

Tennessee

Early Childhood Development

FEDERAL INVESTMENT ACROSS PROGRAMS:

\$1,749,000,000
Since FY2009



STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- The Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance (TECTA) provides occupation-specific training on the core competencies of the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential for child care providers.
- Tennessee has a Child Care Business Services initiative that provides ongoing training seminars and workshops in the area of small business management and organizational development.
- Tennessee has a partnership to use Strengthening Families, an evidence-based family skills training program, as a part of the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). This effort has improved parenting skills and reduced problem behaviors for families in child care settings.
- Tennessee developed a Gold Sneaker program to encourage child care programs to implement policies and training on nutrition and physical activity.
- An eLearning portal called the Tennessee Child Care Online Training System provides child care training options for early childhood professionals.

CUMULATIVE FEDERAL FUNDING PER PROGRAM

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (FY14)	\$11,215,955
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (FY10-14) ¹	\$36,441,655
State Advisory Councils (FY10-13)	\$2,418,400
Preschool Development Grants (FY14-15) ^{2,3}	\$34,899,566
Child Care and Development Fund (FY09-13)	\$850,222,218
Head Start (FY09-14)	\$814,000,000

DEMOGRAPHICS: CHILDREN UNDER 6 (2013)

477,362

Total number of children

63.4%

Live in households where the parents present are working

31.2%

Live below the Federal Poverty Level (poverty)

56.5%

Live below 200% of poverty

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

25

Number of HS grantees, FY13

15

Number of EHS grantees,
FY13



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



Total enrollment, FY14



Funding awarded for 7 EHS-CC Partnership Grants

11%

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

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

\$1,035 M

Total State and Federal investment, FY09-13

38,800

Number of children served, avg. monthly FY13



\$850 M

Federal Investment Only, FY09-13

\$162 M

Quality Investment, Federal and State, FY09-13

16%

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

5%



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



MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV)⁴

15,514

Home visits performed, FY14



1,091

Families served, FY14



1,836

Parents and children served, FY14



33%

Percent of counties in Tennessee where MIECHV is available

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

² 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>.

³ What are preschool development grants? [Fact sheet]. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/preschooldevelopmentgrants/pdgfactsheet81115.pdf>.

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