

2005-06 State Budget
Early Childhood Education
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Pennsylvania
Partnerships for Children

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Early Care and Education:

- Governor has made ECE a top priority
 - Investments have been made in
 - Child Care
 - Head Start
 - Education Accountability Block Grants
- In this tough budget year...
 - The commitment continues



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Early Care and Education:

- Child Care
 - Nearly \$564.7M
 - \$157.21M State
 - \$407.5M Federal (CCDBG and TANF)
 - Increase of nearly \$31M
 - \$24+M state



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What does the new funding support?

- Expanded access for subsidy
 - System will increase its daily capacity by 1000 children
 - 110,000 total
- Continued support for Keystone Stars and TEACH
 - 45% of child care centers now participate in Stars



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What does the new funding support?

- Improve payment levels for services to vulnerable children
 - All types of regulated care
 - Will make use of new market rate survey
- Realign professional development and quality supports
 - PA Keys to Quality



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Early Care and Education:

- Education Accountability Block Grants
 - Level funded at \$200M
 - \$2 of every \$3 being used for ECE
 - 54% of students now have Full Day Kindergarten
 - Nearly 3000 children receiving pre-K



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Early Care and Education:

- Head Start Supplemental Assistance
 - First time appropriation of \$15M in 2004-05
 - Serves 2,995 children
 - Proposed funding increase of \$15M
 - Will serve an additional 2,500 children
 - New RFA will be on PDE website
 - Partnerships with school districts and child care are a core component

