

Delaware

Early Childhood Development

FEDERAL INVESTMENT ACROSS PROGRAMS:

\$257,000,000
Since FY2009



STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- The participation rate for Delaware's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) STARS increased by 250 percent from 2012 to 2014.
- Fifty-eight percent of high needs children were served by top tier STARS programs.
- Delaware launched a new alliance with business leaders to deepen understanding and advocacy around early learning.
- Delaware has tripled the size of its early childhood mental health consultation program, which works with early learning programs to proactively address social-emotional health and prevent expulsion.
- In 2014, Delaware trained more than 1,100 early educators who went on to complete more than 3,000 screenings for developmental delays using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire.
- In 2015, the Great Starts Delaware Web site (www.greatstartsdelaware.com) added additional Spanish-language sections about the Delaware STARS QRIS and why quality matters in early care and education.

CUMULATIVE FEDERAL FUNDING PER PROGRAM

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (FY14)	\$1,141,275
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (FY10-14) ¹	\$21,417,933
State Advisory Councils (FY10-13)	\$661,204
Race To the Top Early Learning Challenge (FY12-14) ²	\$49,478,774
Child Care and Development Fund (FY09-13)	\$92,831,154
Head Start (FY09-14)	\$91,000,000

DEMOGRAPHICS: CHILDREN UNDER 6 (2013)

68,360

Total number of children

70.5%

Live in households where the parents present are working

21.4%

Live below the Federal Poverty Level (poverty)

42.7%

Live below 200% of poverty

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

2

Number of HS grantees,
FY13

1

Number of EHS grantees,
FY13



48%

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

2,209



Total enrollment, FY14

\$1.1 M



Funding awarded
for 1 EHS-CC
Partnership Grants

15%

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

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

\$140 M

Total State and
Federal
Investment,
FY09-13

7,700



Number of children served,
avg. monthly FY13

\$93 M

Federal Investment
Only, FY09-13

\$10 M

Quality Investment,
Federal and State,
FY09-13

13%

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

23%



Increase in avg. monthly
number of children
served from FY09-14

12%



Increase in children served in
licensed/regulated center-
based care from FY09-14

RACE TO THE TOP – EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE (RTT-ELC)³

250%

Percent increase in number of early
learning programs participating in the
QRIS, from 134 to 478

11,984

Number of children with high
needs served in the Delaware
Stars program in 2014

17,565

Number of Parent Evaluation of Developmental Status screenings
completed by health providers

12,900

Number of unique visitors to the Greatstartsdelaware.com Web site that
promotes the importance of quality early learning for young children

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

3,729



Home visits performed, FY14



1,049

Families
Served, FY14

1,788

Parents and
children served, FY14



100%



Percent of counties in Delaware where
MIECHV is available

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

² Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge flyer. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/2013-early-learning-challenge-flyer.pdf>.

³ Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge 2014 annual performance report: Delaware. <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/2014apr/deapr2014.pdf>.

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