SOUTH CAROLINA

Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

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

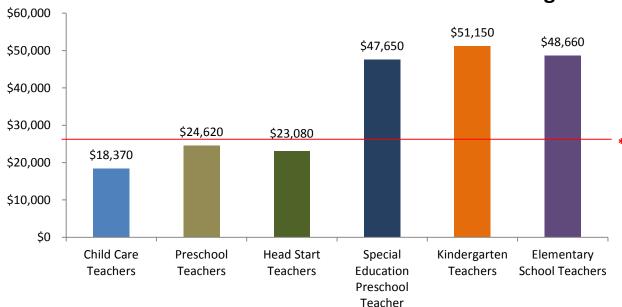
700 - 1,000 new neural connections form every second

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

South Carolina Median Annual Workforce Earnings



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

South Carolina Demographics

349,796 Children Under Age 6

190,918 Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty

66.6% Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working

54.5% Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

29.6% Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

South Carolina Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations







Manicurist & Pedicurist \$22,430



Word Processors/ Typists \$30,860



Nurses \$59,340





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).