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

Connecticut Median Annual Workforce Earnings

Connecticut Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations

Connecticut Demographics

- **228,490** Children Under Age 6
- **83,556** Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
- **70.8%** Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
- **32.7%** Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty
- **16.8%** Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility for a family of three: $26,124