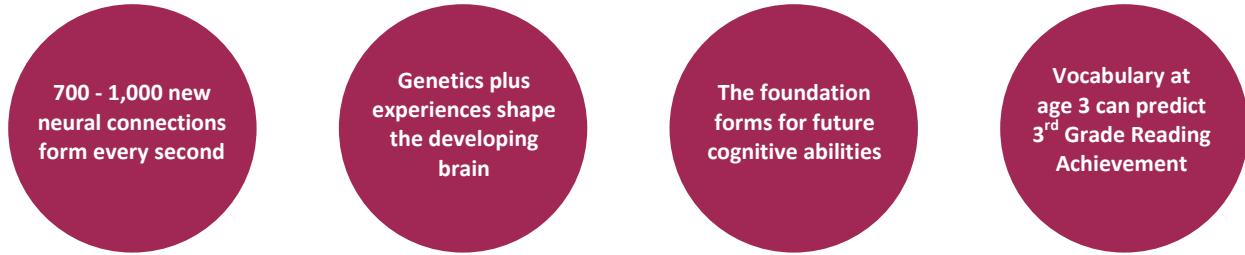


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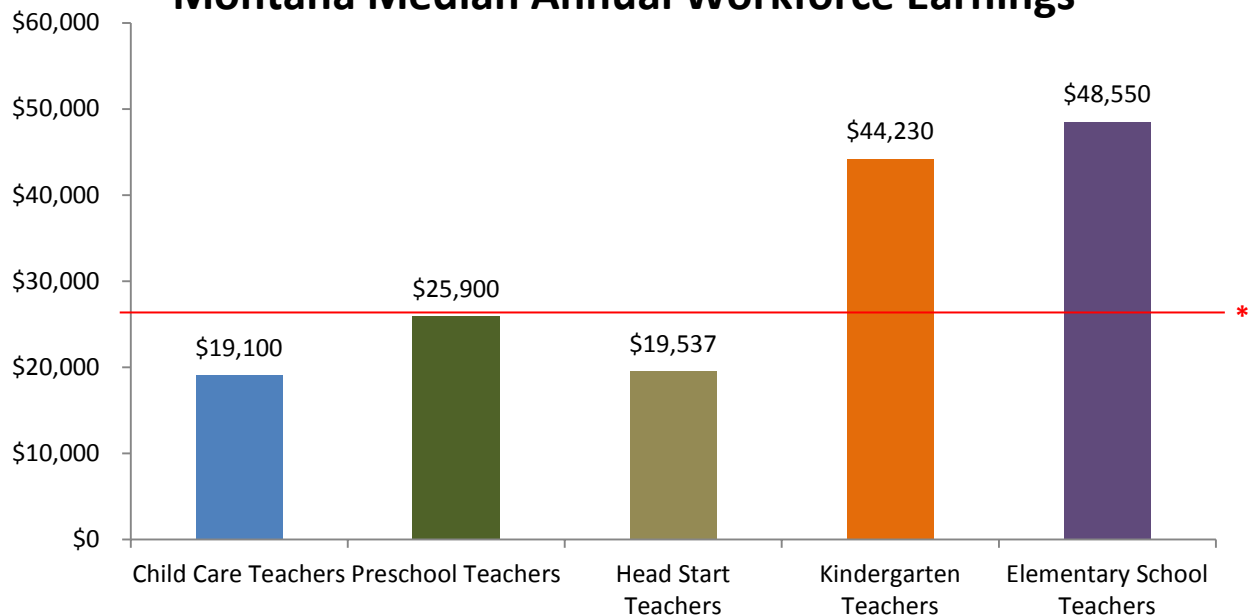
Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

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



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

Montana Median Annual Workforce Earnings



Note: The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics did not report separate wage data for MT preschool special education teachers.

Montana Demographics

- 74,089** Children Under Age 6
- 41,252** Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
- 63.9%** Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
- 47.7%** Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty
- 19.3%** Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

Montana 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).

