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

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

- **98,885** Number of children birth through age 8 (1)
- **17%** Percentage of children 0–5 who live in families with income below the federal poverty line (2)

**HOW MUCH ARE PARENTS PAYING ANNUALLY FOR CHILD CARE?**

- **INFANT** (4) **$12,867**
- **4 YEAR OLD** (5) **$10,040**

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

- **2,781** # of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs (6)
- **1,008** # of children in state funded PreK programs (7)
- **33** # of NAEYC accredited early learning programs (8)
- **6,300** # of children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (9)
- **17.68%** % of eligible children receiving child care assistance per month, on average (10)
- **2,277** # of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs (11)

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