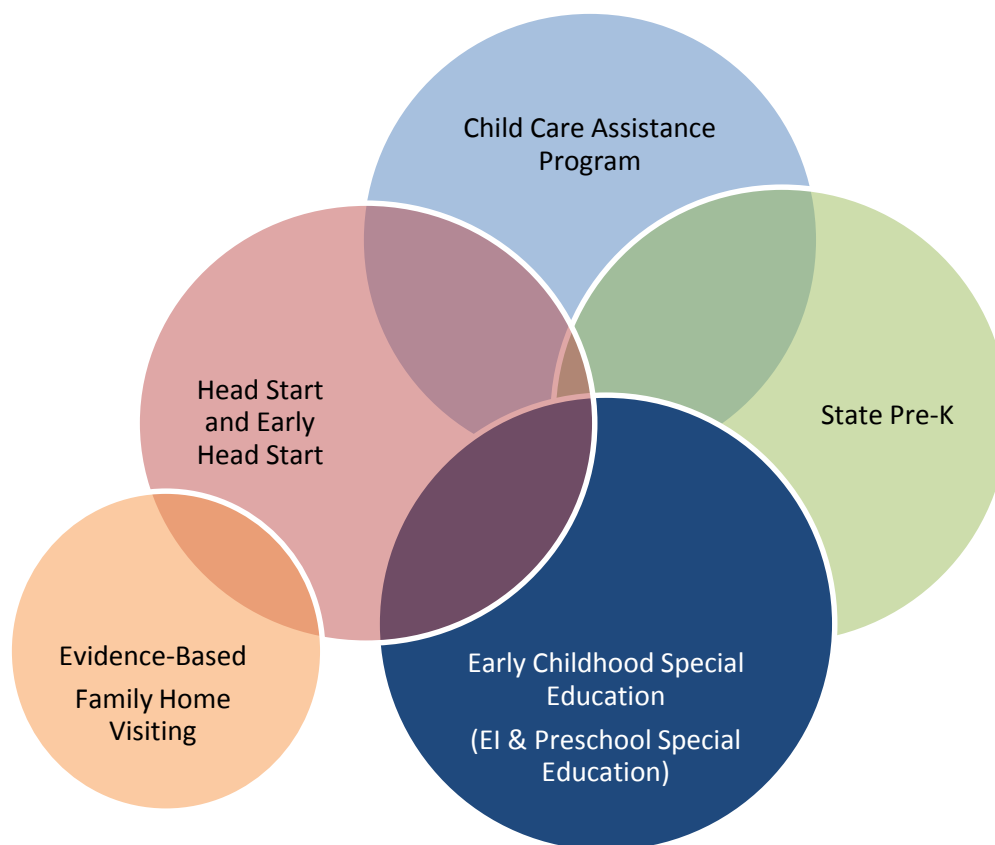
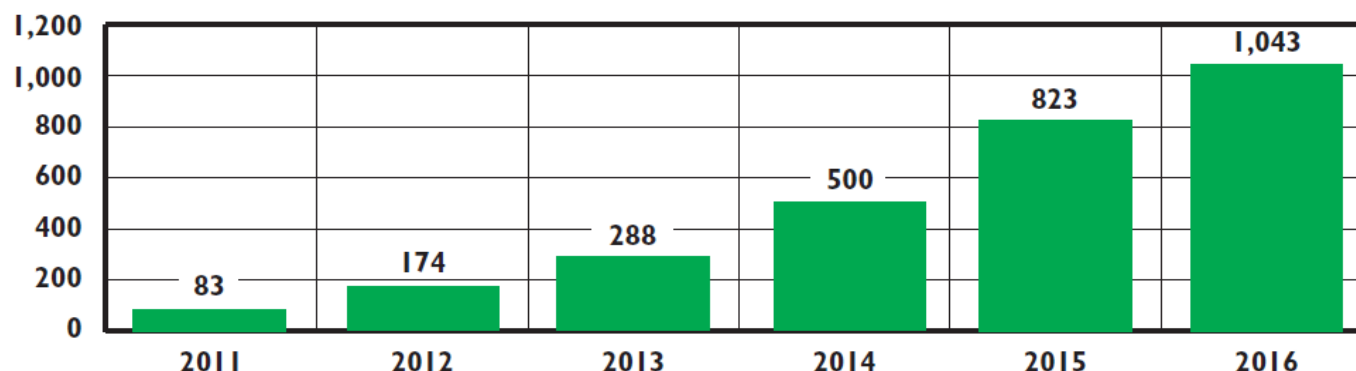


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# Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting

**Families Enrolled in Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting Coordinated by the Rhode Island Department of Health, Rhode Island, 2011-2016**

