education and care is widely proven to be the smartest investment with the highest returns on investment compared to any other stages of human development. When we start with babies, toddlers and preschoolers, we are preparing tomorrow's leaders. By building their social, emotional, cognitive and physical foundations, they become more resilient, able to face challenges, and are ready to learn when they start school.

However, within the 311 nurseries we have in the United Arab Emirates, are we taking the steps needed to strengthen our early childhood programs?

Arabian Child conducted a national study of the early childhood workforce in the United Arab Emirates to investigate the caliber and educational background of the people who are taking care of our young children. We included nursery directors, teachers, teaching assistants, and nannies. The study was conducted by an online survey, nursery site visits, and interviews with parents, policy makers, and directors of other child related organizations and NGO's.

The following is a summary of the principal findings.



Figure 1: Summary of principal findings