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# FLORIDA

**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 Florida (FL), over 291,000 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 Florida, including those made possible with federal funding in fiscal year 2015.

## EVERY YEAR:

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State Pre-K Serves

**166,000+  
CHILDREN**

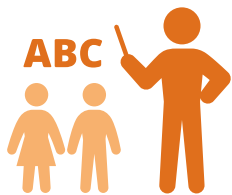
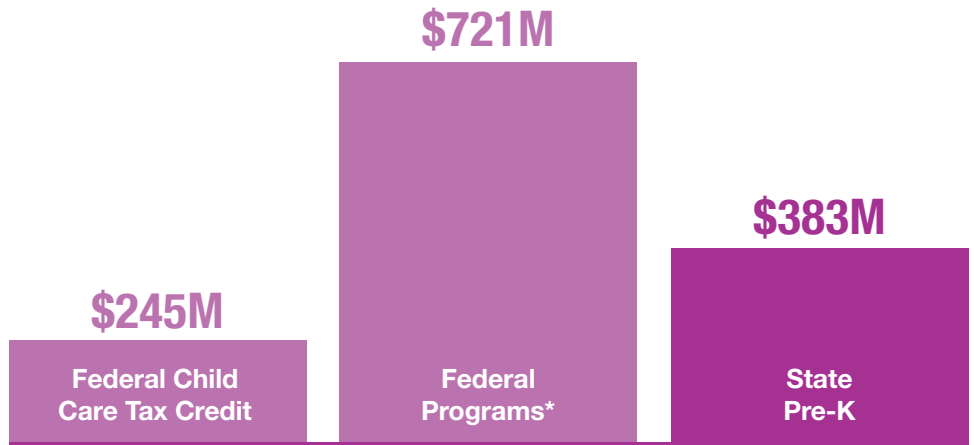
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Head Start and  
Early Head Start Serve

**39,000+  
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.



**291,000+**

Over 291,000 kids benefit from federal and state programs.\*\*

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**2,700+**

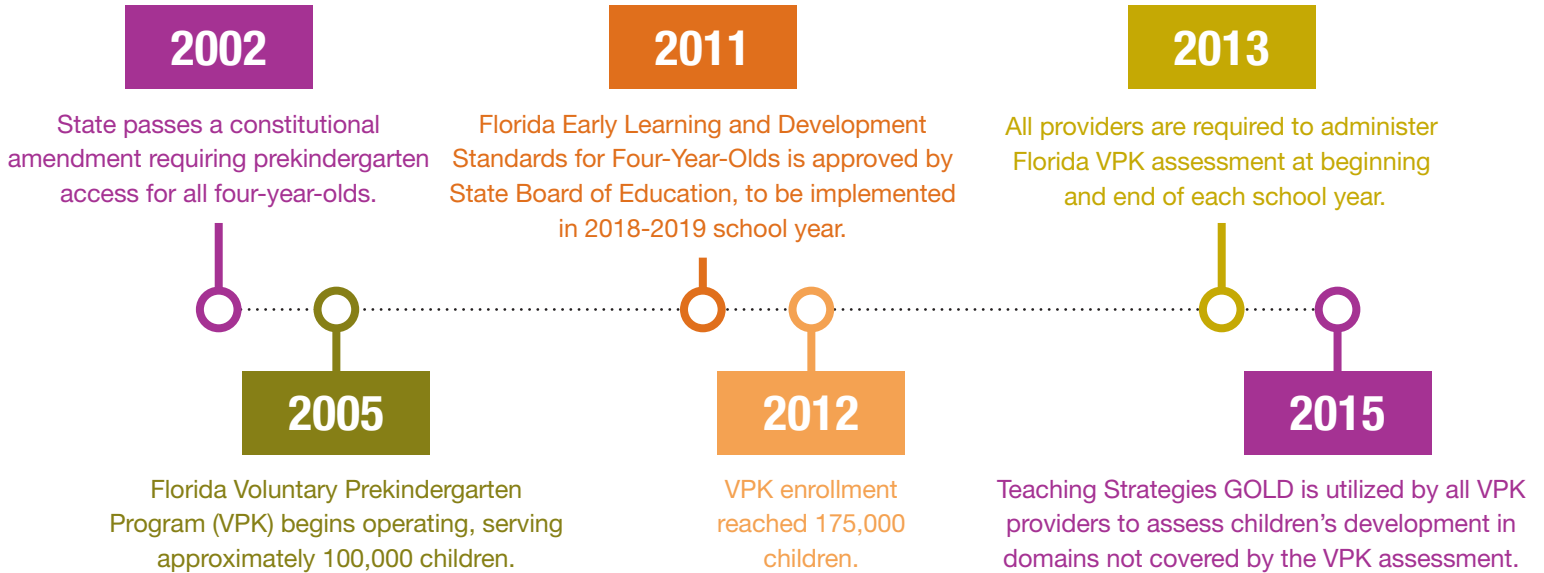
The Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program (MIECHV) supports over 2,700 voluntary home visits to new parents.



**\$8,700**

Center-based care costs approximately \$8,700 per child.

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



**“30% of children enter Miami-Dade County Schools unprepared to learn...we can’t wait for the school years to intellectually challenge children. We have to do that in the beginning. I think the most efficient use of our money comes from investing in the front end.”**

**— FLORIDA U.S. SENATOR MARCO RUBIO**



## HIGH-QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION: EDUCARE OF MIAMI-DADE

- 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.
- Currently serves 116 children birth through age five and their families. Since 2007, Educare of Miami-Dade has served 14,915 local children.
- Serves as a demonstration school for United Way Center for Excellence in Early Education, which models proven best practices and shares those practices with parents, educators, child care providers, and other organizations. Educare of Miami-Dade has better prepared 32,525 early education professionals, and helped 1,280 early education centers and family child care homes improve services since 2007.
- Since 2007, has advocated with partner organizations to raise \$100 million in public funding to benefit young children in the state.
- Produces professional development webinars on early childhood education topics to encourage continued learning for early care and education professionals.

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



Improve Social/Emotional Development



Grow Literacy/ Numeracy Skills



Increase Wages



Reduce the Need for Spending on Special Education