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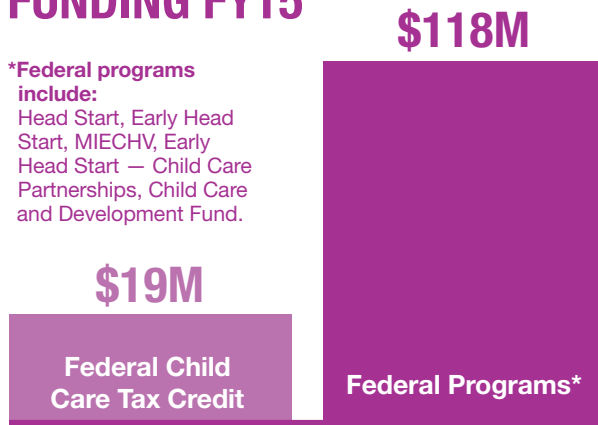
UTAH

**FEDERAL AND STATE EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION INVESTMENT**

FEDERAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDING FY15

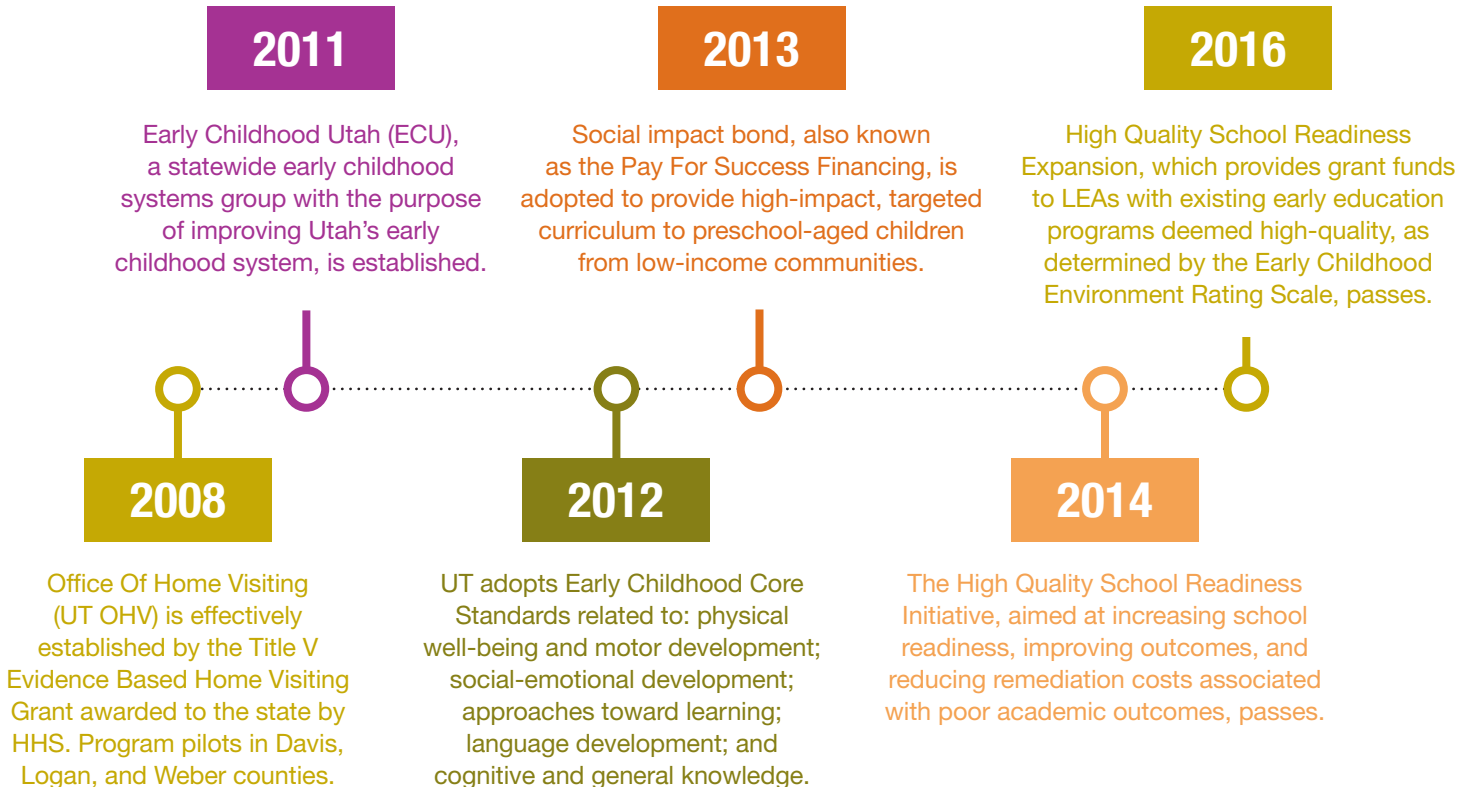
*Federal programs
include:

Head Start, Early Head
Start, MIECHV, Early
Head Start — Child Care
Partnerships, Child Care
and Development Fund.



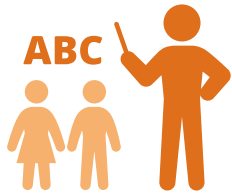
States across the nation are leading the way to ensure more children—especially those from low-income families—have access to high-quality early learning and care from birth through age five. And much of the progress at the state and local level has been made possible by strong partnerships with the federal government aimed at expanding access, increasing quality, and more. In Utah (UT), over 18,000 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 Utah, including those made possible with federal funding in fiscal year 2015.

A TIMELINE OF STATE LEADERSHIP: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN UTAH



EVERY YEAR:

Head Start and Early Head Start serve 6,000+ CHILDREN IN UTAH



18,000+

Over 18,000 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.



900+

The Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program (MIECHV) supports 925 voluntary home visits to new parents each year.



\$9,100

Center-based care costs approximately \$9,100 per child.



“Ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education is a top priority shared by all, Republican and Democrat alike.”

— UTAH U.S. SENATOR ORRIN HATCH

HIGH-QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION: UTAH PREPARING STUDENTS TODAY (UPSTART UTAH)

- UPSTART is an in-home, technology-delivered kindergarten readiness program launched in 2009 by the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) and the Waterford Institute. It uses award-winning adaptive software to provide preschool-aged children an individualized reading, math, and science curriculum at home, and a robust parent engagement program to support and involve families.
- Each year since its inception, UPSTART has received successful external evaluations, and in recent years has grown to serve approximately 10,000 children annually, which is roughly 20% of the state's four-year-olds.
- An independent evaluation by the Utah State Office of Education shows children who participated in UPSTART the year before kindergarten saw immediate positive gains and were still outperforming state averages on standardized tests in grades first through fourth.
- UPSTART increases access to early learning opportunities for rural and underserved communities. In 2013, Waterford was awarded an \$11.5 million Investing in Innovation (i3) grant by the U.S. Dept. of Education to expand UPSTART to rural children in Utah.

IN UTAH, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IS SHOWN TO:



Improve Social/Emotional Development



Grow Literacy/Numeracy Skills



Increase Wages



Reduce the Need for Spending on Special Education