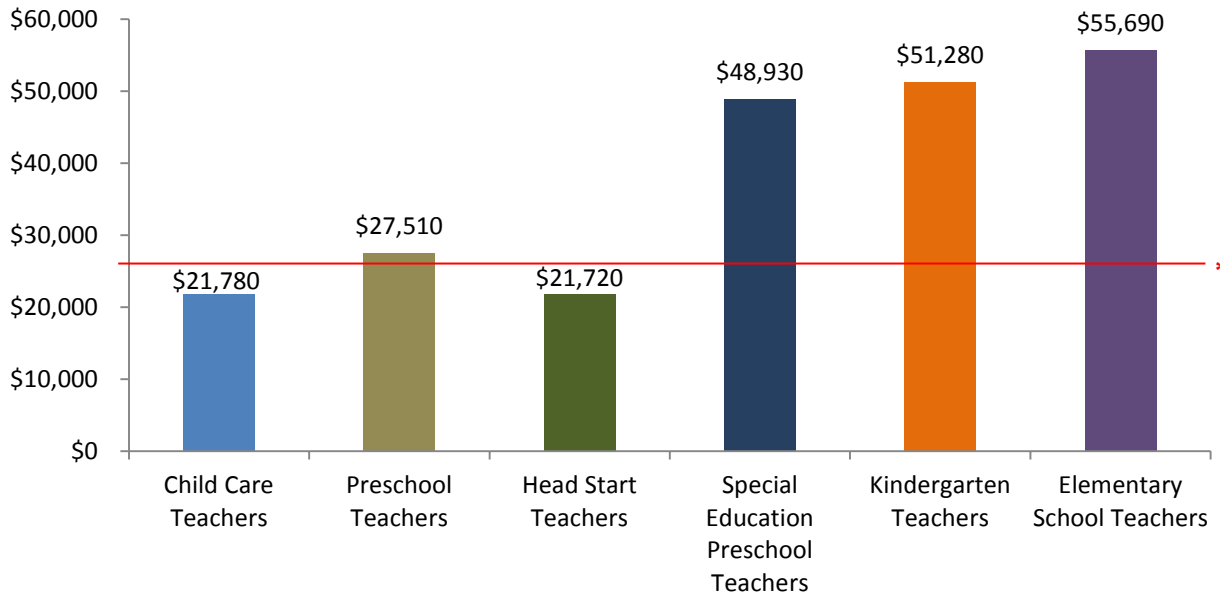# NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

New Hampshire Median Annual Workforce Earnings

Occupation	Earnings
Child Care Teachers	$21,780
Preschool Teachers	$27,510
Head Start Teachers	$21,720
Special Education Preschool Teachers	$48,930
Kindergarten Teachers	$51,280
Elementary School Teachers	$55,690

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

New Hampshire Demographics

78,886 Children Under Age 6

26,914 Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty

67.5% Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working

46.9% Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

16.4% Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

New Hampshire Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations

- Parking Lot Attendants $25,060
- Manicurist & Pedicurist $25,000
- Word Processors/ Typists $34,690
- Nurses $65,440