



# Federal Investments in Early Learning and Development

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# Federal Investments in Early Learning

## Goal

- To ensure that more children and families have access to high-quality early learning and development programs

## Strategies

- Assuring sound program management and accountability
- Promoting quality, coordination and early childhood system reform
- Promoting continuity prenatal through school age
- Launching innovation
- Supporting research and evaluation

**“...Educating our children from the youngest age, helping families afford college, making sure that hard work pays; These are things that should not be partisan, they should not be controversial; **We need to make them happen.**”**

- President Obama, FY14 Budget Proposal  
April 10, 2013



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# PRESCHOOL FOR ALL



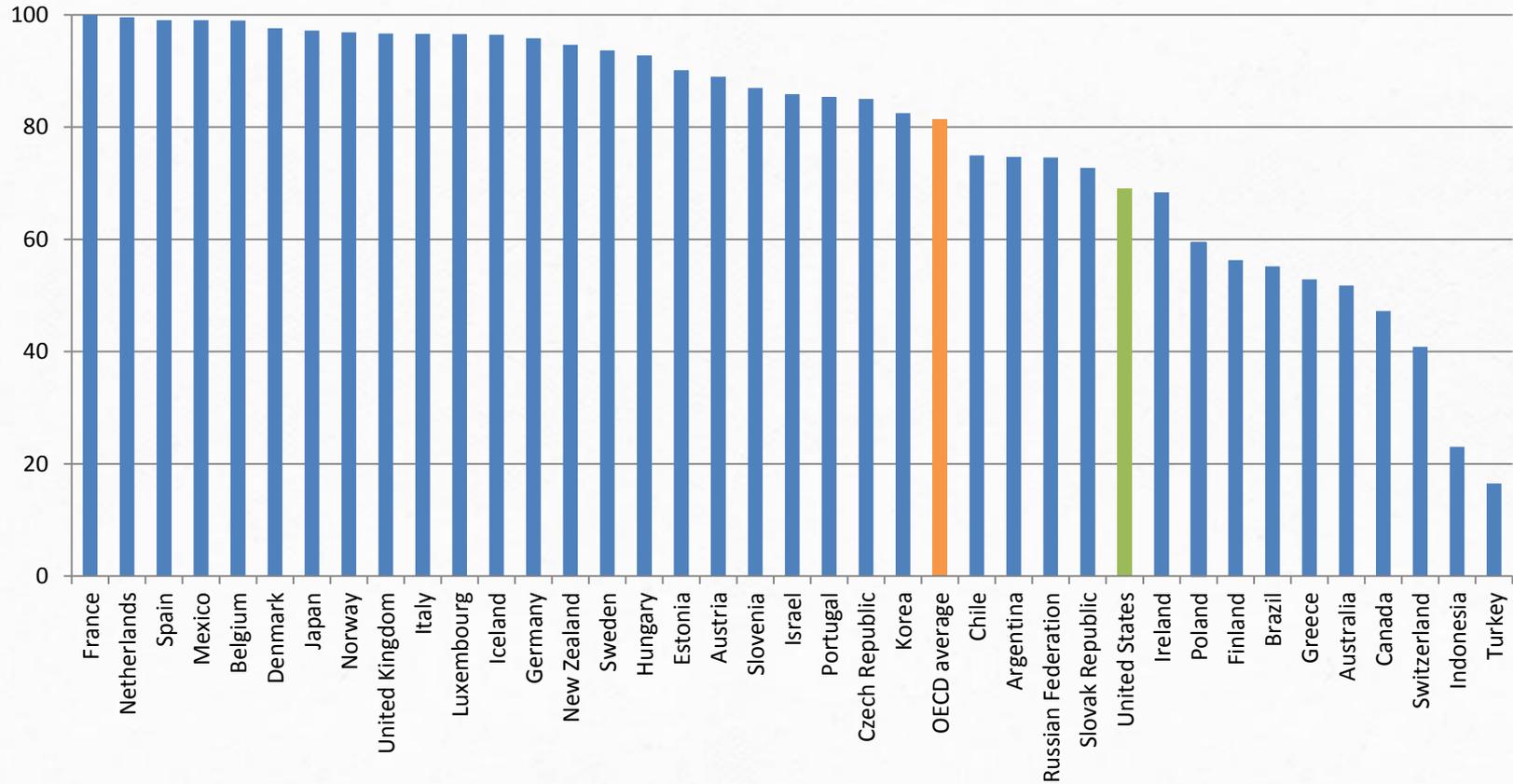
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# HIGH-QUALITY PRESCHOOL

