MARYLAND

Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

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

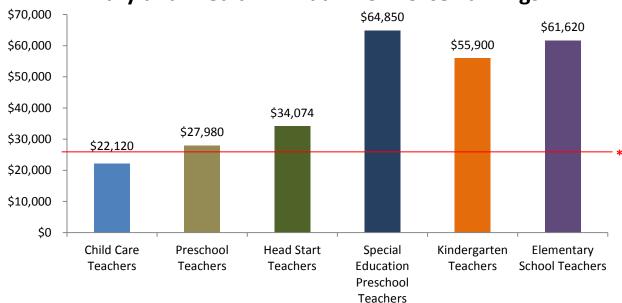
700 - 1,000 new neural connections form every second

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

Maryland Median Annual Workforce Earnings



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

Maryland Demographics

440,846 Children Under Age 6

148,891 Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty

72.3% Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working

29.3% Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

13.5% Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

Maryland Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations







Manicurist & Pedicurist \$21,960



Word Processors/ Typists \$37,220



Nurses \$72,090

