FISCAL YEAR 2014 DISCRETIONARY FEDERAL FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

The chart below reflects the current status of federal discretionary funding for early childhood education and care as of August 30, 2013. The Senate Committee on Appropriations reported a bill that includes the bulk of the president's request for nearly \$2.5 billion in additional discretionary resources for early childhood education. The Senate has yet to schedule time on the floor for the full body to debate and consider the legislation. The House Committee on Appropriations postponed its consideration of a bill indefinitely.

Precedent suggests that this legislation will reach neither the Senate nor House floor as a stand-alone bill, but will instead be considered as part of a larger package of funding bills (omnibus). We expect that in September, Congress will pass a short-term continuing resolution (CR) that will keep the government operating past October 1, and will make final funding decisions later this calendar year. 57,000 children have been dropped from Head Start/Early Head Start to date; if the sequester for 2014 is not reduced or eliminated, additional children will lose access to Head Start. Children will also continue to be cut from child care. Quality in both programs will be impacted as resources are reduced.

	PRESIDENT'S FY14 REQUEST	FY14 SENATE LABOR/HHS/ED BILL	FY14 HOUSE LABOR/HHS/ED BILL	FINAL ENACTED
Head Start (includes Early Head Start)	\$ 9.621 B	\$ 9.621 B		
Head Start Maintenance Funding	\$ 222 M (included above)	\$ 171 M (included above)		
EHS-Child Care Partnerships	\$ 1.4 B (included above)	\$ 1.4 B (included above)		
Child Care	\$ 2.478 B	\$ 2.5 B		
Child Care Quality Initiative	\$ 200 M (included above)	\$176 M (included above)		
Preschool Development Grants	\$ 750 M	\$ 750 M		
IDEA: Part C	\$462.7 M (+ 20 M)	\$ 462.7 M (+ 21 M)		
Race to the Top: Early Learning Challenge				