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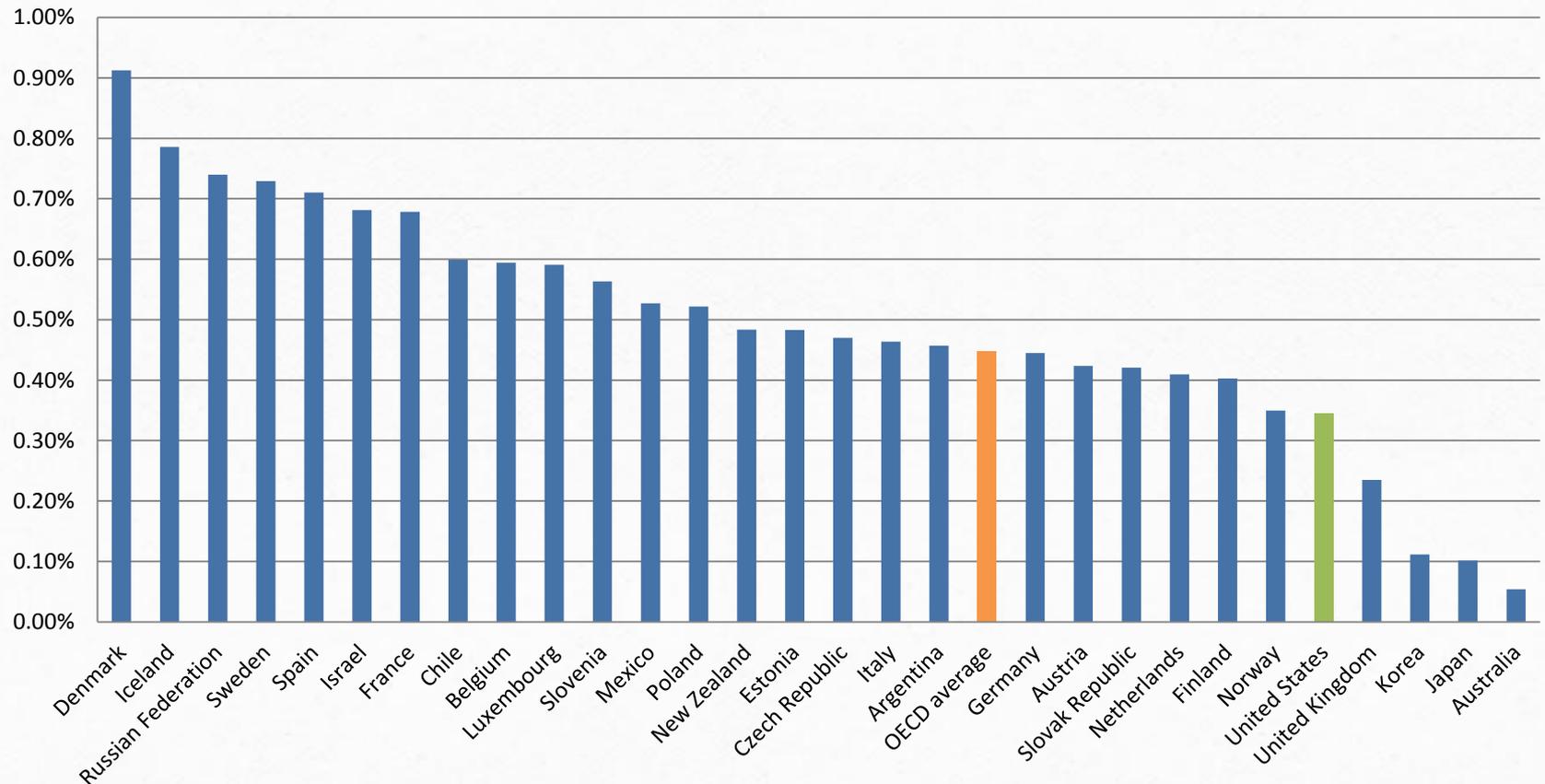
Enrollment rates for 4-year-olds in early learning



