PUERTO RICO

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

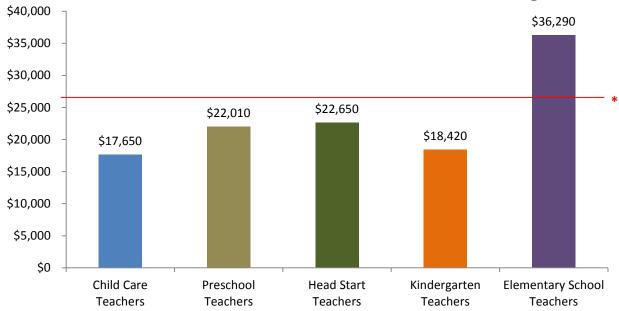
Genetics plus experiences shape the developing brain

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

Puerto Rico Median Annual Workforce Earnings



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

Note: The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics did not report separate wage data for PR preschool special education teachers.

Puerto Rico Demographics

222,242 Children Under Age 6

184,852 Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty

61% Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working

75.4% Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

62.9% Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

Puerto Rico Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations







Manicurist & Pedicurist \$17,870



Word Processors/ Typists \$26,360



Nurses \$32,130





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).