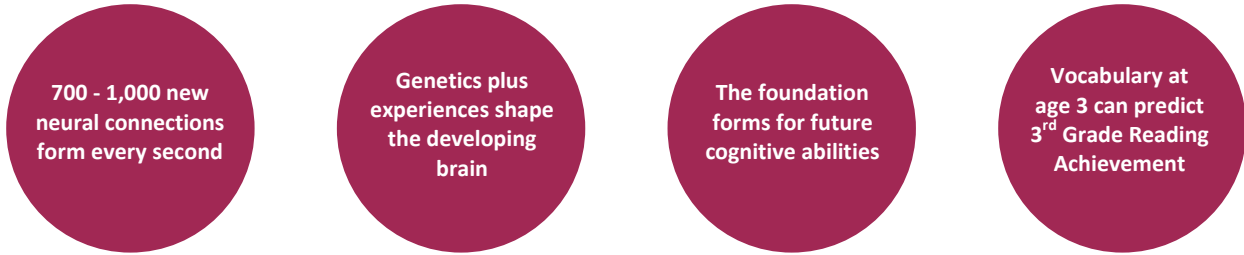


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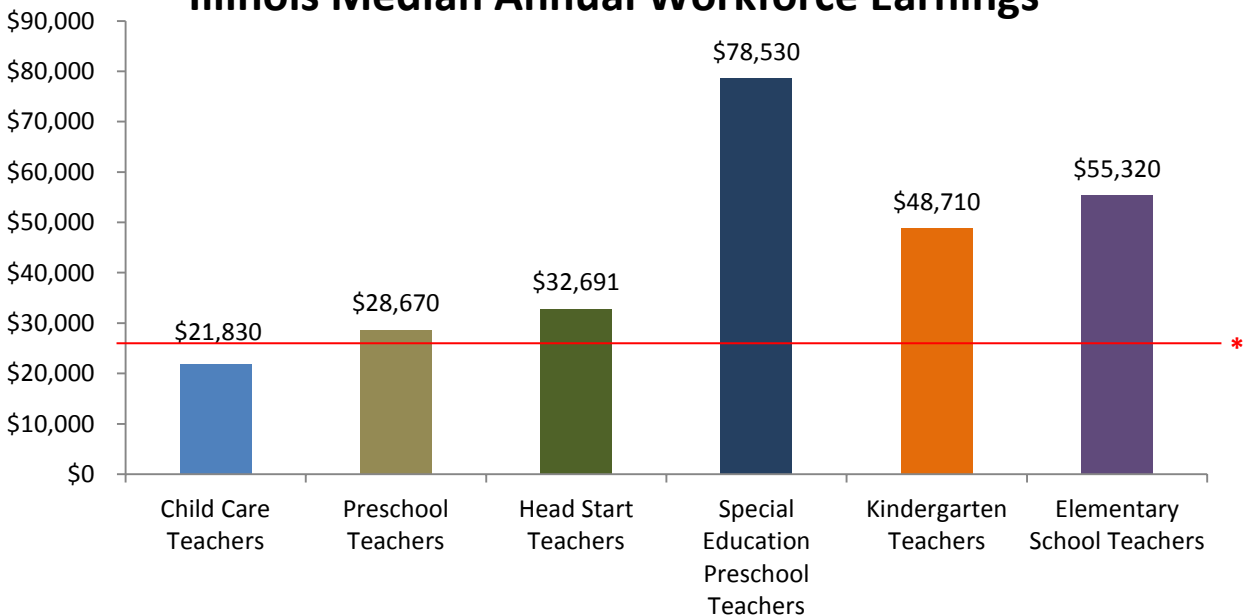
## Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

Research shows that during the earliest years of a child's life:



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

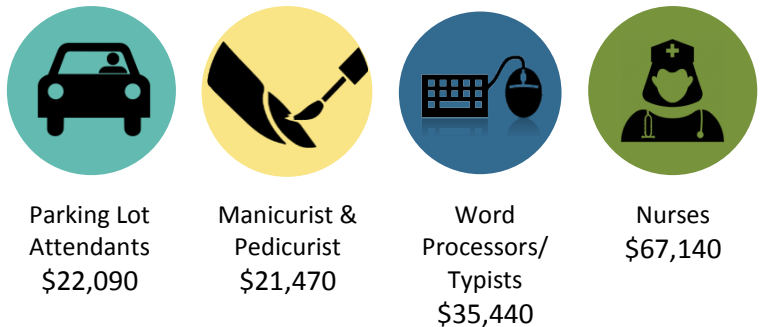
### Illinois Median Annual Workforce Earnings



### Illinois Demographics

- 955,983** Children Under Age 6
- 405,574** Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
- 65.8%** Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
- 45.5%** Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty
- 22.8%** Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

### Illinois Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations



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).