# HIGH-QUALITY PRESCHOOL

THE UNITED STATES RANKS 25<sup>TH</sup> IN PUBLIC FUNDING FOR EARLY LEARNING

**Public Spending on Early Learning  
as a percentage of GDP**



# HIGH QUALITY PRESCHOOL

## LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL CHILDREN

- **\$75 billion** over 10 years in mandatory funds to **provide high-quality preschool** to all children from low and moderate income families.
  - States would assume greater responsibility for the administration and oversight of preschool programs, building on other state reforms supported by programs such as the Early Learning Challenge.
- **\$750 million in discretionary funds for Preschool Development Grants** to states to strengthen their capacity to provide high-quality preschool to all four-year-old children so they will be better prepared to leverage the mandatory funds.



# Preschool for All

\$75 billion over 10 years

- Support States, territories and BIE to implement high-quality preschool programs
- Federal-State cost sharing
- Programs provide universal access for children from low- and moderate- income families
- Provide incentives for States to serve additional middle class families

# Preschool for All

FY14 - \$1.3 billion

- \$6.5 million Set-Aside for the Outlying Areas
- \$6.5 million Set-Aside for BIE
- \$26 million for National Activities (including technical assistance and evaluation)
- 12-18 awards (est) in first year

# State Requirements

- Early learning and development standards across the essential domains of school readiness
- High-quality program standards
- Requirements for teacher and staff qualifications
- The ability to link preschool data with K-12 data

