**Supporting Early Writing During Centers: Professional Development Module**
**Transcript for Slide 5 – Why Is Teaching Early Writing Important?**

Narrator: It's really essential to teach early writing in preschool, because writing is one

of the top predictors of children's later reading ability. In fact, more specifically, it helps children learn to decode. A lot of times, you don't necessarily see it in early childhood curricula, because there's not a lot of research, like there is around book reading, for example. But, there's enough research that tells us that it's important to do, that it integrates children's knowledge of print and sound, and you can facilitate lots of literacy learning through having children engage in early writing.