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

1,288,288
Number of children birth through age 8

20%
Percentage of children 0–5 who live in families with income below the federal poverty line

70%
Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce

INFANT
$10,640

4 YEAR OLD
$8,072

HOW MUCH ARE PARENTS PAYING ANNUALLY FOR CHILD CARE?

WHERE ARE CHILDREN RECEIVING THEIR EARLY LEARNING EXPERIENCES?

35,866
# of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs

28,833
# of children in state funded PreK programs

342
# of NAEYC accredited early learning programs

94,300
# of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

19.72%
% of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average

28,075
# 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?

- **86**
  - # of institutions of higher education with ECE programs

- **20**
  - # of IHEs with NAEYC accredited and/or recognized programs

- **6,722**
  - # of licensed early childhood education settings

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

HOW MUCH ARE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS COMPENSATED?

- **$9.71/HR**
  - Child Care Workers

- **$35.97/HR**
  - Elementary School Teachers

- **50%**
  - Of the child care workforce receives public benefits

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

- **$305.3M**
  - Head Start

- **$268M**
  - CCDBG

- **$235.9M**
  - TANF for Child Care

- **$10.6M**
  - Preschool Development Grants

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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