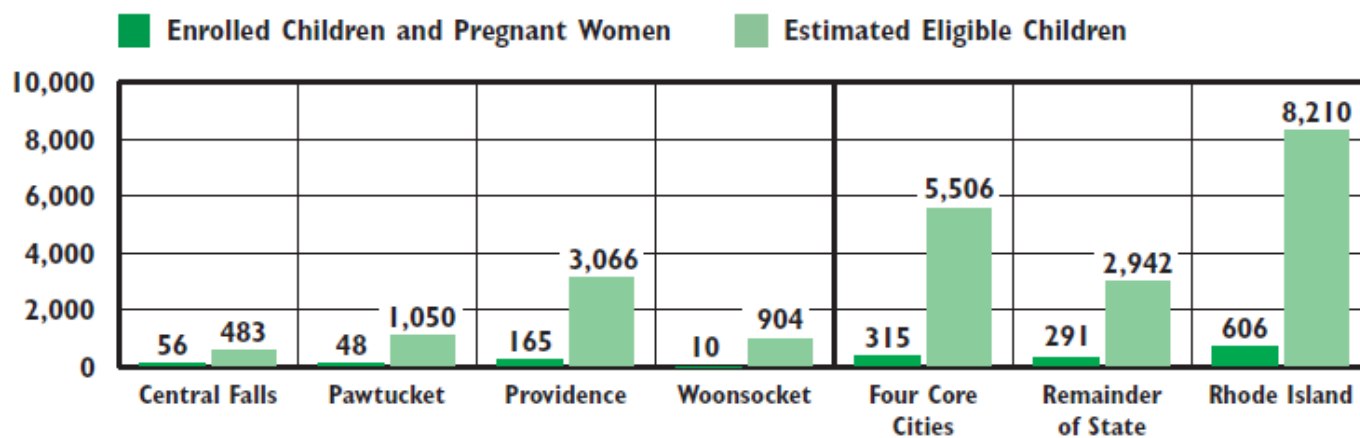


Source: Children's Friend and Service, Nurse-Family Partnership enrollment in October 2011. Rhode Island Department of Health, enrollment in MIECHV-funded evidence-based home visiting programs, October 2012-2016. As of 2016, total enrolled includes families enrolled in three Parents as Teachers programs that had additional funding streams.

- Family home visiting programs are designed to reach young children and their families at home, providing parenting education to foster healthy, safe, and stimulating environments for young children.
- As of October 2015, 1,043 families enrolled in one of the three MIECHV-funded evidence-based home visiting, Healthy Families America, NFP, and Parents as Teachers programs in Rhode Island, up from 823 in 2015. 74% of the families lived in one of the four core cities.
- Early Head Start is also recognized as an evidence-based family home visiting program serving 357 children in RI

# Early Head Start

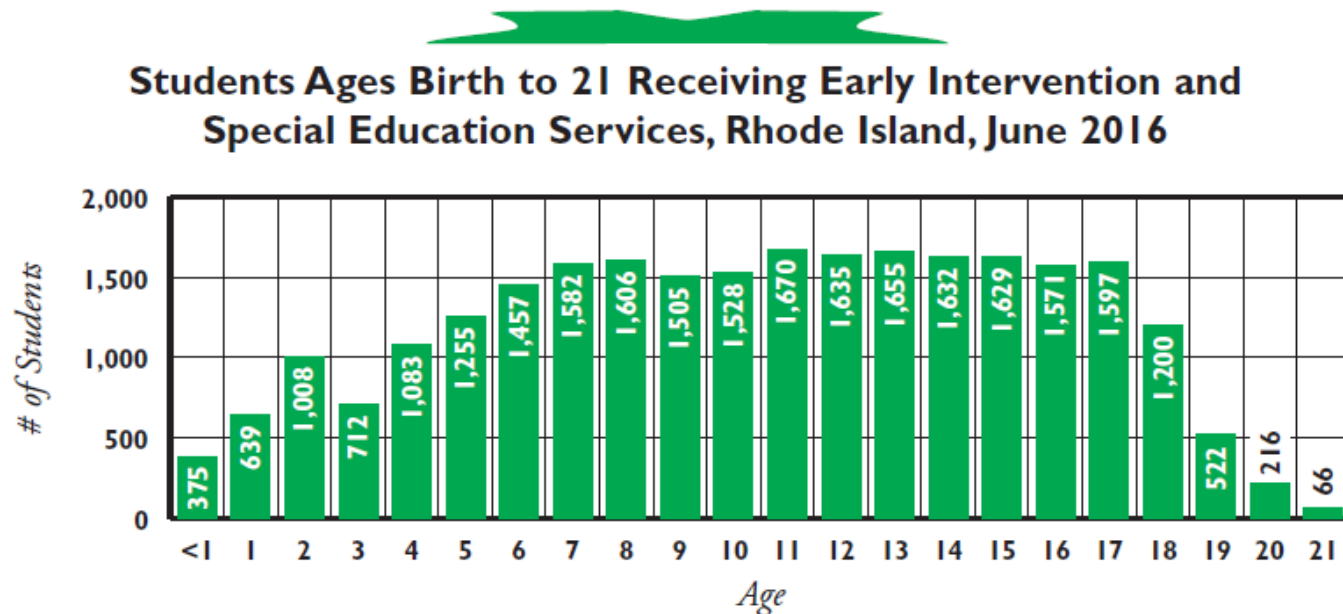
## Access to Early Head Start for Low-Income Children and Pregnant Women, Rhode Island, 2016



