

**Mini Bio:**

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Lauren Hooper is an early childhood education advocate and dedicated champion for children and families across Washington, DC. A lifelong Washingtonian and mother to a three-year-old son, Lauren's advocacy is rooted in her firsthand experience navigating the challenges of accessing reliable, affordable childcare.

Without consistent childcare, Lauren had to pause her education to care for her son. Access to high-quality early childhood education at Educare DC changed that path, allowing her to secure stable employment, return to school to pursue a certificate in telecommunications, and build a stronger future for her family.

Today, Lauren is a powerful voice for families in DC and beyond. Through national conferences, parent advocacy panels, and testifying before local leaders at the DC Council, she works to elevate the urgent need for greater investment in early educator pay and childcare subsidies. For Lauren, childcare is not only a challenge for individual families, but a universal issue affecting communities across the country. Lauren continues to advocate for policies that expand opportunity and ensure every child and family can thrive.