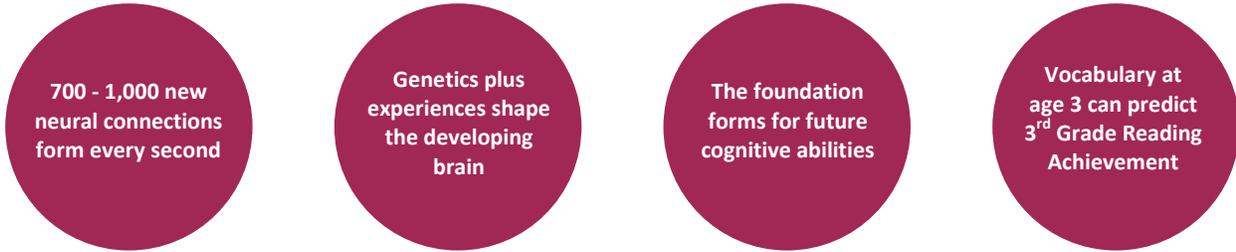


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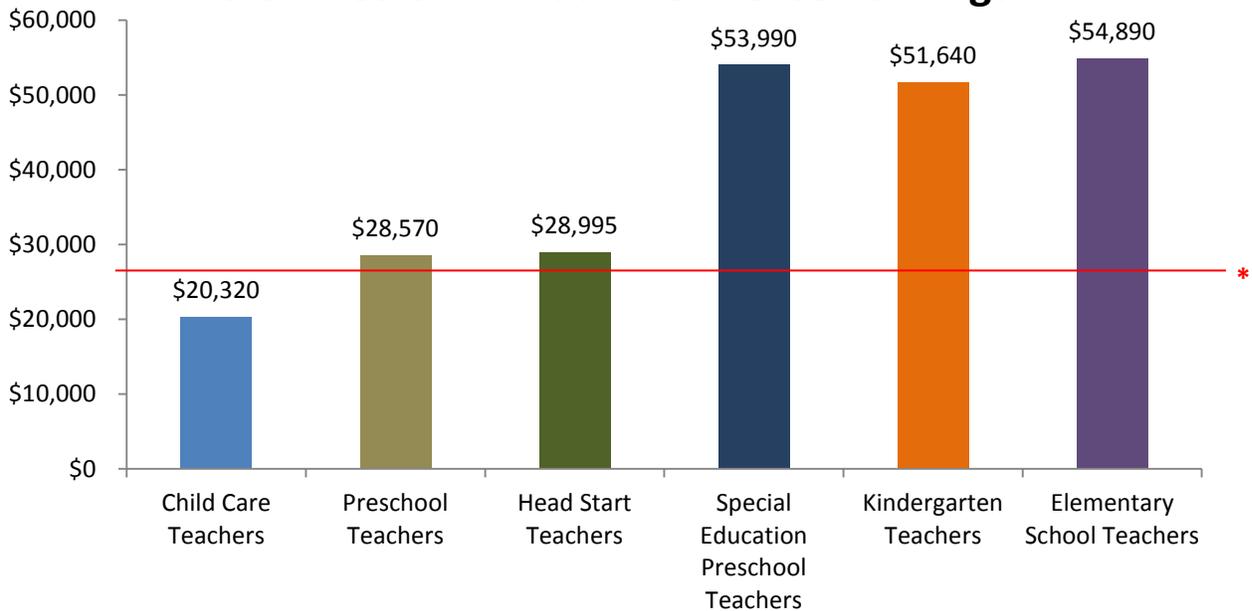
## Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

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



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

### U.S. Median Annual Workforce Earnings



### U.S. Demographics

- 23.7 million** Children Under Age 6
- 11.3 million** Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
- 64.6%** Children under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
- 45.4%** Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty
- 23.9%** Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

### U.S. Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations



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).