Source: Rhode Island Early Head Start program enrollment data compiled by Rhode Island KIDS COUNT, October 2016. Estimated eligible children is the number of children under age three according to Census 2010 multiplied by the % of children under age six living in families with incomes below the federal poverty line (FPL) according to the Population Reference Bureau's analysis of 2011-2015 American Community Survey data.

- Early Head Start is designed to address the comprehensive needs of low-income infants and toddlers and to foster the development of healthy family relationships.
- In 2016, 660 infants, toddlers, and pregnant women were receiving Early Head Start services in Rhode Island, 7% of the estimated eligible population.

# Children Receiving Special Education Services

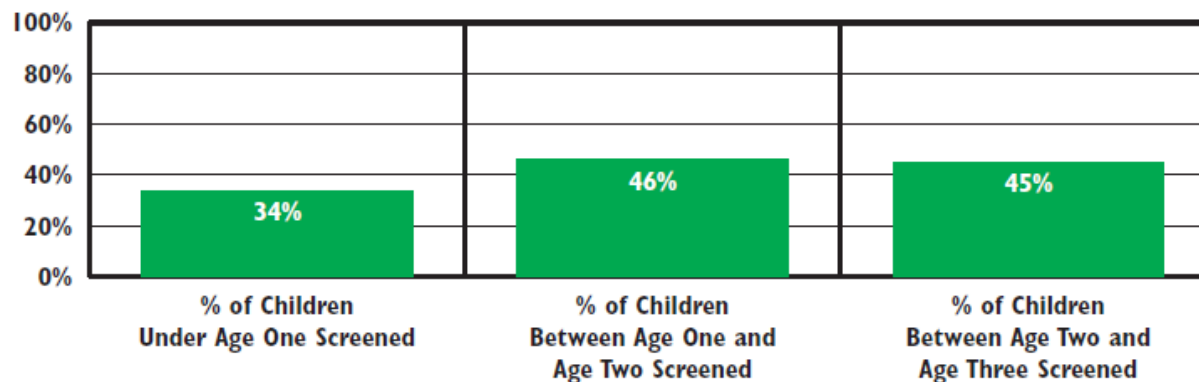


Source: Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Center for Child and Family Health, Early Intervention enrollment, June 30, 2016. Rhode Island Department of Education, Office of Diverse Learners, Special Education Census, June 30, 2016. Includes parentally-placed students.

- 14% of Rhode Island K-12 students receive special education services, while 8% of children 3-5 and 6% of children <3 received special education.

# Early Intervention

## Developmental Screenings Completed, Rlte Care Members Under Age 3, 2015

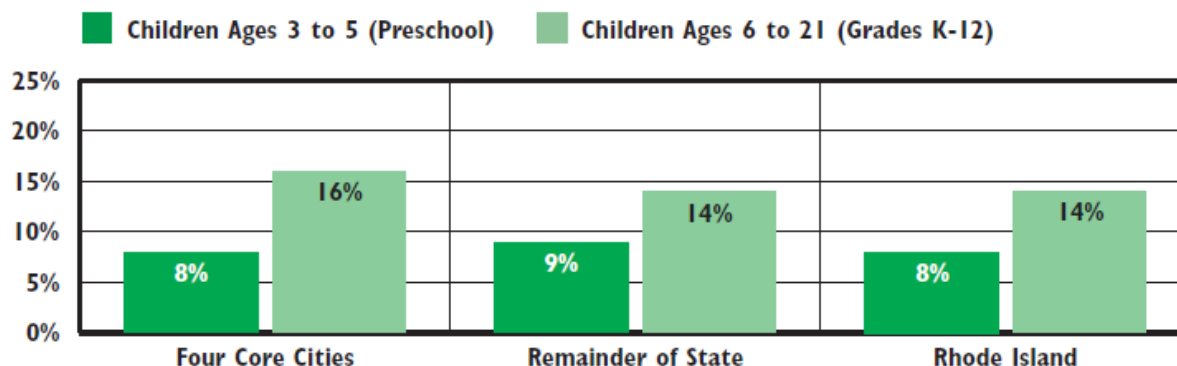


Source: Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 2015.

