

DELAWARE SUCCEEDS WHEN YOUNG CHILDREN SUCCEED



Delaware Children

67,700 CHILDREN
Birth through five years old



Early Learning Matters

If you care about these issues, you care about high-quality early learning and development:



College & Career Readiness



Global Competitiveness



Crime Reduction



Economic Well-Being



Thriving Communities

High quality early learning yields big benefits for low-income children:



INCREASE
in high school graduation



INCREASE
in college attendance



REDUCTION
in special education placements

Economists estimate a **10% return on investments in high quality early education** – in reduced health care, special education, incarceration costs, and increased productivity and tax revenues.

Delaware's Youngest Learners Cannot Wait



90% of the physical brain develops by age 5



Brain architecture lays the foundation for all learning

BIRTH TO 8

The most rapid period of human development



Pay NOW, or Pay MORE LATER

\$11,000 Annual cost of infant care in a center in Delaware

vs

\$38,000 Annual incarceration cost, per prisoner, in Delaware

DELAWARE'S EARLY LEARNING PROGRESS

Early Detection and Early Mental Health Supports



20,000+
CHILDREN
received developmental
screenings, since 2011

2,400
CHILDREN
benefiting from
Early Childhood Mental Health
consultations, since 2011

reducing
challenging behaviors
and achieving a
99%
SUCCESS RATE
in avoiding preschool
expulsions

Building a Skilled Workforce

± 8,400 EARLY EDUCATORS
IN DELAWARE



611 PURSUING DEGREES
& CERTIFICATES

since 2011, thanks to the
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project

Raising Quality and Reaching Children with High Needs



59% OF LOW-INCOME
CHILDREN
enrolled in highly rated early learning
programs

Up from
5%
in 2011

THOUSANDS
MORE CHILDREN
benefiting from high-quality
early learning



1,215 LINCISED CHILDCARE
PROGRAMS IN DELAWARE

47% voluntarily participating in Delaware Stars

144

achieving the highest
5 STAR RATING

UP from just
24 programs at 5 Stars
in 2012

Early Success is the Foundation for all other Success

240
DAYS

a toddler recognizes
and sorts objects
by shape and color

an infant crawls
and stands up

720
DAYS

a preschooler speaks in
complete sentences, counts
and runs

1,260
DAYS

a child makes the critical
transition from learning to read to
reading to learn
at the end of third grade

3,000
DAYS

a middle school student
investigates careers and
takes the PSAT

5,000
DAYS

a high school student visits
college, chooses a career path,
or enlists in a trade
or the military

6,000
DAYS