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## Articulating the Economic Importance of Child Care for Community Development

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This special issue, edited by Mildred E. Warner, focuses on the economic significance of child care in three areas: the importance of child care for the long term prospects of children, child care's importance for parents as workers and child care purchasers, the importance of the child care industry for regional economies.

The papers, by an interdisciplinary array of leading experts, address a range of issues, including:

- concerns about the conceptual and methodological approaches to regional economic modeling.
- parent child care choices and labor force participation.
- the impact of early education on children.
- core principles for more comprehensive policy.

The papers in this special issue were first presented at a workshop on "Articulating the Economic Significance of Child Care," held at Cornell University on May 17-18, 2005, and supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The broad contributions of this array of experts make this special issue useful and exciting.



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