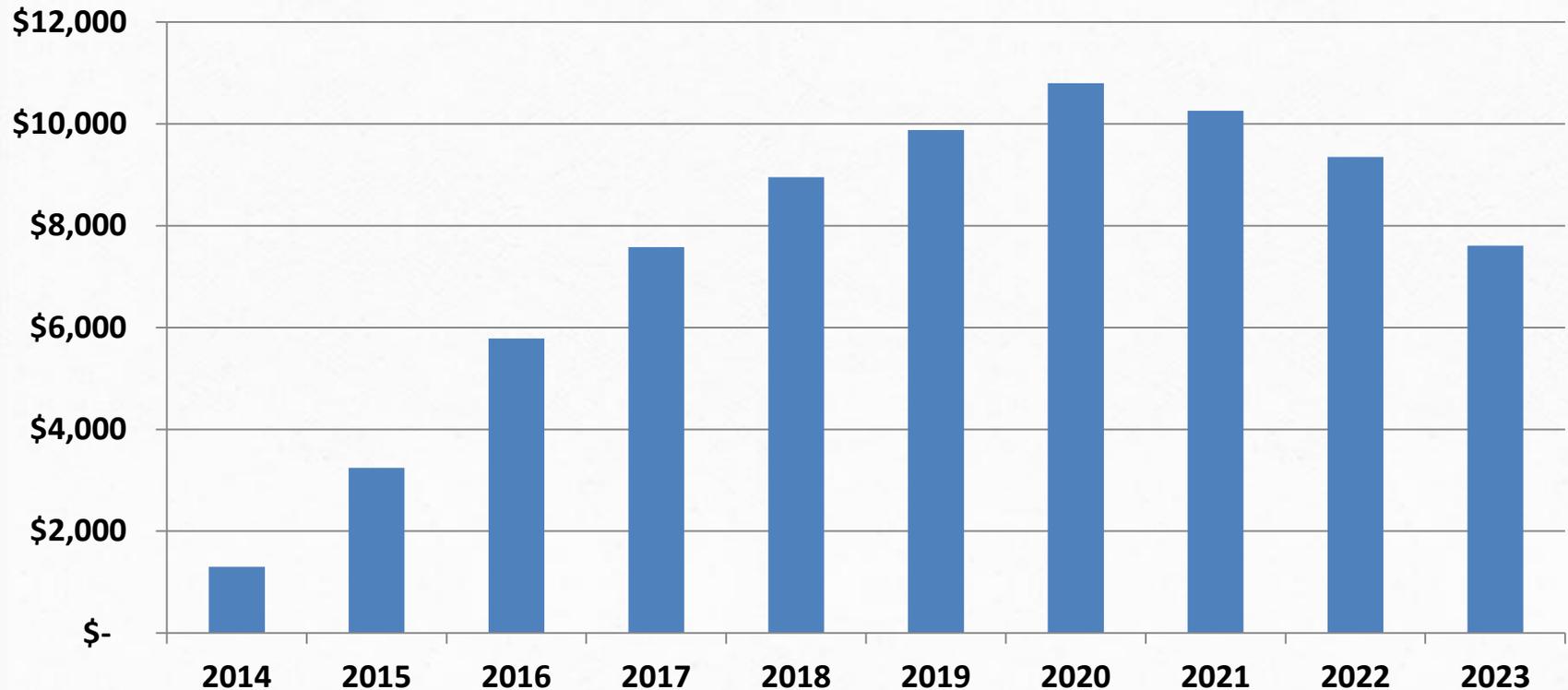
# High-Quality Preschool

- High staff qualifications, including bachelor's degrees for teachers
- Professional development for teachers and staff
- Low staff-child ratios and small class sizes
- Full-day program
- Developmentally appropriate, evidence-based curricula and learning environments aligned with State early learning standards
- Employee salaries comparable to K-12 staff
- Ongoing program evaluation to ensure continuous improvement
- Onsite comprehensive services for children

# HIGH-QUALITY PRESCHOOL

## WHAT IT WILL COST

**Preschool for All: Funding by Year**  
(in millions)



# Preschool Development Grants

\$750 million

- Build state capacity for implementing high-quality preschool programs
- Expand model programs at the local level
- Competitive grants
- 8-15 awards



# OTHER KEY EARLY LEARNING INVESTMENTS AT ED



# Promise Neighborhoods

**\$300 million** \$240 million more than FY13

Supporting projects that provide:

- Birth-to-career continuum
- Rigorous and comprehensive reforms
- Effective community services
- Strong systems of family and community support



# Effective Teaching and Learning for Literacy

\$187 million

- Competitive grants to SEAs
- To improve comprehensive State and local efforts that improve literacy instruction
- Especially in high-need schools for children P-12



# College- and Career- Ready Students

\$14.5 billion

- Districts and schools invest Title I funds in high-quality preschool for eligible students
- Coordination with early learning programs and services
- PD for school staff and early learning workforce



# School Turnaround Grants

**\$659 million... \$125 million more than FY13**

- Support States and districts in implementing rigorous interventions
- Implementing a high-quality preschool program
- Improving cognitive, health, and social-emotional outcomes for high needs children



# Additional Investments at ED :

- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (\$1.25B)**
- **Effective Teaching and Learning for a Complete Education (\$75M)**
- **English Learner Education (\$732M)**

# Additional Investments at ED:

- **Indian Education - Demonstration Grants for Indian Children (\$10.7 million)**
- **Indian Education - Professional Development Grants (\$8.1 million)**
- **Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant program (\$85 million)**
- **Successful, Safe, and Healthy Students (\$280 million)**

# Building on Success

- Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge
- Investing in Innovation Fund (i3)
- Promise Neighborhoods
- Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes



# OSEP Mission

- OSEP is dedicated to improving results for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local districts to provide comprehensive IDEA services



