



Budget Basics: Child Care & Early Childhood Education

2017

**An introduction to Missouri's child care and early
childhood education services and funding**

Child Care & Early Childhood Education

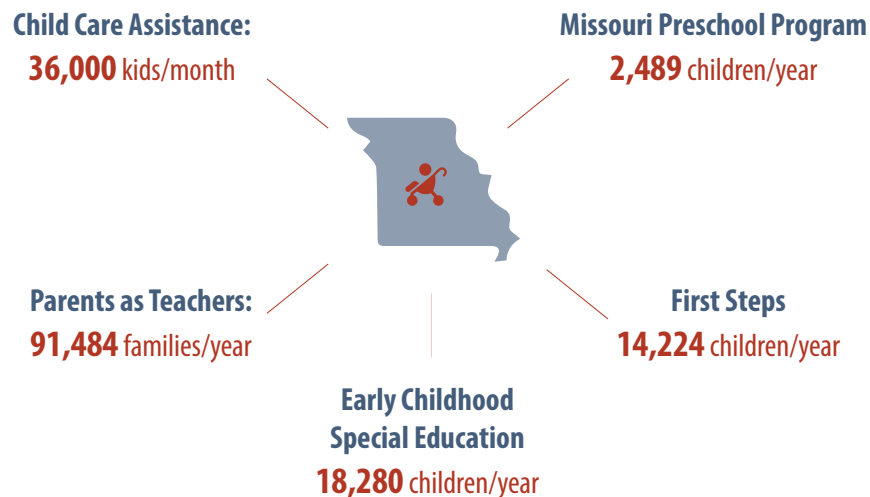
- Missouri’s budget supports childcare and early childhood education programs, which focus on the enrichment and education of children age five and under.
- High quality early education has been associated with improved long-term outcomes for children.
- In addition, the public return on investment for early child programs has been estimated at up to \$7 for every dollar spent.¹

Benefits of quality early childhood education include:²

- Higher educational attainment and income
- Higher likelihood of skilled employment
- Reductions in teen parenthood
- Lower rates of criminal activity and substance use

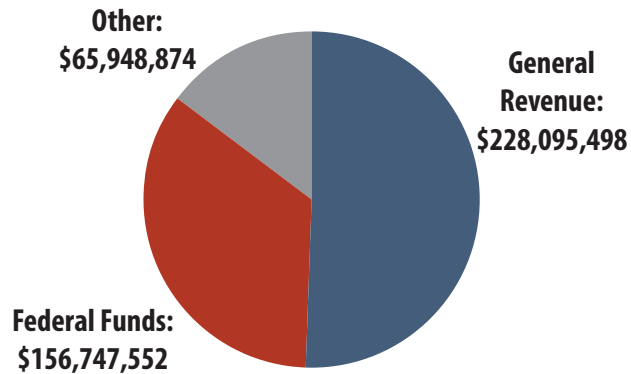
This primer is intended to serve as a guide for Missourians who care about child care and early childhood education programs, and increase transparency of the budget by providing information on where key programs can be found in the budget bills. **Amounts included are Appropriated and include Gubernatorial vetoes, but do not include mid-year restrictions that may have been made.**

This primer also identifies the major programs and services that fall under the broad childcare and early education category, and estimates that Missouri appropriated about \$450 million in FY 2017 on these services, half of which is funded by general revenue.



Funding for Child Care & Early Childhood Education

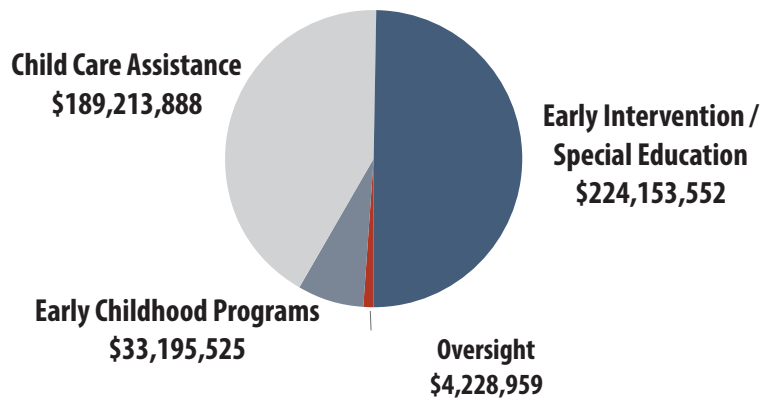
Total Child Care & Early Childhood Education Spending, by Source of Funding



Childcare and early childhood education programs fall into four primary categories.

