

Wyoming

Early Childhood Development

FEDERAL INVESTMENT ACROSS PROGRAMS:

\$152,000,000
Since FY2009



STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2011, the Wyoming Governor's Early Childhood State Advisory Council published Early Learning Guidelines, and in 2013 finalized the Early Learning Foundations for Children Ages 3 – 5.
- In 2014, the Wyoming Legislature created and funded a \$665,000 grant program for developing, enhancing, and sustaining high-quality early care and education programs.
- Wyoming's licensing rules changed to require a state and national fingerprinting check for all new child care providers, staff, household members, and volunteers.
- In 2012, Wyoming released the Wyoming Areas of Knowledge Guide which describes seven areas of knowledge necessary for child care providers.
- Wyoming was able to reduce its error rate in 2013 by assigning workers to focus specifically on child care benefits eligibility.

CUMULATIVE FEDERAL FUNDING PER PROGRAM

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (FY14)	\$893,580
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (FY10-14) ¹	\$6,046,703
State Advisory Councils (FY10-13)	\$500,000
Child Care and Development Fund (FY09-13)	\$46,424,194
Head Start (FY09-14)	\$98,000,000

DEMOGRAPHICS: CHILDREN UNDER 6 (2013)

46,284

Total number of children

71.0%

Live in households where the parents present are working

15.8%

Live below the Federal Poverty Level (poverty)

36.2%

Live below 200% of poverty

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

8

Number of HS grantees, FY13

5

Number of EHS grantees, FY13

2

Number of AI/AN HS/EHS grantees, FY13



28%

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



1,953

Total enrollment, FY14

\$893,590



Funding awarded for 1 EHS-CC Partnership Grant

27%

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

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

\$97 M

Total State and Federal investment, FY09-13

3,900



Number of children served, avg. monthly FY13

\$46 M

Federal Investment Only, FY09-13

\$19 M

Quality Investment, Federal and State, FY09-13

19%

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



MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV)²

762



Home visits performed, FY14

78



Families served, FY14

144



Parents and children served, FY14

17%



Percent of counties in Wyoming where MIECHV is available

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

² Home visiting helps at-risk families across the U.S. [Web page]. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/states/index.html>.