

ALABAMA

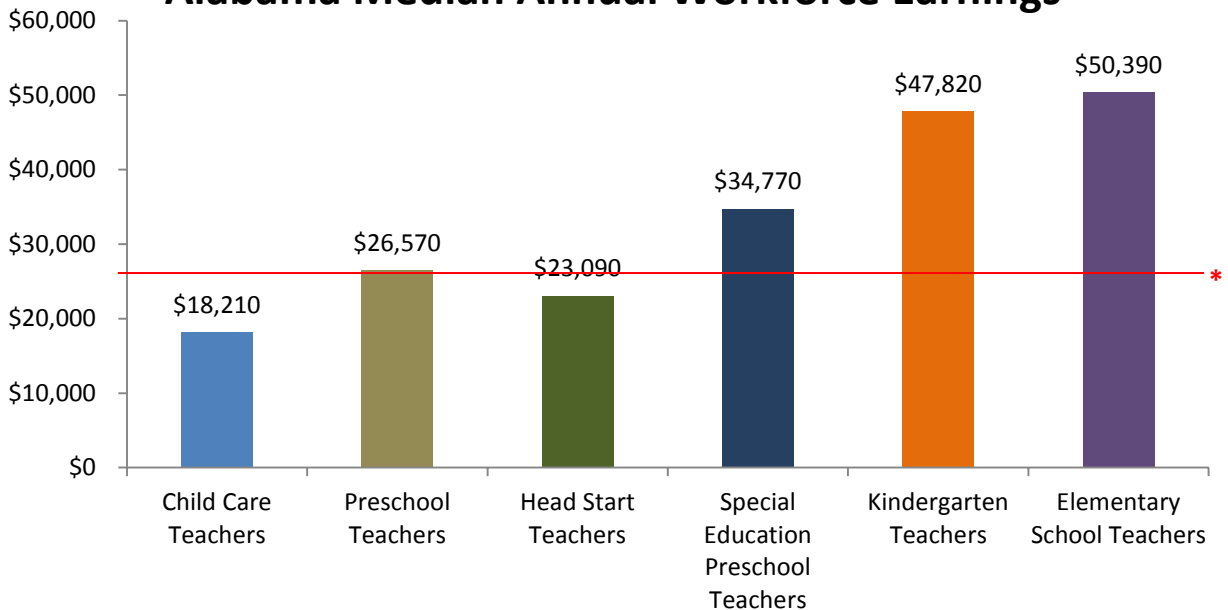
Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

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 3rd Grade Reading Achievement

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

Alabama Median Annual Workforce Earnings



Alabama Demographics

- 350,463** Children Under Age 6
- 197,396** Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
- 63.8%** Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
- 51.5%** Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty
- 31.1%** Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

Alabama Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations

- Parking Lot Attendants \$18,900
- Manicurists & Pedicurists \$19,720
- Word Processors/Typists \$30,060
- Nurses \$55,530

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).

