

# Rhode Island

## Early Childhood Development

### FEDERAL INVESTMENT ACROSS PROGRAMS:

**\$380,000,000**  
Since FY2009



### STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2013, The Rhode Island Learning and Development Standards (RIELDS) were expanded to include ages birth to five.
- Beginning in October 2013, all programs participating in the child care subsidy program are required to participate in the BrightStars Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS). As a result, program participation rose from 211 in 2011 to 831 in 2013.
- Rhode Island's Child Care Center Licensing Standards were revised to align with the QRIS standards and the Preschool approval standards.
- Rhode Island established a Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) Early Childhood® model, preschool core competencies, and a career lattice.
- Rhode Island created an infant/toddler quality project that was managed by the Department of Health in coordination with its Child Care Support Network project.
- Rhode Island guarantees child care assistance to families with incomes up to the existing eligibility limit of 180 percent of poverty.

### CUMULATIVE FEDERAL FUNDING PER PROGRAM

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (FY14)	<b>\$1,895,718</b>
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (FY10-14) <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$24,446,356</b>
State Advisory Councils (FY10-13)	<b>\$663,349</b>
Race To the Top Early Learning Challenge (FY12-FY14) <sup>2</sup>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>
Preschool Development Grants (FY14-15) <sup>3,4</sup>	<b>\$8,064,711</b>
Child Care Development Fund (FY09-13)	<b>\$145,641,900</b>
Head Start (FY09-14)	<b>\$149,000,000</b>

### DEMOGRAPHICS: CHILDREN UNDER 6 (2013)

**65,733**

Total number of children

**68.9%**

Live in households where the parents present are working

**25.4%**

Live below the Federal Poverty Level (poverty)

**46.9%**

Live below 200% of poverty

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

7

Number of HS grantees,  
FY13



39%

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

6

Number of EHS grantees,  
FY13



2,811

Total enrollment, FY14

15%

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

\$1.9 M



Funding awarded  
for 1 EHS-CC  
Partnership Grants

### CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND

\$194 M

Total State and  
Federal Investment,  
FY09-13

\$146 M

Federal Investment  
Only, FY09-13

7%



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

5,600



Number of children served,  
avg. monthly FY13

\$12 M

Quality Investment,  
Federal and State, FY09-13

12%

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

### RACE TO THE TOP—EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE<sup>5</sup>

Over 75%

Percent of early care and  
education programs in  
Rhode Island that are  
**rated in BrightStars**,  
the state's TQRIS

20

Number of **students** in the  
inaugural semester of the  
**RI College Institute for  
Early Childhood  
Teaching and Learning**

As the result of a facilities  
study identifying gaps in  
provider's knowledge of  
**health and safety and  
licensing regulations**,  
Rhode Island issued  
**competitive RFPs** for the  
provision of **facilities  
grants and TA** in these  
areas

2014

Year that the statewide  
**Center for Early  
Learning  
Professionals**, a  
professional development  
and technical assistance  
center, began operating

94%

Percent of Child Care  
Assistance Program  
providers that **increased  
from Starting Stars to a  
rating** in BrightStars in  
2014

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

8,181



Home visits performed, FY14



675

Families served,  
FY14



1,045

Parents and  
children served,  
FY14



80%

Percent of counties in Rhode Island  
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/preschooldevelopmentgrants/pdofactsheet81115.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge 2014 annual performance report: Rhode Island. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/2014apr/riapr2014.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>.