



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



NAEYC Affiliate

Puerto Rico Association for the Education of Young Children (PRAEYC)

GOAL: Access to High-Quality Early Learning

288,574

Number of children birth through 8 ⁽¹⁾

64%

Percentage of children birth through 5 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line ⁽²⁾

63%

Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce ⁽³⁾

Where Are Children Receiving Their Early Learning Experiences?

29,978

Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs ⁽⁹⁾

6

Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs ⁽¹²⁾

468

Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs ⁽¹³⁾

Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

34

Number of institutions of higher education with ECE programs ⁽¹⁾

2

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

What Supports Are Provided for the ECE Workforce?

Goal: Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

How Much Are Early Childhood Educators Compensated?

\$7.25

State Minimum
Hourly Rate ⁽⁵⁾



53%

Percentage of the child
care workforce receives
public benefits ⁽⁸⁾



High-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation.

What Kind of Federal Investment Supports Access to Child Care and Early Learning?

Head Start ⁽⁹⁾

\$302M

CCDBG ⁽¹⁰⁾

\$48M

Preschool Development Grants ⁽¹²⁾

\$5M

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.

*2020 Federal Poverty Guideline for a family of four in the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia is \$26,200 per year. The poverty guidelines are updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).