VERMONT

Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

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

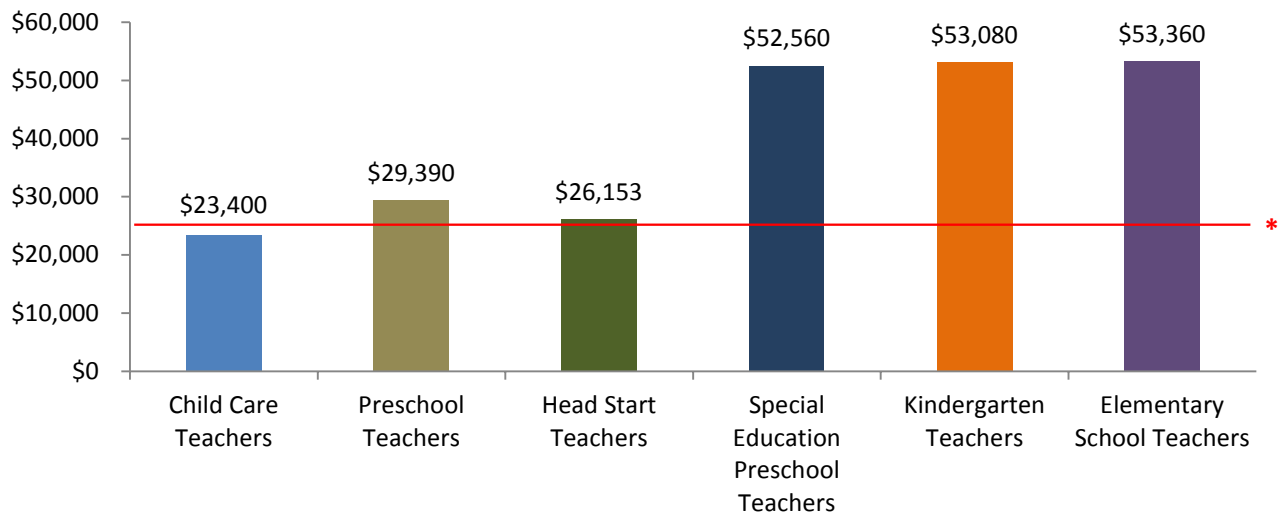- 700 - 1,000 new neural connections form every second
- Genetics plus experiences shape the developing brain
- The foundation forms for future cognitive abilities
- Vocabulary at age 3 can predict 3rd Grade Reading Achievement

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

Vermont Median Annual Workforce Earnings

Occupation	Earnings
Child Care Teachers	$23,400
Preschool Teachers	$29,390
Head Start Teachers	$26,153
Special Education Preschool Teachers	$52,560
Kindergarten Teachers	$53,080
Elementary School Teachers	$53,360

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

Vermont Demographics

37,630 Children Under Age 6

13,899 Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty

71.9% Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working

53.4% Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

17.4% Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

Vermont Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations

Parking Lot Attendants $21,920

Manicurist & Pedicurist $34,340

Word Processors/ Typists $41,230

Nurses $62,770