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# ALABAMA

**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 Alabama (AL), over 53,000 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 Alabama, including those made possible with federal funding in fiscal year 2015.

## EVERY YEAR:

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State Pre-K Serves

**7,000+  
CHILDREN**

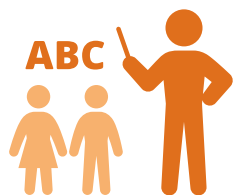
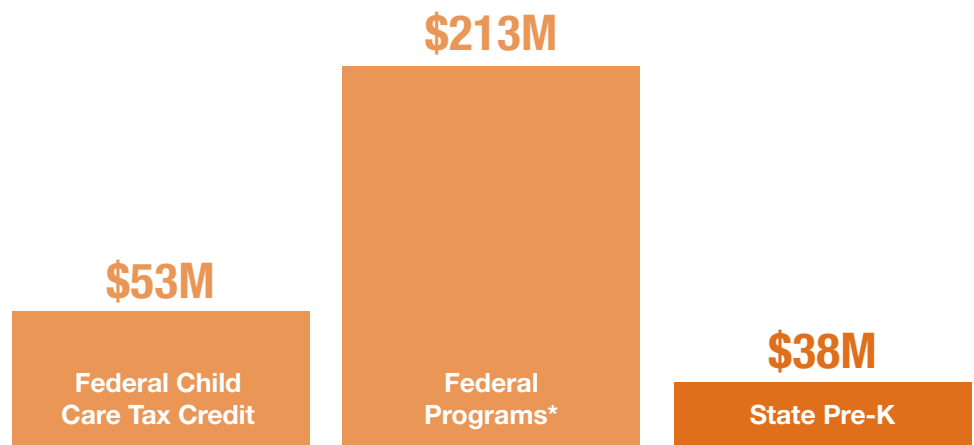
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Head Start and  
Early Head Start Serve

**17,000+  
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.



**53,000+**

Over 53,000 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.



**4,000+**

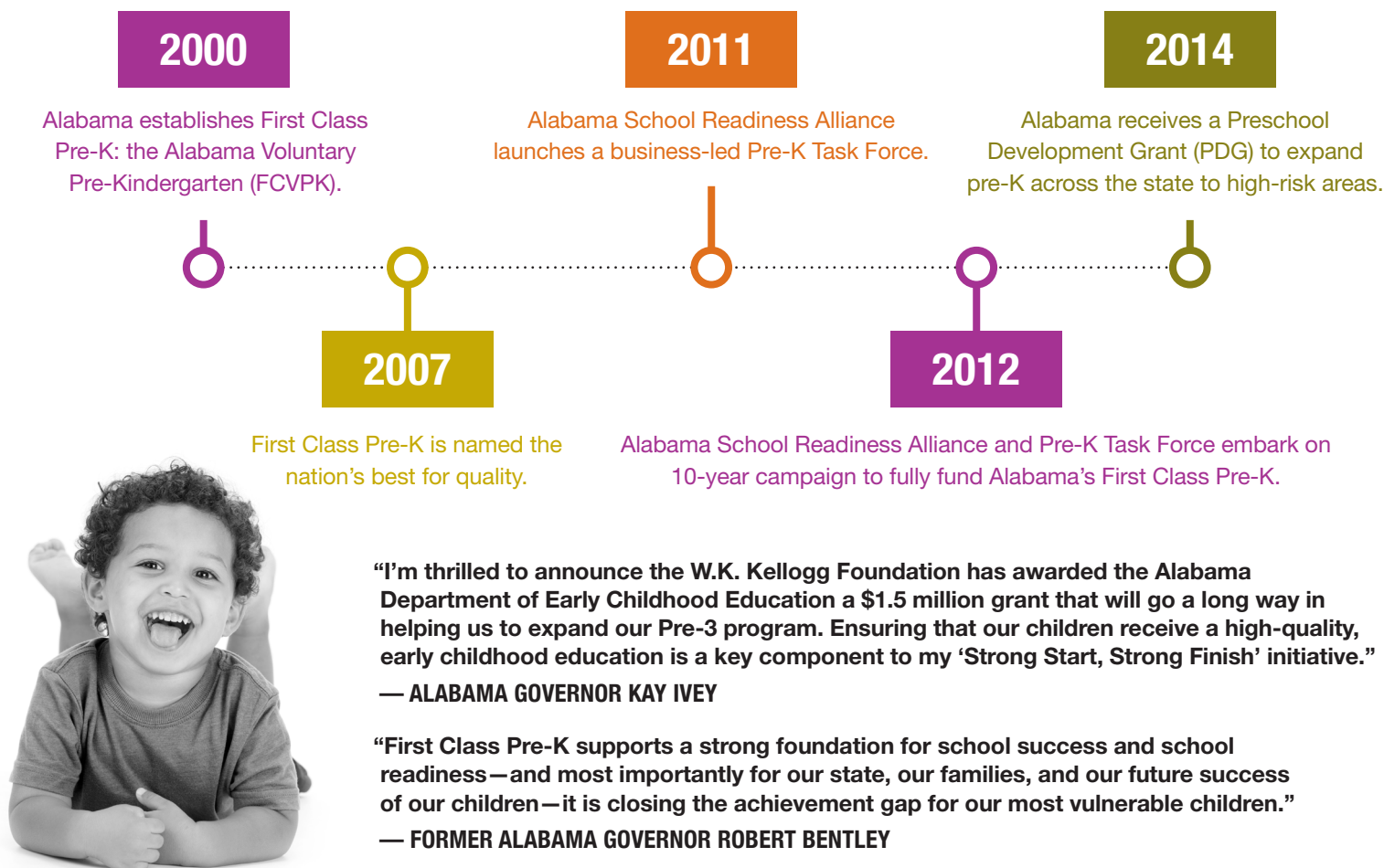
The Federal Maternal, Infant, and  
Early Childhood Home Visiting  
(MIECHV) program supports over  
4,000 voluntary home visits  
to new parents.



**\$5,600**

Center-based care  
costs approximately  
\$5,600 per child.

# A TIMELINE OF STATE LEADERSHIP: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN ALABAMA



## ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES EARLY HEAD START-CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP

- Alabama’s Department of Human Resources’ (DHR) Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (Partnership) is made up of seven partnerships among existing Head Start programs and a partnership with Auburn University to build the capacity among a network of licensed family child care providers. Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership initiative (EHS-CCP) is a competitive grant opportunity to support Early Head Start grantees that partner with child care providers. Through thoughtful partnerships, providers combine funds and services to better meet the needs of low-income children and their families.
- Alabama’s Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership consists of 20 childcare centers, 61 family childcare homes, and Auburn University.
- Alabama’s EHS-CCP provides assistance to children receiving CCDF subsidies, teen mothers, and families challenged by child abuse and neglect, and homelessness.
- The Partnership serves 14 counties with the greatest need, as well as eight additional counties with particular needs.
- The Partnership provides Alabama with \$8 million in awards for 566 participating children.

## IN ALABAMA, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IS SHOWN TO:



Improve Social/  
Emotional Development



Grow Literacy/  
Numeracy Skills



Increase  
Wages



Reduce the Need for  
Spending on Special  
Education