



Early Childhood Education in Indiana



Opportunities made possible through state and federal investment

High-quality early childhood education is proven to dramatically improve a child’s opportunities for a better future—particularly children from low-income families. If we, as a nation, want to ensure all children have access to high-quality early learning, there must be strong support and partnerships from federal government to extend the reach or fill in the gaps of state efforts and innovation.

In fact, states and the federal government are crucial partners in expanding access and options for parents to provide a quality early childhood education to their children from birth through age five. Many state and community efforts leverage federal funding, which allows them to create and expand high-quality early learning and care opportunities beyond what is possible with only state funding. There are also several early childhood programs operating in all 50 states that are funded exclusively with federal dollars, while others rely on a combination of federal, state, local, and even private funding.

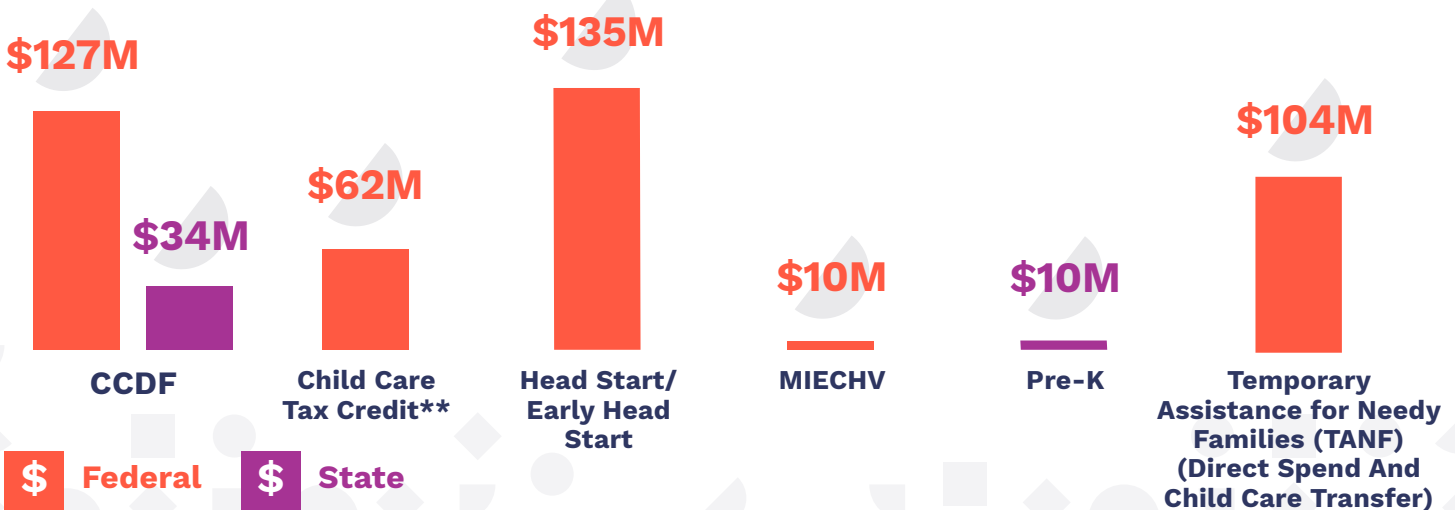
This fact sheet provides an abbreviated overview of state- and federally-funded early childhood opportunities in Indiana, which serve more than 150,000 children and families.*

*This figure includes beneficiaries of Head Start/Early Head Start, the Child Care Tax Credit, CCDF, MIECHV, and state-funded Pre-K.

Indiana Quick Facts

Population Under Six	506,657
Percent Under Six Living in Poverty	24.1%
Children Enrolled in Head Start / Early Head Start	14,203
Families Served by the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV)	4,604
Children Enrolled in State Pre-K	1,792
Families Supported by the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)	32,700

Federal and State Early Childhood Education Program Funding 2017



**2015 Data

Sources: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Head Start | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care | Health Resources and Services Administration | National Institute for Early Education Research | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care

A Timeline of State Leadership Early Childhood Education in Indiana

2002

Indiana establishes early learning frameworks around literacy and math for children aged three to five.

2013

Indiana General Assembly enacted the Early Education Matching Grant (EEMG).

2015

First full year of On My Way Pre-K, 415 children enroll in program.

2004

Indiana updates early learning framework to include children from birth to age three.

2014

On My Way Pre-K Pilot Program signed into law.

2017

Indiana General Assembly expands On My Way Pre-K to 15 additional counties.

“A strategic investment now to expand state-funded prekindergarten for children from low-income families is an essential investment we must make in Indiana’s workforce and our state’s future.”



- Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb



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