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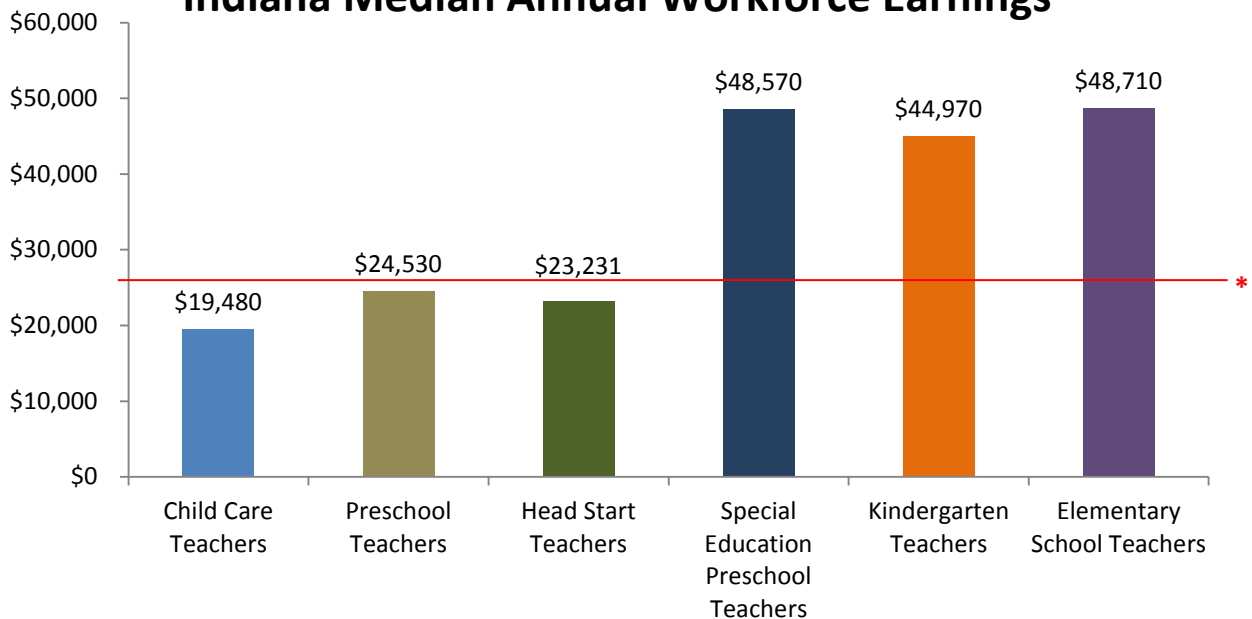
Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

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

Indiana Median Annual Workforce Earnings



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

Indiana Demographics

- 506,001** Children Under Age 6
- 264,261** Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
- 68%** Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
- 56.5%** Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty
- 26%** Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

Indiana Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations

- Parking Lot Attendants \$18,490
- Manicurist & Pedicurist \$18,480
- Word Processors/Typists \$29,380
- Nurses \$57,890

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).