- The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that physicians conduct routine developmental screenings and refer children with suspected developmental delays to EI.
- As of June 30, 2016 in Rhode Island, 2,022 children received Early Intervention (EI) services, 6% of children under age three.
- Infants and toddlers who have experienced maltreatment are 6 times more likely to have a developmental delay.

# Preschool Special Education

## Special Education Participation Rate, Children Ages 3 to 5 and 6 to 21, Rhode Island, June 2016

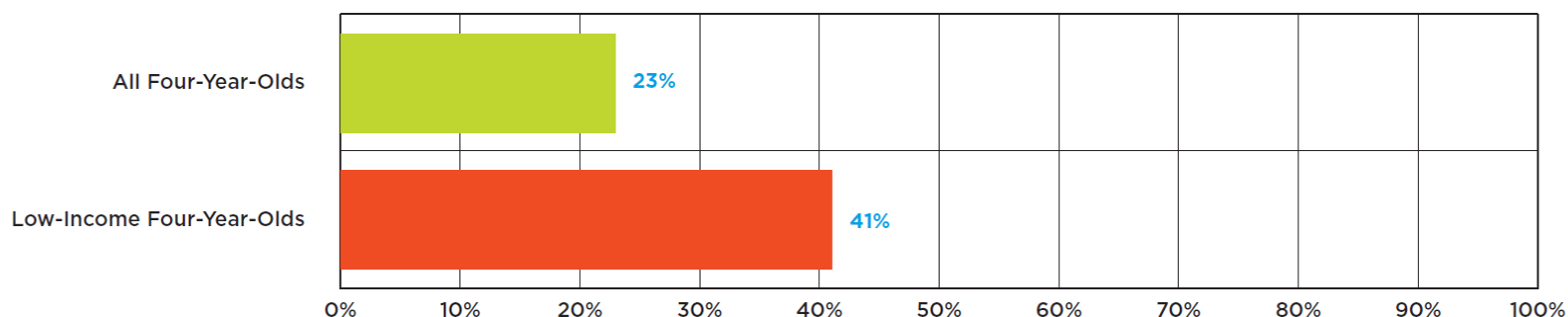


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, June 2016 Special Education Census. Denominator for children ages three to five is the number of children ages three to five residing in each district. Denominator for children ages six to 21 is the resident average daily membership (RADM) from RIDE. RADM only includes children receiving public education services so it is not comparable to the preschool special education denominator.

- In June 2016, there were 3,050 children receiving preschool special education in Rhode Island, 8% of the children ages three to kindergarten entry, while 14% of children in K-12 received special education.
- Children in the four core cities (8%) are less likely to receive preschool special education services in an inclusive early childhood setting than children in the remainder of the state (9%).

