



Idaho's Early Learning Landscape

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Strong Foundations

90% of brain develops by 5 years old.

Quality early learning environments affects a child's success in school and in life.

Quality early learning affects Idaho's workforce & families.



Why Quality Early Learning Matters

Children more prepared for school and life.

More likely to be reading by third grade.

More likely to graduate from HS

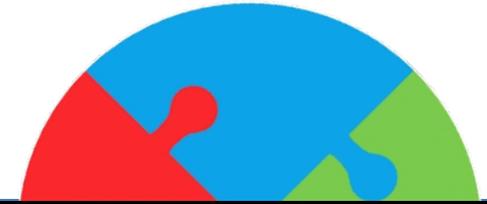
More likely to go on to college.

More likely to have a successful career.

Long term economic investment.



How many children and families are there?



117,674 children age birth to 4 years old*

28,443 children age birth to 4 living in poverty*

50,317 single parent families*

36,352 families living in poverty*

*US Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey



79,026 of Idaho's children
under age 6 live in households
with all available parents working*

*US Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey



How many working mothers are there?



54,919 mothers with any
children under the age of 6*

*US Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey



701 State Licensed Child Care Programs
in Idaho

16,641 three/four year olds enrolled in
Preschool

5,273 children 0-5 enrolled in Head Start
programs



Average Annual Child Care Center Costs (Idaho)

4 year old = **\$6,380**

*ChildCare Aware of America. (2014) *Parents and the High Cost of Child Care 2014 Report*



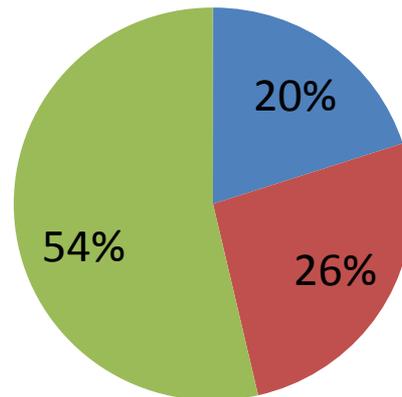
Quality of Early Learning Environments



Idaho Reading Indicator Data*

Idaho

■ Intensive ■ Strategic ■ Benchmark



*2014-15 Fall IRI Grade: K; Idaho State Dept. of Education



Current Resources & Programs



Idaho AEYC

IdahoSTARS

Professional Development System
Training and Academic Scholarships
Steps to Quality (QRIS)

Ready! for Kindergarten

Head Start



Thank You.

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