## IDEA Part C: Early Intervention Programs for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities

- Formula grants to States to implement a comprehensive, coordinated, statewide system that provides early intervention services to children with disabilities or at risk for disabilities from birth through age 2 and their families.
- *Number of children served: 336,895*

# IDEA Part B, Section 619: Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities

- Formula grants to States to provide a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment to children with disabilities ages 3 through 5
- *Number of children served: 745,954*



## IDEA Funding FY 2014

- Part C: Early Intervention Programs for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities
  - 2013 Funding: \$443 million
  - 2014 Funding Request: \$462.7 million
- Part B, Preschool Grants for children with Disabilities
  - 2013 Funding: \$373 million
  - 2014 Funding Request: \$372.6 million

## Part C Flexibility to Serve Children Age 3 up to Elementary School-Age

- Statute: For any fiscal year for which the amount appropriated for Part C exceeds \$460 million, the Department shall reserve 15% of the appropriated amount to provide grants to States for the Part C Flexibility option
- Under the 2014 request, the Department can award the full \$2.7 million in incentive grants to States to facilitate a seamless system of services for children with disabilities from birth up to age 5

## Part C Flexibility to Serve Children Age 3 up to Elementary School-Age

- If a State lead agency adopts this option, parents may choose, when the child reaches age three and is eligible for Section 619 services, to continue receiving Part C services until the child is eligible to enter kindergarten.
- Services must include an educational component that promotes school readiness, including preliteracy, language and numeracy skills

# President Obama's FY 2014 Early Childhood Budget

A Strong Commitment to Early  
Childhood



ADMINISTRATION FOR  
**CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

# Early Childhood Successes in the First Term

- Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge
- ARRA Funds for Head Start and Child Care
- State Advisory Councils
- Tribal Early Learning Initiative (TELI)
- Super Storm Sandy Recovery
- Designation Renewal System
- Birth to Five Funding Opportunity Announcement
- Child Care TA Redesign
- Let's Move! Child Care

# President Obama's Early Education Proposal

- Extending and Expanding Evidence-Based, Voluntary Home Visiting: President Obama has already committed \$1.5 billion to expand home visitation to thousands of at-risk children and families across all 50 states. This Budget proposes a \$15 billion investment over the next decade to continue to expand home visitation.
- Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships: The budget calls for over \$1.4 billion in investments for new Early Head Start-Child Care partnerships. Funds will be awarded to communities to expand the availability of high quality Early Head Start and child care spaces for children from birth through age 3.

Providing High-Quality Preschool for Every Child: ... as per the details presented by the Department of Education.

# Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships

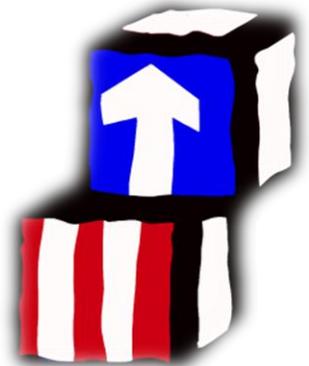
- The \$1.4 billion investment in Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships will fund competitive grants to entities currently eligible for Early Head Start.
- Funds will be awarded through Early Head Start on a competitive basis to enhance and support high quality early learning settings and provide new, full-day, comprehensive services that meet the needs of working families.
- As more four year olds are served under the expansion of publicly funded preschool, funds will be redirected to Head Start programs to serve more children from birth through age three.

# Birth to Five Strategy for a High Quality Continuum of Early Learning

- Each component of the President's Proposal will be strongly aligned to create a birth to five trajectory for the neediest children.
- Home visiting, child care, and Early Head Start programs will provide infants, toddlers and 3-year-olds with access to high quality programs that prepare them for kindergarten and beyond.
- This proposal will raise the quality of care for the neediest children served across early childhood programs and will give prospective grantees an opportunity to make large scale changes in their States and communities.