# Head Start and State Pre-K

PERCENT OF FOUR-YEAR-OLDS ENROLLED IN HEAD START OR STATE PRE-K, RHODE ISLAND, 2016-2017



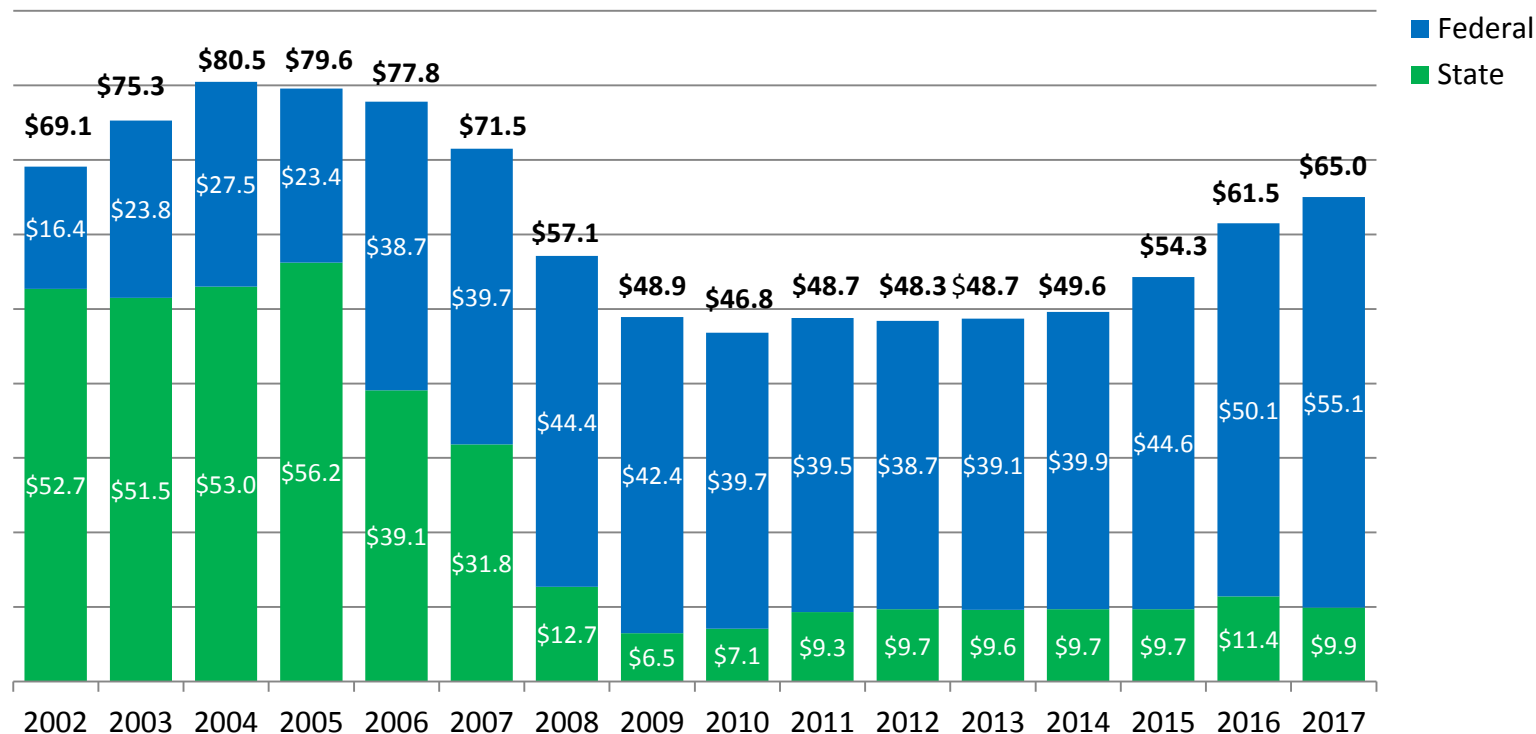
- Head Start serves 2,063 low-income three- and four-year olds statewide.
- State Pre-K serves 995 four-year-olds in mixed income classrooms operated by Head Start agencies (38%), child care centers (36%), and public schools (27%). State Pre-K is available in 11 high-poverty communities.
- 41% of low-income four-year-olds and 23% of all four-year-olds are enrolled in either State Pre-K or Head Start.

# Child Care Assistance Program

- Child care is a **basic need** for working families and can provide a high-quality **early learning experience** and after school/summer enrichment for children.
- Many families cannot afford licensed child care without a subsidy. Federal guideline for affordability: 7% of family income.
- Federal Child Care Development Block Grant and TANF are major sources of funding for state subsidy programs. State match required.
- Rhode Island's **Starting Right** law passed in 1998 during welfare reform established:
  - Entitlement to child care assistance for working families with incomes up to 225% FPL with goal of increasing to 250% FPL to align with Rite Care eligibility
  - Reimbursement rates updated every 2 years and tied to 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of recent Market Rate Survey
- Significant set backs to child care during the Carcieri administration. Funding and participation remains below levels in early 2000s.



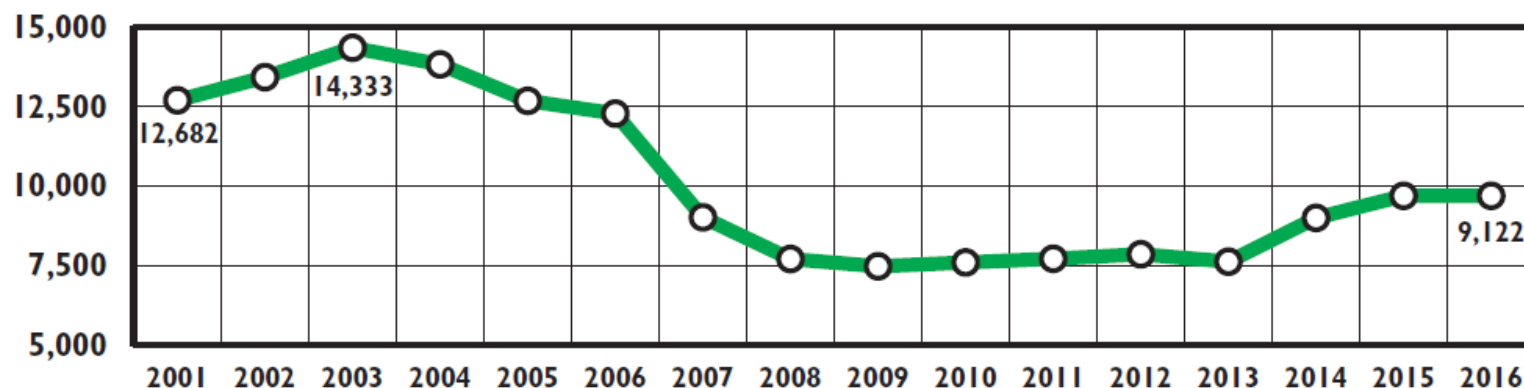
# Rhode Island Child Care Assistance Program Financing by State Fiscal Year\* (in millions)



- Rhode Island spends 18% less overall and 82% less in state funding on the Child Care Assistance Program than we did in 2005.

