

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

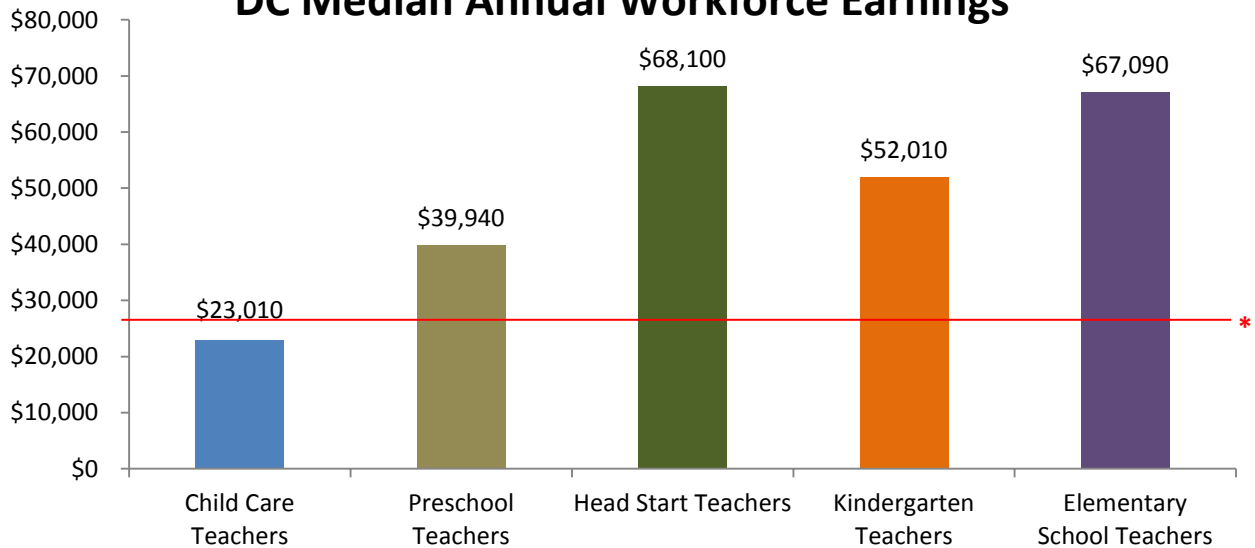
Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

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

DC Median Annual Workforce Earnings



Note: DC public school education begins at age 3 with Pre-K and Head Start embedded in the DC Public School system. Salaries for kindergarten teachers and elementary school teachers as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics include both public school salaries and charter school salaries. Charter school salaries tend to be lower, which is reflected in the overall median reported by BLS. Head Start programs are not located in charter schools and therefore salaries reflect wages paid on the public school teacher scale. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics did not report separate wage data for DC preschool special education teachers.

District of Columbia Demographics

- 47,971** Children Under Age 6
- 18,841** Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
- 73.8%** Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
- 32.9%** Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty
- 24.3%** Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

District of Columbia Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations

- Parking Lot Attendants: \$20,320
- Manicurist & Pedicurist: \$31,970
- Word Processors/Typists: \$45,190
- Nurses: \$79,630

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).

