Federal Investments in Early Learning and Development

U.S. Department of Education

June, 2014
“Research shows that one of the best investments we can make in a child’s life is high-quality early education.”

President Barack Obama
State of Union Address, January 28, 2014
A Continuum of Early Learning from birth through age 8
Building on a $1 Billion Investment in
Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge

Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grantees

- Phase I – FY11
- Phase 2 – FY12
- Phase 3 – FY13
Birth to Five, Watch me Thrive

- A joint project of HHS, Department of Education, AAP
- A compendium of research-based screening tools;
- "User’s Guides” for multiple audiences, from early learning teachers to doctors, social workers, and families
- A toolkit of informational resources and tip sheets
- Guidance on finding help at the local level
Individuals with Disabilities Education ACT (IDEA), Part C: Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities

FY2015 Request: $441.8M ($3.3M increase)

- Formula grants to States to implement a comprehensive, coordinated, statewide system that provides early intervention services to children with disabilities or at risk for disabilities from birth through age 2 and their families
Ages 3 to 5
IDEA Part B, Section 619: Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities

FY2015 Request: $353.2M

- Formula grants to States to provide a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment to children with disabilities
Title I Preschool
FY2015 Request $14.384B

- Districts and schools *may* invest Title I funds in high-quality preschool for eligible students
- Coordination with early learning programs and services
- Professional development for elementary school staff and early learning program early childhood educators
- Guidance can be found at [www.ed.gov/early-learning](http://www.ed.gov/early-learning)
Preschool Development Grants

FY2015 Request $500M ($250M Increase)

- High-quality preschool for all children from low- and moderate-income families.

- Build state capacity for implementing high-quality preschool programs

- Expand model programs at the local level

- Competitive grants

- Seeking Public comments on the FY2014 program until 3/21 at
  
  http://www.ed.gov/blog/2014/03/additional-public-comment-sought-for-preschool-development-grants-competition/
Preschool For All
$75 Billion over 10 Years
FY2015 $1.3 Billion

- High-quality preschool for all children from low- and moderate-income families.
- Incentives for states to serve middle class families
- Federal-state cost sharing partnership
- 1% set-aside for territories and BIE
- Over time, Head Start will serve more children from birth through age three.
Additional Supports for Early Learning

- My Brother’s Keeper
- Promise Neighborhoods ($100M)
- School Turnaround Grants ($506M)
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers ($1.1B)
- Effective Teaching and Learning for Literacy ($184M)
- Indian Education
  - Demonstration Grants ($10.4 M)
  - Professional Development Grants ($7.4 M)
- Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grants ($70 M)
Thank you!