# Child Care Assistance Program

**Child Care Subsidies, Rhode Island, 2001-2016**



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 2001–December 2015, September 2016. CCAP data for December 2016 were not available as of March 2017.

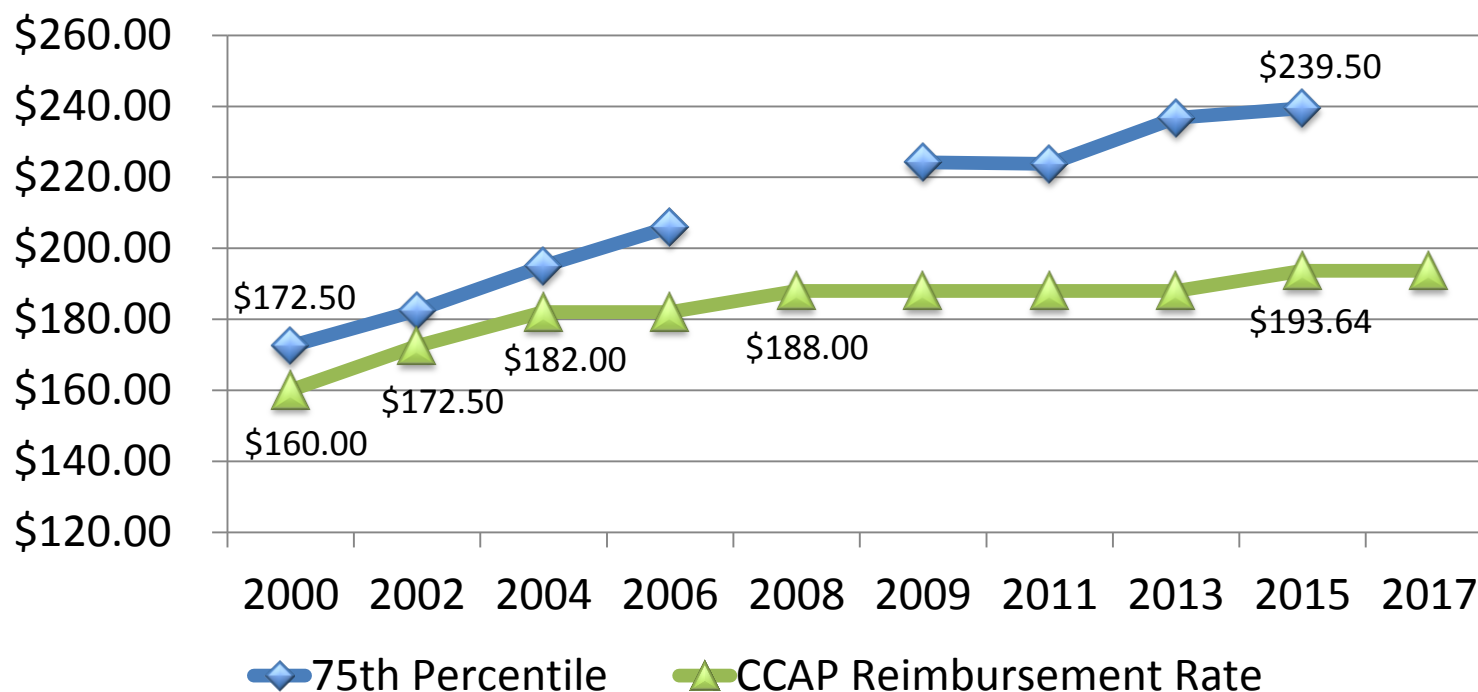
- As of September 2016, Rhode Island funds 36% fewer child care subsidies than in 2003.

## Reimbursement Rates for Child Care Centers - New England States

State	Monthly Base Rate for 4 year old	Monthly Base Rate for 1 year old	Higher Rates for Higher Quality Programs?
Connecticut	\$693	\$870	Yes
Maine	\$810	\$974	Yes
Massachusetts	\$839	\$1,247	Yes (for infants and toddlers)
New Hampshire	\$779	\$931	Yes
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$838</b>	<b>No</b>
Vermont	\$809	\$856	Yes

- 38 states and the District of Columbia have tiered reimbursement rates with higher rates paid to higher quality programs.
- ***“U.S. Department of HHS encourages States to provide tiered payment with a sufficient rate difference between tiers to support higher quality ... Linking enhanced subsidy rates to higher quality is an important component of promoting quality, particularly when implemented in conjunction with other ongoing financial supports, assistance, and incentives.”***
- Recommendation to ensure top tier rates are at or above 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of market rate survey

