CALIFORNIA

Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

Research shows that during the earliest years of a child's life:

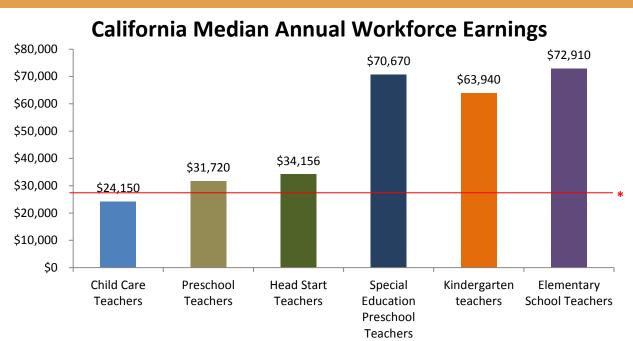
700 1,000 new neural connections form every second

Genetics plus experiences shape the developing brain

The foundation forms for future cognitive abilities

Vocabulary at age 3 can predict 3rd Grade Reading Achievement

High Quality Programs Depend on a Quality Workforce Low Wages Undermine Quality



^{*}Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility for a family of three: \$26,124

California Demographics

Children Under Age 6

3

million 1.4 Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of million Poverty 60.5% Children Under Age 6 Living in

37.7% Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

Households with All Parents Working

23.4% Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

California Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations



Parking Lot Attendants \$22,020



Manicurist & Pedicurist \$19,830



Word Processors/ Typists \$43,710



Nurses \$100,400





