

Massachusetts

Early Childhood Development

FEDERAL INVESTMENT ACROSS PROGRAMS:

\$1,879,000,000
Since FY2009



STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- In November 2013, the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) Board approved the Early English Language Development (E-ELD) Standards: *Massachusetts Guidelines to Support Dual Language Learners*.
- In September 2013, the Massachusetts Legislature passed a law mandating comprehensive background checks in early education and care settings.
- Four Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) Health Advisors were established in regional offices throughout the State to provide technical assistance to programs and providers.
- Massachusetts developed a post Master's certificate in early education research, practice, and policy.
- In June 2014, Massachusetts completed translations of 13 documents related to child care subsidy applications and appeals. These documents were translated into 11 languages.
- In 2013, Massachusetts launched the Resources for Early Learning Web site, the State's first digital hub of early education resources for families and educators.

CUMULATIVE FEDERAL FUNDING PER PROGRAM

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (FY14)	\$5,314,044
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (FY10-14) ¹	\$41,491,408
State Advisory Councils (FY10-13)	\$1,301,837
Race To the Top Early Learning Challenge (FY12-14) ²	\$50,000,000
Preschool Development Grants (FY14-15) ^{3,4}	\$30,000,000
Child Care and Development Fund (FY09-13)	\$1,019,034,400
Head Start (FY09-14)	\$732,000,000

DEMOGRAPHICS: CHILDREN UNDER 6 (2013)

437,326

Total number of children

69.0%

Live in households where the parents present are working

17.7%

Live below the Federal Poverty Level (poverty)

33.1%

Live below 200% of poverty

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

28

Number of HS grantees, FY13



22%

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

\$5.3 M



Funding awarded for 4 EHS-CC Partnership Grants

18

Number of EHS grantees, FY13

12,501



Total enrollment, FY14

15%

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

1

Number of Migrant/Seasonal grantees, FY13

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

\$1,412 M

Total State and Federal Investment, FY09-13

\$1,019 M

Federal Investment Only, FY09-13

12%

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

28,000



Number of children served, avg. monthly FY13

\$155 M

Quality Investment, Federal and State, FY09-13

4%

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

12%

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



RACE TO THE TOP – EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE (RTT-ELC)⁵

Based on an evaluation of early learning and development standards, the State is **developing enhanced preschool and kindergarten standards** in the domains of social-emotional development and approaches to play and learning.

In a partnership with the Boston Children's Museum, the State **expanded resources to parents and communities** by engaging 56 museums and 119 libraries across the State to provide science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); early literacy; and school readiness activities to children and families.

The University of Massachusetts-Boston created a **doctoral degree program in early education**, the first of its kind in the State. Massachusetts also recently completed an evaluation of the **Peer Advising and Coaching (PAC) model** that showed measurable improvements in adult-child interactions based on peer coaching practices.

MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV)⁶

31,217



Home visits performed, FY14

2,339

Families served, FY14



4,367

Parents and children served, FY14

57%



Percent of counties in Massachusetts 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 U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services award \$237M in early education grants to 18 States [Press release]. <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-departments-education-and-health-and-human-services-award-237m-early-education-grants-18-states>.

⁴ What are preschool development grants? [Fact sheet]. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/preschooldevelopmentgrants/pdgfactsheet81115.pdf>.

⁵ Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge 2014 annual performance report: Massachusetts. <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/2014apr/maapr2014.pdf>.

⁶ Home visiting helps at-risk families across the U.S. [Web page]. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/states/index.html>.