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OKLAHOMA

FEDERAL AND STATE EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION INVESTMENT

States across the nation are leading the way to ensure more children—especially those from low-income families—have access to high-quality early learning and care from birth through age five. And much of the progress at the state and local level has been made possible by strong partnerships with the federal government aimed at expanding access, increasing quality, and more. In Oklahoma (OK), over 82,000 children have access to quality early learning and care through state and federal funding. This abbreviated overview provides a glimpse of the early childhood education opportunities that exist in Oklahoma, including those made possible with federal funding in fiscal year 2015.

EVERY YEAR:

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State Pre-K Serves

40,000+
CHILDREN

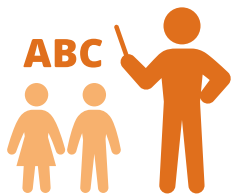
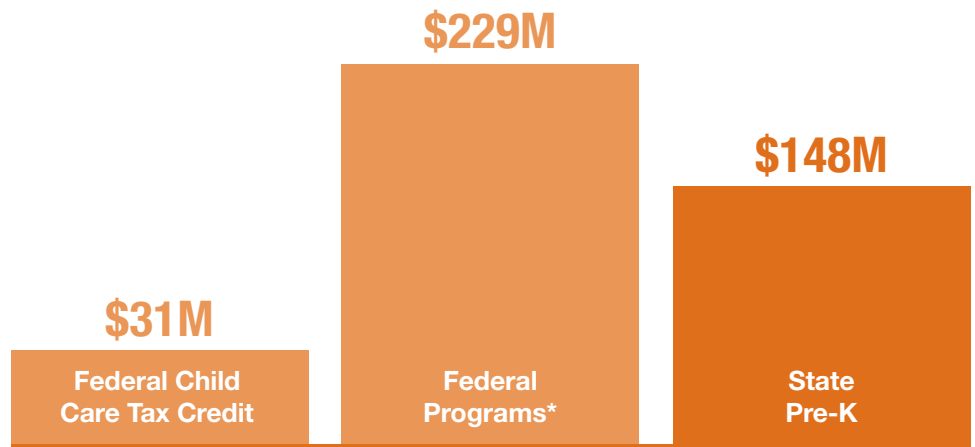
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Head Start and
Early Head Start Serve

14,000+
CHILDREN

FEDERAL AND STATE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDING FY15

*Federal programs include: Head Start, Early Head Start, MIECHV, Early Head Start — Child Care Partnerships, Child Care and Development Fund.



82,000+

Over 82,000 kids benefit from federal and state programs.**

**Federal and state programs include State Pre-K, Head Start and Early Head Start, MIECHV, and the Child Care and Development Fund. MIECHV figures include parents and children served.



3,000+

The Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program supports over 3,000 voluntary home visits to new parents.



\$6,500

Center-based care costs approximately \$6,500 per child.

A TIMELINE OF STATE LEADERSHIP: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

1990

Oklahoma Early Childhood Four-Year-Old Program receives statewide funding to expand services to all OK four-year-olds eligible for the federal Head Start program.

1998

Oklahoma becomes the second state to provide free preschool to all four-year-olds, regardless of family income.

2016

The Oklahoma academic standards are adopted to align learning standards for Pre-K through 12th grade.

1980

Oklahoma Early Childhood Four-Year-Old Program begins.

1995

Kindergarten Priority Academic Student Skills, a minimum curriculum for children attending Kindergarten in OK, are established.

2006

Oklahoma Early Childhood Program is created to improve the quality of early education and expand capacity to serve children from birth through age three.



“In the Sooner State, early childhood education is not a Republican or a Democrat initiative: it is an Oklahoma Initiative.”

— OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR MARY FALLIN

HIGH-QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION: EDUCARE OF TULSA

- Educare is a network of high-quality early childhood education programs across America serving low-income children from birth through age five through public-private partnerships in which funding and governance includes the local schools, Head Start and Early Head Start, private philanthropy, and other community and private sector support.
- Provides education and care for children, from birth through age five, and their families with full day, year-round early childhood education.
- Tulsa is the only city in the country with three Educare schools, serving over 550 children.
- All three Tulsa Educare schools scored in the “Good to Excellent” range in measures of program quality.
- 91% of Educare parents reported speaking with school staff at least once a month about child development.

IN OKLAHOMA, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IS SHOWN TO:



Improve Social/
Emotional Development



Grow Literacy/
Numeracy Skills



Increase
Wages



Reduce the Need
for Spending on
Special Education