

# Pennsylvania

## Early Childhood Development

### FEDERAL INVESTMENT ACROSS PROGRAMS:

**\$3,417,000,000**  
Since FY2009



### STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2012, as a result of the implementation of the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation program, there was a 7% increase in referrals for children.
- A new policy requires that licensing renewal inspections occur based on expiration date of a license rather than being initiated by the child care program. This new procedure has reduced the rate of overdue inspections to less than one percent.
- In early 2015, Pennsylvania launched the Early Learning GPS, an interactive online tool for families about child development.
- 12 communities were awarded Community Innovation Zone grants which provide opportunities to strengthen alignment, family engagement, and collaboration in order to close the achievement gap for children entering at-risk schools.
- The Private Industry Council of Westmoreland and Fayette in Greensburg was named a Head Start Center of Excellence in Early Childhood for its focus on preventing, reducing, and treating challenging behaviors.

### CUMULATIVE FEDERAL FUNDING PER PROGRAM

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (FY14)	<b>\$15,355,562</b>
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (FY10-14) <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$40,929,793</b>
State Advisory Councils (FY10-13)	<b>\$3,184,558</b>
Race To the Top Early Learning Challenge (FY12-14) <sup>2</sup>	<b>\$51,734,519</b>
Child Care Development Fund (FY09-13)	<b>\$1,738,629,148</b>
Head Start (FY09-14)	<b>\$1,567,000,000</b>

### DEMOGRAPHICS: CHILDREN UNDER 6 (2013)

**853,657**

Total number of children

**68.5%**

Live in households where the parents present are working

**22.8%**

Live below the Federal Poverty Level (poverty)

**43.7%**

Live below 200% of poverty

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

55

Number of HS  
grantees, FY13

39

Number of EHS  
grantees, FY13

4

Number of  
Migrant/  
Seasonal  
grantees, FY13



16%

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

36,626 

Total enrollment, FY14

\$15 M 

Funding awarded  
for 8 EHS-CC  
Partnership Grants

18%

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

### CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND

\$2,226 M

Total State and  
Federal Investment,  
FY09-13

92,400 

Number of children served,  
avg. monthly FY13

\$1,739 M

Federal Investment  
Only, FY09-13

\$178 M

Quality Investment,  
Federal and State, FY09-13

14% 

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

21%

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

### RACE TO THE TOP—EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE (RTT-ELC)<sup>3</sup>

12

Number of **ECE Community Innovation  
Zone grants** that were awarded in 2014 to  
strengthen and implement local strategies to  
**reduce achievement gaps**

30

Number of **rural  
communities** receiving  
**Child Care Capacity  
awards** through Keystone  
STARS to increase rural  
access to high quality care

20,000

Number of individuals  
enrolled in the **over 3,000  
courses** entered in the  
**Professional  
Development Registry**

1,400

Number of **early learning professionals** at  
63 institutions of higher education participating  
in the **Rising STARS Tuition Assistance  
Program**

### MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV)<sup>4</sup>

34,329 

Home visits performed, FY14



2,740

Families  
served, FY14



5,262

Parents and  
children  
served, FY14

64% 

Percent of counties in Pennsylvania  
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> Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge 2014 annual performance report: Pennsylvania. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/2014apr/paapr2014.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> Home visiting helps at-risk families across the U.S. [Web page]. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/states/index.html>.