

Rhode Island's FY20 Early Childhood Budget Investments

Governor's Proposed Early Childhood Birth to Age 8 Investments	Final Budget Passed by House
High Quality Pre-K Expansion	
Maintain the current 60 State Pre-K classrooms and expand additional classrooms. 540 new high-quality Pre-K seats will be added in a mixed delivery model.	The existing 60 State Pre-K classrooms will be maintained and approximately 270 new seats will be added. However, the pre-k budget article was taken out so there is no language in statute that ensures expansion to universal access, high-quality standards, support for transition to kindergarten, development/maintenance of ECEDS (Early Childhood Education Data System), etc.
(\$5.75M to maintain, \$4.25M to expand) \$10,000,000	(\$5.75M to maintain, \$2.9M to expand) \$8,650,000
Family Home Visiting (FHV)	
Maintain the availability of 1400 family slots in our FHV program, which provides families with the resources and skills to help raise children to be healthy and ready to learn. About \$1.3M in Federal funding is going away this year.	There was no investment included in the budget for FHV. Therefore, we cannot leverage matching federal funds from Medicaid. <i>Without additional funding, 250 family slots will need to be reduced from the program overtime.</i>
(\$650,000 State GR, \$650,000 Medicaid waiver match) \$1,300,000	(\$0 State GR, \$0 Medicaid waiver) \$0
Expansion of Tiered Reimbursement for Child Care	
Tiered reimbursement will be expanded to family child care. Also, the proposal included an additional investment in rates for preschool programs to reach the 75 th percentile of the market rate.	Tiered quality infant/toddler rates for family child care were included. The additional investment to increase rates for preschool programs in centers to reach the 75 th percentile of the market rate was taken out.
(\$150,000 family child care, \$697,000 preschool rates) \$847,000	(\$150,000 family child care, \$0 preschool rates) \$150,000
Prenatal Expansion of First Connections	
First Connections is designed to connect families to the necessary services at the earliest point possible. This investment will allow 1200 pregnant women to be served.	This was not included in the budget. Therefore, 1200 pregnant women will not be served.
\$378,0000	\$0
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	
This proposed investment will be used to meet the goal of decreasing lead exposure and identifying children with elevated blood lead levels as early as possible.	This was not included in the budget
\$190,000	\$0
No Student Hungry	
For the 2020-21 school year, RIDE will require schools with high percentages of students in poverty to offer breakfast and lunch to every student for free through the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and will require schools with at least 70% free or reduced-price lunch eligibility to offer a breakfast program after the instructional day begins.	The proposed mandate and implementation funding was not included. Therefore, up to \$3M in potential federal funding will not be leveraged by increasing participation in the school breakfast program.
\$55,000	\$0
Total Proposed \$12,770,000	Total Included \$8,800,000