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Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

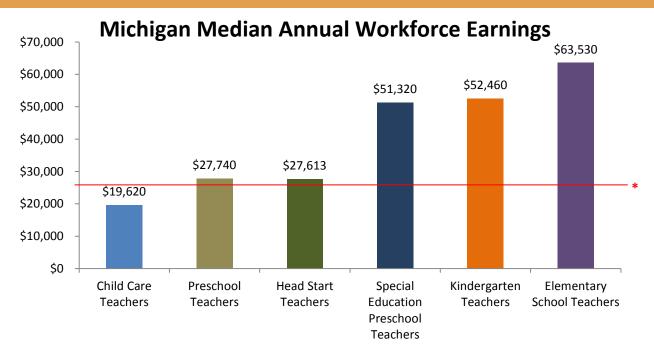
Research shows that during the earliest years of a child's life:

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



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

Michigan Demographics

689,406 Children Under Age 6

343,838 Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of

Poverty

66% Children Under Age 6 Living in
Households with All Parents Working

51.8% Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

26% Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

Michigan Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations







Manicurist & Pedicurist \$27,300



Word Processors/ Typists \$37,710



Nurses \$65,830





