Investing in high-quality early childhood education and educators produces positive outcomes for our children, families, and the economic future of our country.

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**GOAL: ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY EARLY LEARNING**

- **2,073,722**
  - Number of children birth through age 8

- **21%**
  - Percentage of children 0–5 who live in families with income below the federal poverty line

- **$14,144**
  - Average cost per month for infant care

- **$11,700**
  - Average cost per month for 4-year-old care

**WHERE ARE CHILDREN RECEIVING THEIR EARLY LEARNING EXPERIENCES?**

- **50,575**
  - Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

- **122,871**
  - Number of children in state funded PreK programs

- **266**
  - Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

- **120,400**
  - Number of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

- **15.17%**
  - Percentage of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month

- **22,997**
  - Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs

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GOAL: ADVANCING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROFESSION

WHAT SUPPORTS ARE PROVIDED FOR THE ECE WORKFORCE?

75
# of institutions of higher education with ECE programs (1)

31
# of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs (2)

16,772
# of licensed early childhood education settings (3)

DOES THE STATE PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS IN EARNING CREDENTIALS AND HIGHER EDUCATION DEGREES?

HOW MUCH ARE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS COMPENSATED?

$12.38/HR (4)
Child Care Workers

$44.60/HR (5)
Elementary School Teachers

$7.25/HR (6)
Federal minimum wage

65%
OF THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE RECEIVES PUBLIC BENEFITS (7)

WHAT KIND OF FEDERAL INVESTMENT SUPPORTS ACCESS TO CHILD CARE AND EARLY LEARNING?

HEAD START (8)
$549.9M

CCDBG (9)
$425.3M

TANF FOR CHILD CARE (10)
$102M

Preschool Development Grants (11)
$8.7M

Programs including IDEA, CACFP, CHIP, SNAP, and Medicaid, as well as tax credits such as the Child Care and Dependent Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, also provide critical investments to support the well-being of young children and their families.

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