

# GROW AMERICA STRONGER

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## QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Thank you for tweeting your senator's office about the importance of including early childhood education in ESEA Reauthorization. At the bottom of this page you'll find the twitter handles for members of the Senate HELP Committee, as well as draft tweet language to use over the coming days leading up to an all-day Twitter Storm on Thursday, March 5.

### Relevant hashtags:

- #investinkids
- #ESEA
- #preK
- #earlylearning

### HELP Committee Twitter handles:

*@SenAlexander (TN)—Chair*

*@PattyMurray (WA)—Ranking Member*

@MikeEnzi (WY)

@SenatorBurr (NC)

@SenatorIsakson (GA)

@SenRandPaul (KY)

@SenatorCollins (ME)

@LisaMurkowski (AK)

@SenatorKirk (IL)

@SenatorTimScott (SC)

@OrrinHatch (UT)

@SenPatRoberts (KS)

@BillCassidy (LA)

@SenatorBarb (MD)

@SenSanders (VT)

@SenBobCasey (PA)

@AlFranken (MN)

@SenBennetCO (CO)

@SenWhitehouse (RI)

@SenBaldwin (WI)

@ChrisMurphyCT (CT)

@SenWarren (MA)

### Before the twitter storm:

- **MARCH 4:** JOIN US TOMORROW for a Twitterstorm as we call on Congress to #investinkids in #ESEA.
- **DAY OF:** TODAY we storm Twitter to ask Congress to include our youngest schoolchildren in #ESEA. #investinkids
- **DAY OF:** REMINDER: Twitterstorm TODAY because Congress has the opportunity to expand #earlylearning opportunities & #investinkids. #ESEA

Pair any of these tweets with the infographics in the blogpost at <http://ffyf.org/take-action-tell-congress-to-include-early-childhood-education-in-esea-reauthorization/>

### Sample tweets during Twitter Storm

- As Congress considers #ESEA, we call on members to make a sustained commitment to creating HQ #earlylearning opportunities. #investinkids
- Last year, 35 states applied for Preschool Development Grants. States and localities want Congress to #investinkids.
- Across the country, Governors from both parties and have called for #earlylearning expansion. #investinkids
- 18 states won #preK development grants last year. Let's #investinkids in #ESEA to keep the momentum going.
- States and localities have taken steps to expand #earlylearning, #ESEA should include language to build on that progress. #investinkids
- **[YOUR SENATOR'S HANDLE]** Please support #earlylearning in #ESEA to #investinkids in **[YOUR STATE ABBREVIATION]**.
- We know the high returns of early education. **[YOUR SENATOR'S HANDLE]**, as you consider #ESEA, we ask that you remember to #investinkids in **[YOUR STATE ABBREVIATION]**.
- CALL TO ACTION: Tell your rep. how important it is to include #earlyed in #ESEA! #investinkids #investinus
- #earlyed is supported on both sides of the aisle. Does your rep. know your position? #investinkids #investinus
- CALL TO ACTION: variety of #earlyed amndmnts being considered – ask your rep. to incl in #ESEA! #investinkids
- It's time: tell your rep. to include #earlyed in #ESEA! Our children can't wait. #investinkids #investinus
- Incl. #earlyed funding in #ESEA is critical to ensuring all children start kindergarten ready to learn #investinkids
- Voters know that #earlyed has a high ROI – tell your rep. the investment is worth it! #investinkids #investinus

### Sample state tweets:

- Only 11% of TN 3 and 4 year olds have access to #preK, @SenAlexander. With #ESEA, it's time we #investinkids
- Only 9% of PA 3 and 4 year olds have access to #preK, @SenBobCasey. With #ESEA reauth, let's #investinkids.
- Only 12% of NC 3 and 4 year olds have access to #preK, @SenatorBurr. With #ESEA reauth, let's #investinkids.
- Only 2% of AK 3 and 4 year olds have access to #preK, @LisaMurkowski. With #ESEA reauth, let's #investinkids.
- Only 10% of KS 3 and 4 year olds have access to #preK, @SenPatRoberts. With #ESEA reauth, let's #investinkids.
- Only 1% of MN 3 and 4 year olds have access to #preK, @AlFranken. With #ESEA, it's time we #investinkids.
- Only 1% of RI 3 and 4 year olds have access to #preK, @SenWhitehouse. With #ESEA, it's time we #investinkids.
- Only 10% of CT 3 and 4 year olds have access to #preK, @ChrisMurphyCT. With #ESEA, it's time we #investinkids.
- Only 9% of MA 3 and 4 year olds have access to #preK, @SenWarren. With #ESEA, it's time we #investinkids.
- UT is one of only 10 states that doesn't have a state #preK system, @OrrinHatch. With #ESEA, it's time we #investinkids.
- WY is one of only 10 states that doesn't have a state #preK system, @MikeEnzi. With #ESEA, it's time we #investinkids.

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