

# OHIO

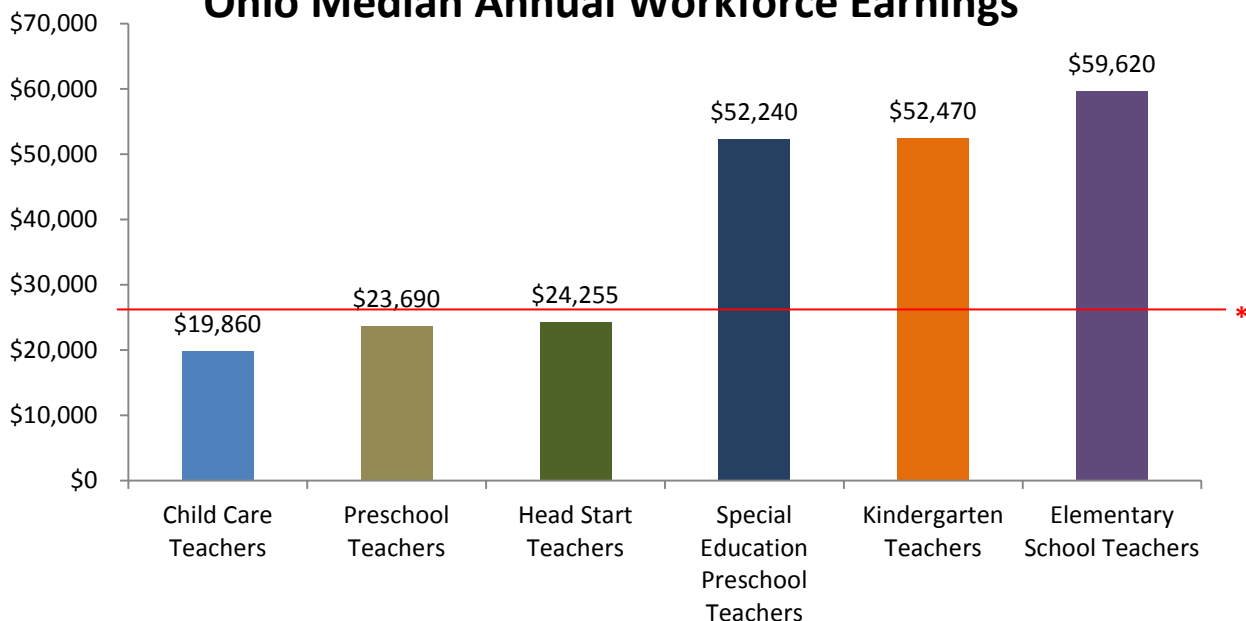
## Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Achievement

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

### Ohio Median Annual Workforce Earnings



### Ohio Demographics

- 827,596** Children Under Age 6
- 409,184** Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
- 68.6%** Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
- 54%** Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty
- 26.9%** Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

### Ohio Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations

- Parking Lot Attendants: \$19,190
- Manicurist & Pedicurist: \$19,140
- Word Processors/Typists: \$35,250
- Nurses: \$61,280

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 1 Year data (2014); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics (2015); Head Start Program Information Report (2015).