# FY 2014 Budget: Office of Head Start

- The President's FY 2014 budget request for the Head Start program is \$9.6 billion. This funding level includes:
  - A cost-of-living adjustment for all grantees of 1.9% to prevent an erosion of quality as a result of inflation
  - \$25 million in transition funds for the Designation Renewal System to minimize a disruption in services for children and families when there is a change in provider.
  - \$1.4B for Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships



# Impact of FY 2014 Budget Request on Children Served

- The \$9.6 billion allows Head Start to serve all the children currently served pre-sequestration.
- The Early Head Start- Child Care Partnership support an additional 109,000 children— nearly doubling the number of infants and toddlers currently served.
- The President’s budget proposal builds on this Administration’s continued support for providing vulnerable children and families with the opportunity for Early Head Start’s high quality comprehensive services.

# Impact of FY 2014 Budget Request (continued)

- The Recovery Act added 48,000 additional slots in FY 2009 and FY 2010, which Congress made permanent with the FY 2011 and FY 2012 appropriations, bringing the total number of children served to more than 113,000.
- Combined with the Early Head Start-Child Care partnerships, these investments **more than triple** the number of infants and toddlers served in high quality programs since this Administration took office.

# Recent Head Start Highlights

- Designation Renewal
  - The Administration has begun implementing sweeping reforms to improve quality in Head Start.
  - For the first time, Head Start programs that do not meet quality benchmarks are being required to compete for renewed funding.
  - The preliminary winners of the first year of competitions have recently been announced -- as well as the second group of grantees being required to compete.



# Recent Head Start Highlights

- Hurricane Sandy Recovery
  - Many Head Start programs in New York and New Jersey were severely damaged and families have been displaced from Super Storm Sandy.
  - ACF has worked closely with grantees to support children, families, staff and begin rebuilding Head Start programs.
  - The President requested and Congress authorized \$100 million to support the recovery and rebuilding of Head Start in these communities.

# Office of Child Care 2014 Budget

- The President's Budget requests \$5.9 billion for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
  - This is a \$700 million increase over FY 2012.
  - \$500 million of this investment is in mandatory funds to preserve access to child care.
  - \$200 million of this investment is in discretionary funds for competitive grants to States to improve health and safety, parent information, and evidence-based professional development.

*\* The \$1.4B Funding for the Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership is shown in the Head Start budget line.*



# Recent Child Care Highlights

- Emergency Preparedness and Response for ECE - ACF Partnerships working to ensure access to child care for families impacted by disasters and rebuilding child care.
  - Joint Letter from ACF and FEMA to State governors - make child care a priority in statewide emergency planning
  - The 2013 Disaster Relief Appropriations Act provided nearly \$500 million in Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funding for States impacted by Sandy, which can be used for child care and other services.

# Recent Child Care Highlights

- Let's Move Child Care! Progress
  - Nearly 10,000 providers enrolled
  - ECE Collaboratives launched in 6 States (Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri and New Jersey) to help providers meet best practices
  - Over 1000 Head Start and child care providers and trainers trained in “I Am Moving, I Am Learning” since 2010.
  - Partnering with the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and various Associations; working with USDA and Tribes to increase Tribal enrollment in CACFP

# Additional Child Care Highlights

- Child Care TA
  - Healthy Child Care America: New on-line training modules on Preventing/Managing Infectious Disease; Medicine Administration
  - National Quality Improvement Center: Topical Learning Tables completed on Developing QRIS, Revising QRIS, and CQI
  - Professional Development – Three Regions working on consortia regarding technical assistance standards and training approval
  - National Tribal Center: Peer Leadership and Learning Network recently launched



# CCDF Plans this Summer

- CCDF Plan template published in the Federal Register twice for comment
- Plan template will be finalized in late spring & due to ACF on July 1
- Public hearings are happening around the country
- OCC training States, Territories, and Tribes

# Summary

- This is the largest proposed investment in early learning in our nation's history.
- We look forward working with all of you to make the President's vision a reality.



# THANK YOU!

Please see our websites for  
additional information



<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd>



<http://www.ed.gov/early-learning>