



High-Quality Early Childhood Education Works

Neuroscientists, economists, psychologists, generals, faith leaders, parents, Republican and Democratic governors, teachers, principals, researchers, state and federal legislators, and business leaders all agree: investing in high-quality early childhood education and early childhood educators will make America brighter, stronger, and more competitive.

Decades of research show the impact of high-quality early learning and the many individual, societal, and economic benefits that stem from investing in early childhood education.

Did you know?

- 1** The first years of a child's life are the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for all future learning. ¹
- 2** 9 in 10 parents say that early learning had a positive impact on their children's emotional development and academic preparation. ²
- 3** High-quality early childhood programs deliver a return on investment that outpaces average stock market gains. ³

Yet our country is unable to capitalize on the promise of early learning because we continue to have an underfunded early childhood education system and an unsustainable market in which parents can't pay any more and educators can't make any less.

The time is now for a policy and financing system that supports equitable access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education for all children birth through age 8, with a wage and compensation structure that attracts and retains the most talented early childhood educators. Join us to ensure this vision becomes a reality!

Together, we will show that America is for Early Ed!

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America for Early Ed is a national campaign to ensure that candidates and policymakers from both sides of the aisle recognize and embrace early learning as a "must." America for Early Ed is mobilizing the early childhood profession and its allies to advocate at the local, state and federal levels for an increased and sustainable investment in early childhood education.

Sources

¹ Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University. <http://bit.ly/2winTrx>

² "Growing the Demand for Quality" a survey conducted by NAEYC, with help from a bipartisan research team of FM3 (D) and Public Opinion Strategies (R).

³ The Heckman Equation. <http://bit.ly/2mFI3Jf>