MINNESOTA

Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

Research shows that during the earliest years of a child’s life:

- 700 1,000 new neural connections form every second
- Genetics plus experiences shape the developing brain
- The foundation forms for future cognitive abilities
- Vocabulary at age 3 can predict 3rd Grade Reading Achievement

High Quality Programs Depend on a Quality Workforce
Low Wages Undermine Quality

Minnesota Median Annual Workforce Earnings

*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility for a family of three: $26,124

Minnesota Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations

- Parking Lot Attendants: $21,620
- Manicurist & Pedicurist: $23,000
- Word Processors/Typists: $40,750
- Nurses: $72,130


Minnesota Demographics

- **416,848** Children Under Age 6
- **154,058** Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
- **74%** Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
- **47.6%** Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty
- **17.1%** Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty