



# 2017 Child Care/Early Head Start/ Head Start & Preschool Expansion FACT SHEET

Our Child Care, Early Head Start, Head Start and Preschool expansion funds provide Early Ed and Out of School time funding for over 1300 children each day in 14 communities across the commonwealth.

We employ over 300 Employees and work closely with local vendors to purchase materials, we hold leases at 11 sites, and own 4 properties which PILOTS are paid on. Our child care programs invest over \$20 million back into the community.

## IMPACT OF PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS

Funding Source	Children Affected by 25% reduction	Children Affected by 50% reduction	Children Affected by 100% Reduction
Early Head Start	32	64	128
Head Start	116	233	467
Preschool Expansion	19	38	76
Child Care	162	325	650
<b>Total Seats Lost</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>1321</b>

- 618 toddlers and pre-schoolers enrolled in Head Start
- 237 infants and toddlers enrolled in Early Head Start
- 798 children had age appropriate immunizations
- 224 pre-school children were developmentally ready to enter Kindergarten
- 72% of 3 and 4 year olds met or exceeded expectations in the Cognitive Domain
- 80% of 2 and 3 year olds met or exceeded expectations in the Literacy Domain
- The School Age program provided before school and after school care to 330 children.

Our investments in children have shown a ROI of 700% for each dollar spent .

*We have received bipartisan support in Congress for our programs and look forward to working with our community members to make sure these essential programs are included and not reduced in the FY18 Federal budget.*

*Stay tuned for more information on how you can help us.*