

# NEVADA

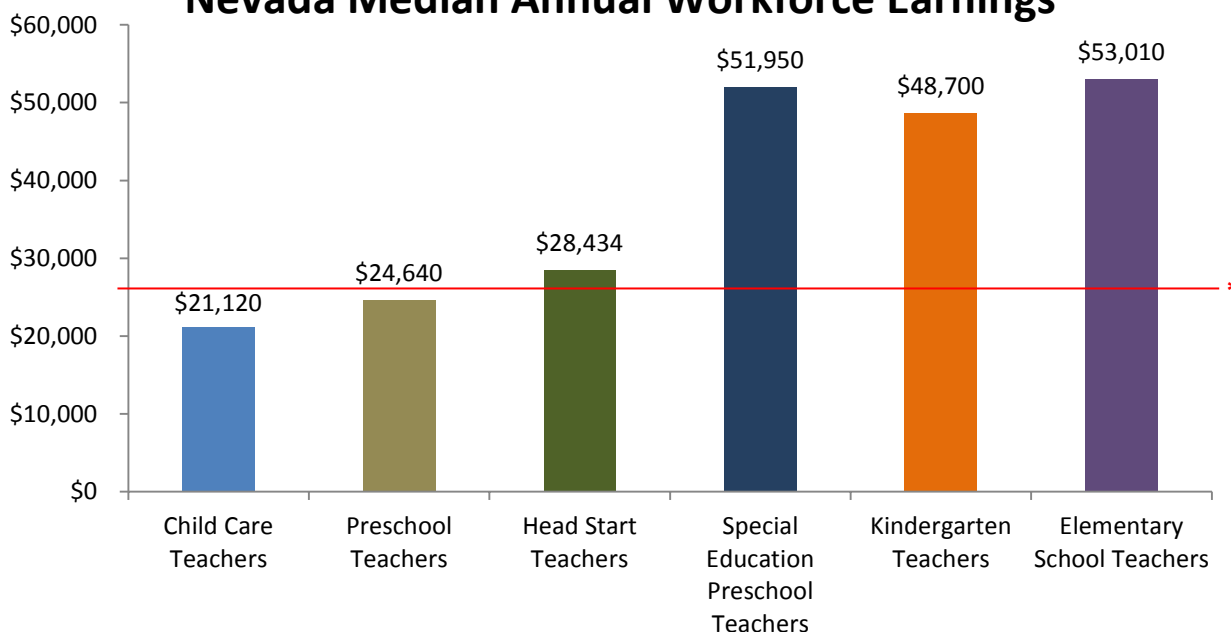
## Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

Research shows that during the earliest years of a child's life:

- 700 - 1,000 new neural connections form every second
- Genetics plus experiences shape the developing brain
- The foundation forms for future cognitive abilities
- Vocabulary at age 3 can predict 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Achievement

## High Quality Programs Depend on a Quality Workforce Low Wages Undermine Quality

### Nevada Median Annual Workforce Earnings



### Nevada Demographics

- 212,271** Children Under Age 6
- 118,253** Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
- 66.8%** Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
- 36.8%** Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty
- 27%** Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

### Nevada Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations

- Parking Lot Attendants: \$22,380
- Manicurist & Pedicurist: \$18,190
- Word Processors/Typists: \$28,520
- Nurses: \$81,370

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 1 Year data (2014); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics (2015); Head Start Program Information Report (2015).

