



2017 Legislative Agenda

Every child deserves the opportunity to succeed in school and in life, regardless of their race, ethnicity, geography, ability, or family economics. High-quality early learning is a strategy proven to give kids what they need to thrive. Investing in a great start for children yields returns for all of us: more successful schools, stronger families, and more self-reliant adults prepared to contribute to a robust economy.

Expand access to high-quality prekindergarten (ECEAP)

ECEAP helps kids furthest from opportunity arrive at Kindergarten ready to succeed. Grow access with new slots and make the investments in facilities and the rate-per-child necessary for a successful expansion.

Invest in the value that quality delivers in Working Connections Child Care

- ✓ Increase reimbursement rates for center based child care providers.
- ✓ Pass the collective bargaining agreement for family child care providers.
- ✓ Invest to maintain access by providing funding for all eligible families who apply.

Grow and retain a highly competent early learning professional workforce

Establish a stakeholder workgroup to develop recommendations to the legislature for addressing insufficient early learning educator compensation.

Support parents as their child's first teacher

- ✓ Sustain and expand home visiting.
- ✓ Enact Paid Family and Medical Leave.

Raise Revenue

New revenue is necessary to ensure a great start for our kids. New revenue for education should include new investments in early learning.

The Early Learning Action Alliance is convened by the Children's Alliance.

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