

# New Jersey

## Early Childhood Development

### FEDERAL INVESTMENT ACROSS PROGRAMS:

**\$2,013,000,000**  
Since FY2009



### STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- 1,478 children were served at 57 programs in the pilot of Grow NJ Kids rating and improvement system. In addition, 309 programs enrolled in Grow NJ Kids for statewide rollout in Fall 2015.
- The New Jersey Division of Family Development (DFD) partnered with community colleges to develop remedial and college preparation modules to help prepare and support the workforce for college education. As a result, the professional development registry increased from approximately 1,000 to 4,000 members.
- 5,353 providers received training and technical assistance from Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies on the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework in 2014. Another 3,556 participants received training on formal assessments.
- In 2014, 51,726 children were served in New Jersey's preschool programs, including 19% of three year olds and 30% of four year olds.
- New Jersey DFD consolidated their child care data system to include program, workforce, professional development, quality rating and improvement system, Department of Education, and Head Start data.

### CUMULATIVE FEDERAL FUNDING PER PROGRAM

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (FY14)	<b>\$9,646,254</b>
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (FY10-14) <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$38,268,752</b>
State Advisory Councils (FY10-13)	<b>\$1,579,794</b>
Race To the Top Early Learning Challenge (FY12-14) <sup>2</sup>	<b>\$44,286,728</b>
Preschool Development Grants (FY14-15) <sup>3,4</sup>	<b>\$34,996,224</b>
Child Care Development Fund (FY09-13)	<b>\$990,816,364</b>
Head Start (FY09-14)	<b>\$893,000,000</b>

### DEMOGRAPHICS: CHILDREN UNDER 6 (2013)

**633,420**

Total number of children

**66.4%**

Live in households where the parents present are working

**19.6%**

Live below the Federal Poverty Level (poverty)

**35.6%**

Live below 200% of poverty

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

23

Number of HS grantees, FY13

20

Number of EHS grantees, FY13

2

Number of Migrant/Seasonal grantees, FY13



19%

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

15,074



Total enrollment, FY14

12%

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

\$9.6 M



Funding awarded for 5 EHS-CC Partnership Grants

### CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND

\$1,355 M

Total State and Federal investment, FY09-13

39,300



Number of children served, avg. monthly FY13

\$991 M

Federal Investment Only, FY09-13

\$109 M

Quality Investment, Federal and State, FY09-13

10%

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

24%



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

8%



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

### RACE TO THE TOP— EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE (RTT-ELC)<sup>5</sup>

392

Programs enrolled in the Grow NJ Kids as well as an additional 36 family child-care providers who are piloting a version of the family child care tool.

Incorporates a prenatal to age 8 approach and reflects the **shared leadership, collaboration, input, and long-term commitment** across four core state agencies.

Grow NJ Kids providers will be eligible to apply for **quality enhancement funds**, as long as their request is tied to the program's **quality improvement plan**.

Established a regional NJ Early Learning Training Academy with an initial focus on **child care, family child care, EHS/HS, and preschool** settings.

Over the 4-year grant period, **\$2.5 million** of RTT-ELC funds have been allocated for **quality enhancements**.

### MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV)<sup>6</sup>

72,044



Home visits performed, FY14



6,428

Families served, FY14



11,882

Parents and children served, FY14



100%

Percent of counties in New Jersey where MIECHV is available

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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>.

<sup>4</sup> What are preschool development grants? [Fact sheet]. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/preschoolddevelopmentgrants/pdofactsheet81115.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge 2014 annual performance report: New Jersey. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/2014apr/njapr2014.pdf>.

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