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I am an accidental researcher, who first learned about early childhood education by being cared for in my aunt's family child care (and helping care for other kids) and hanging out before and after school in my mom's Head Start classroom (where she started out as an aide, got a CDA, and eventually become the lead teacher). These early experiences, as well as having been a preschool teacher, director, and policy analyst, guide my research on the dis/connections between official policy environments and how folks in schools and community based settings navigate, often competing, policy discourse.

