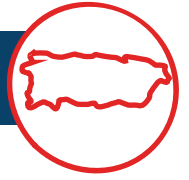


CHILD CARE & EARLY LEARNING HELP OUR STATE THRIVE



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Access to high quality early childhood education (ECE) boosts the well-being of children and helps parents get and keep a job. It's time for policymakers to build the supply and quality of child care and early learning by investing in early childhood education and educators working in centers, schools, and homes.



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Our State's Families Need Quality, Affordable Child Care and Early Learning



118,193

Number of children birth through 5 ⁽¹⁾



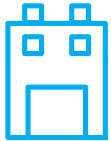
68%

Percentage of children with all available parents in the workforce ⁽²⁾



53%

Percentage of child care programs reporting staffing shortages that limit the number of slots available for families ⁽⁴⁾



48%

Percentage of child care programs reporting they had to increase tuition to keep their doors open ⁽⁵⁾

Our State's Children Receive Their Child Care and Early Learning Experiences in Many Places

24,539

Number of children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs ⁽⁴⁾

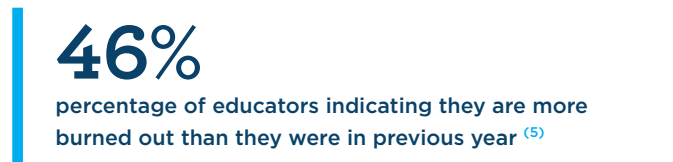
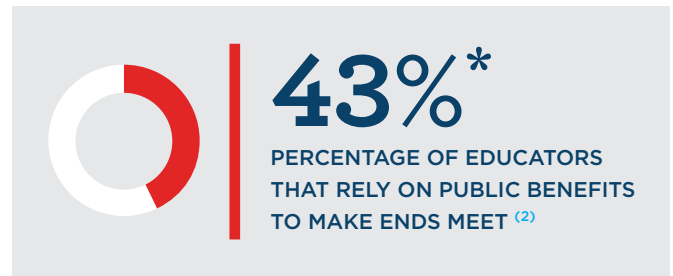
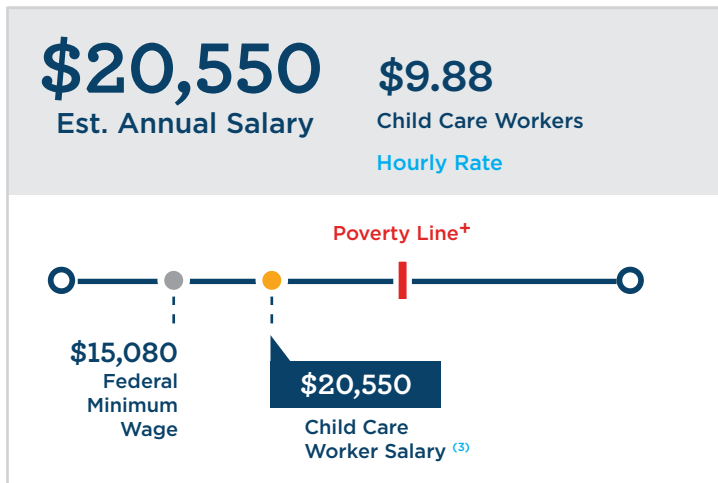
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Number of children served in NAEYC accredited early learning programs ⁽⁵⁾

5

Number of NAEYC accredited early learning programs ⁽⁷⁾

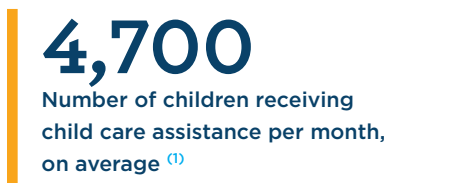
Our State's Early Childhood Educators Need Support and Compensation



“Los cambios de personal cada ano han afectado, de cierta manera, la confianza establecida con cada familia. La matricula ha disminuido.” “The personnel changes each year have affected, in some way, the trust established with each family. Enrollment has decreased.”

- Early Childhood Educator

Federal Investments Support Access to Child Care and Early Learning and Increase the Well-Being of Children, Families, and Educators in Our State



 Currently receiving a Preschool Development Grant to improve our ECE system ⁽⁶⁾

Programs including CCDBG, Head Start, IDEA, CCAMPIS, CACFP, CHIP, TANF, SNAP, MIECHV, and Medicaid, as well as tax credits such as the Child Care and Dependent Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, provide critical investments to support the well-being of young children, their families, and the early childhood educators who support them.

Resources on Policy Solutions to Address the Child Care Crisis and Advance the Early Childhood Education Field

- [NAEYC Federal Policy Agenda](#)
- [Compensation Means More Than Wages: Increasing Early Childhood Educators' Access to Benefits](#)
- [The Costs of Deregulating Child Care: Decreased Supply, Increased Turnover, and Compromised Safety](#)



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+2025 Federal Poverty Guideline for a family of four in the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia is \$32,150 per year. The poverty guidelines are updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

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