

Arkansas

Early Childhood Development

FEDERAL INVESTMENT ACROSS PROGRAMS:

\$781,000,000
Since FY2009



STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2014, Arkansas increased the number of participants in the Better Beginnings Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) by 20 percent.
- In 2014, 164 providers took advantage of a new higher subsidy rate for participants in the Better Beginnings QRIS.
- More than 31,900 early childhood professionals participate in the Arkansas Professional Registry, and more than 900 received Continuing Education Units or college credit during 2014.
- Through a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, Arkansas is developing Early Learning Guidelines for children ages 0-5, a Kindergarten Entry Assessment, and a focus on parent engagement in school readiness.
- Arkansas has implemented a statewide initiative to support non-English speaking clients.

CUMULATIVE FEDERAL FUNDING PER PROGRAM

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (FY14)	\$7,629,184
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (FY10-14) ¹	\$31,275,461
State Advisory Councils (FY10-13)	\$1,174,518
Preschool Development Grants (FY14-15) ^{2,3}	\$29,986,000
Child Care and Development Fund (FY09-13)	\$265,598,545
Head Start (FY09-14)	\$445,000,000

DEMOGRAPHICS: CHILDREN UNDER 6 (2013)

231,474

Total number of children

63.4%

Live in households where the parents present are working

33.5%

Live below the Federal Poverty Level (poverty)

58.0%

Live below 200% of poverty

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HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIPS

21

Number of HS grantees, FY13

11

Number of EHS grantees, FY13

2

Number of Migrant/ Seasonal grantees, FY13



25%

Increase in the number of teachers with BA or higher in ECE or related field, FY09-14

10,034

Total enrollment, FY14



\$7.6 M

Funding awarded for 3 EHS-CC Partnership Grants



15%

Percent of HS-eligible children who were enrolled in EHS/HS, FY13

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

\$308 M

Total State and Federal Investment, FY09-13

7,800



Number of children served, avg. monthly FY13

\$266 M

Federal Investment Only, FY09-13

\$50.7 M

Quality Investment, Federal and State, FY09-13

8%

Percent of federally eligible children who received subsidized care through CCDF, average month in FY11



MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV)⁴



17,935

Home visits performed, FY14



1,824

Families served, FY14



3,419

Parents and children served, FY14

56%



Percent of counties in Arkansas where MIECHV is available

¹ Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting [Web page]. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/>.

² U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services award \$237M in early education grants to 18 States [Press release]. <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-departments-education-and-health-and-human-services-award-237m-early-education-grants-18-states>.

³ What are preschool development grants? [Fact sheet]. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/preschooldevelopmentgrants/pdofactsheet81115.pdf>.

⁴ Home visiting helps at-risk families across the U.S. [Web page]. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/states/index.html>.