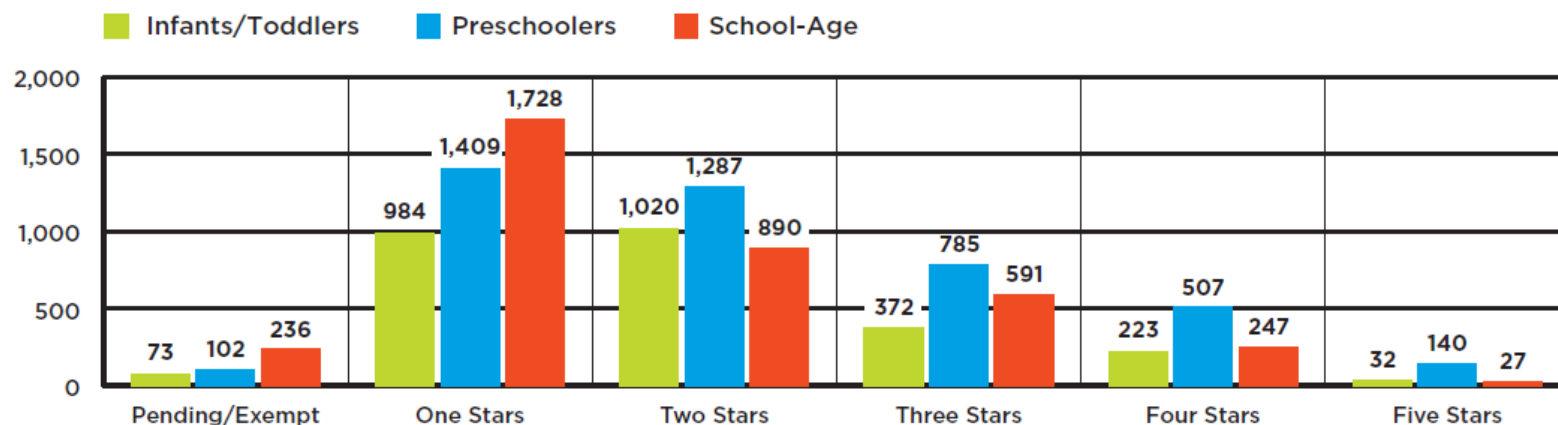
## Rhode Island Market Rates vs. CCAP Rates Infant/Toddler in Center



- In 2000, 2002, and 2004, CCAP rates were adjusted to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the previous Market Rate Surveys (1998, 2000, and 2002). In 2008, CCAP rates were adjusted to the average of the 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles from the 2002 and 2004 Market Rate Surveys. The 2008 Market Rate Survey was delayed until 2009. In 2015, CCAP rates were increased by 3%.
- CCAP pays a blended average rate for infants and toddlers. Programs typically charge more for an infant (under 18 months) than a toddler (18 months up to age 3).

