

Governor Raimondo's FY20 Budget Priorities: 3rd Grade Reading Goal

High Quality Pre-K Expansion

We will 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.

(\$5.75M to maintain, \$4.25M to expand)

\$10,000,000



School Success

Ensure all 4-year-olds have access to high quality Pre-K

Investment in Family Home Visiting (FHV)

We will maintain the availability of 1400 family slots in our FHV, which provides families with the resources and skills to help raise children to be healthy and ready to learn.

(\$650,000 State GR, \$650,000 Medicaid waiver match)

\$1,300,000



School Readiness

Increase the capacity of family home visiting for children up to age 4 at risk of poor outcomes

Expansion of Tiered Reimbursement for Child Care

Tiered reimbursement will be expanded to family child care. Also, an additional investment in rates for preschool programs to reach the 75th percentile of the market rate.

(\$150,000 family child care, \$697,000* preschool rates)

\$847,000

*Included in pre-k expansion funding



School Readiness

Increase number of CCAP providers at higher levels of Bright Stars

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 prenatal women to be served.

\$378,000



School Readiness

Ensure vulnerable infants and toddlers get engaged in evidence based services

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

This investment will be used to meet the goal of decreasing lead exposure and identifying children with elevated blood lead levels as early as possible.

\$190,000



School Readiness

Increase lead screening rates for children at 18 months

Mitigating Adverse Risk Staff Capacity

Additional staff capacity to support DCYF and RIDOH's joint effort to identify and refer all children up to age 3 who are victims of abuse and/or neglect.

\$74,000



Safety Net Services

Respond to the needs of high-risk children

Federal Preschool Development Grant: Birth to 5

Rhode Island has been awarded this one-year grant to help support the development and coordination of early childhood education and family-centered support programs. Funds will be used to conduct the research, planning, and system improvement needed to build a strong, family-centered birth to 5 system. The grant will also allow us to plan and build infrastructure for universal pre-k expansion.

\$4,190,000