# BrightStars Ratings for CCAP

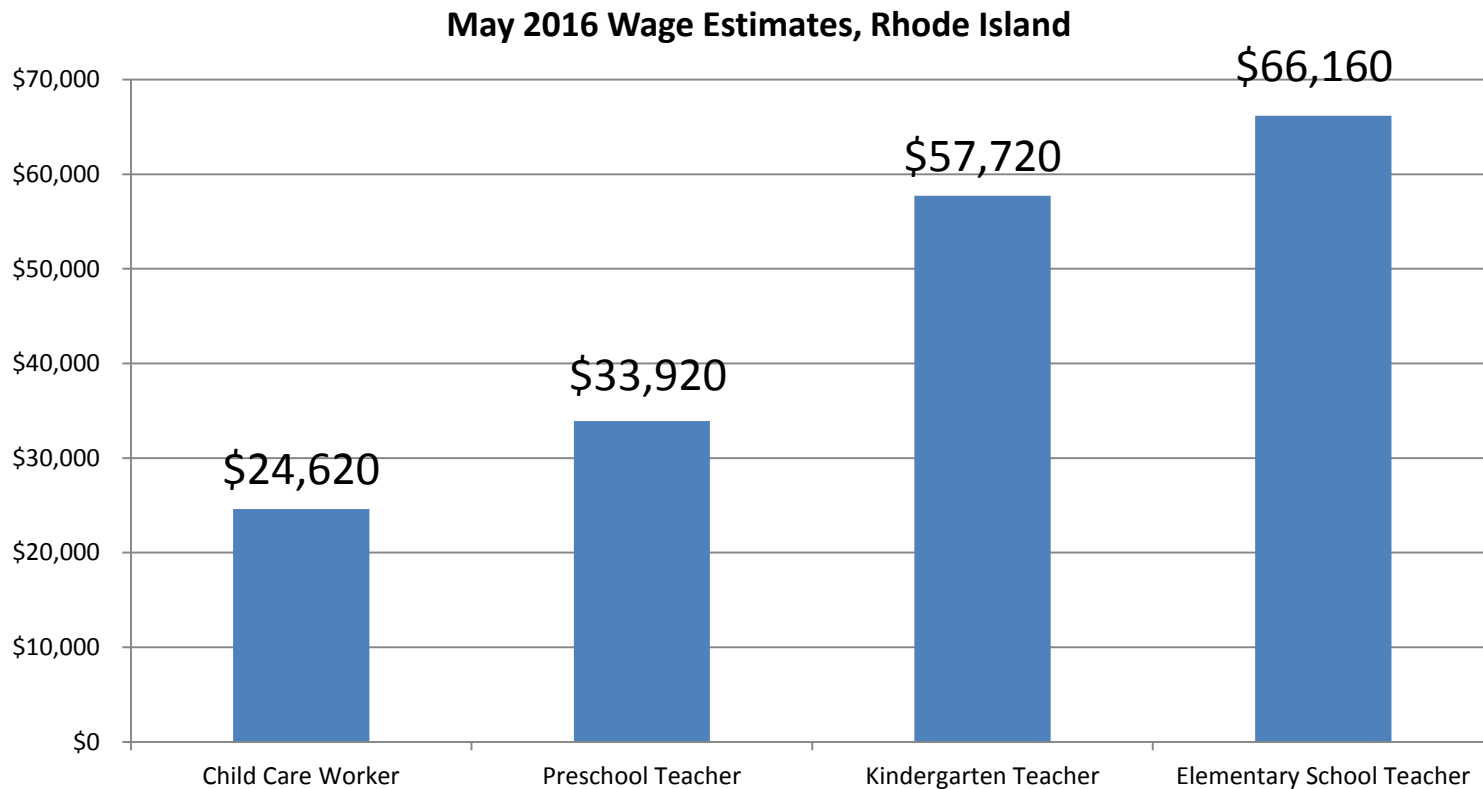
## CHILDREN RECEIVING CCAP BY BRIGHTSTAR QUALITY RATING OF PROGRAM, MARCH 2016



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database and Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children, BrightStars quality ratings, March 2016. Note: Programs serving children with a CCAP certificate may not have a BrightStars rating if they are exempt from licensing, located out-of-state, or have a BrightStars application in process.

- 9% of Rhode Island's 2,704 infants and toddlers receiving CCAP were enrolled in a high-quality center or family child care home (4 or 5 stars)
- 15% of Rhode Island's 4,230 preschoolers receiving CCAP were enrolled in a high-quality center or family child care home (4 or 5 stars)

# Rhode Island Early Educator Wages



Source: U.S. Department of Labor

# Rhode Island Early Care and Education Staff Education & Wages

- National experts recommend that states work to ensure all ECE professionals have a bachelor's degree with Early Childhood Education coursework.

Staff Type	HS Diploma or Less	Some College, No Degree	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree or higher
Family Child Care Provider	36%	40%	10%	14%
Infant/Toddler Teacher in Center	24%	44%	17%	15%
Preschool Teacher in Center	8%	27%	18%	47%

Staff Type	HS Diploma or Less	Some College, No Degree	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree or higher
Infant/Toddler Teacher in Center	\$9.70/hour	\$10.25/hour	\$10.52/hour	\$13.00/hour
Preschool Teacher in Center	\$9.00/hour	\$10.25/hour	\$12.99/hour	\$15.25/hour

Source: Rhode Island Early Learning Workforce Study, 2014



# Proposed CCAP Quality Rates

## Licensed Centers

Child Age	Current FT Rate	1 star	2 star	3 star	4 star	5 star
Infant/Toddler	\$193.64	\$203.32	\$213.00	\$232.37	\$251.73	\$271.10
Preschool	\$161.71	\$169.80	\$177.88	\$194.05	\$210.22	\$226.39
School-Age	\$146.26	\$153.57	\$160.89	\$175.51	\$190.14	\$204.76

## Licensed Family Child Care Homes

Child Age	Current FT Rate	1 star	2 star	3 star	4 star	5 star
Infant/Toddler	\$169.95	\$178.45	\$186.95	\$203.94	\$220.94	\$237.93
Preschool	\$154.50	\$162.23	\$169.95	\$185.40	\$200.85	\$216.30
School-Age	\$146.26	\$153.57	\$160.89	\$175.51	\$190.14	\$204.76

- Higher quality programs receive rates at or above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the 2015 Market Rate Survey.
- All programs receive an increase to meet increase costs (minimum wage, etc.)
- Rate increases for each star level are equivalent across settings and age groups.



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