- Child care assistance
- Early childhood programs
- Early intervention/special education programs
- Oversight

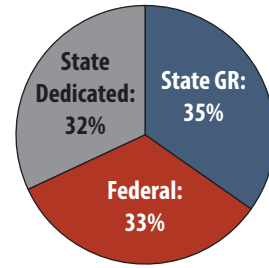
Total Child Care & Early Childhood Education Spending, by Type of Program



Budget Basics

Each year the state takes in and spends approximately \$27 billion.

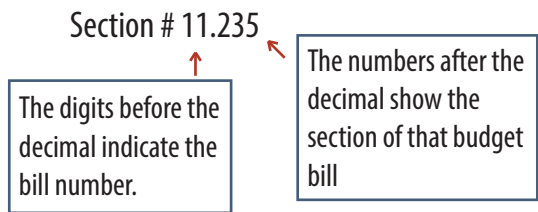
- About one third of the funds come from the federal government for very specific purposes.
- Another third is state revenue dedicated to specific state purposes, like the fuel tax, which is dedicated to transportation.
- Lawmakers have the most authority to allocate the final third, referred to as General Revenue.



Child care and early childhood education programs in Missouri are housed within:

- Department of Social Services (DSS) – Children’s Division [House Bill 11]
- Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) – Division of Regulation and Licensure [House Bill 10]
- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) [House Bill 2]

In order to track appropriations for a specific program, one must locate the appropriate budget bill and section number.



See Appendix for a detailed list of specific childcare and early childhood education programs, relevant section numbers, and FY2017 funding levels and sources.

Unless otherwise noted, all data on funding levels & sources, eligibility criteria, and program enrollment & efficacy were obtained from the 2018 Department Budget Requests through the Office of Administration, Division of Budget Planning
<https://oa.mo.gov/>

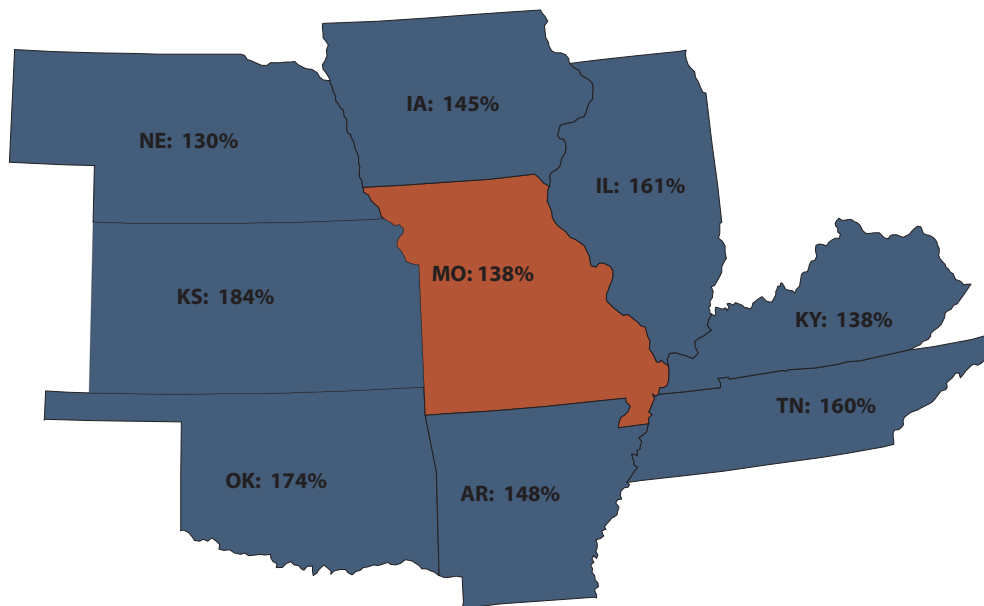
Child Care Assistance

Missouri provides child care assistance for low-income families and for children who are receiving protective services, as well as programs which are aimed at improving the quality and availability of child care in Missouri.

These programs target primarily low income families and families with children under age three to ensure that these children have positive early child experiences both in and out of the home.

These programs help prepare children to enter school ready to succeed and to reduce the potential for child abuse and neglect. Over 36,000 children per month received child care through this program in FY2016.

Eligibility for Child Care Assistance in Missouri is Well Below the National Average of 178%, Below Most Neighboring States



Department Budget	Budget Section	FY17 GR	FY17 Federal	FY17 Other	FY17 TOTAL
DSS	11.305	\$40,336,897	\$141,302,491	\$7,574,500	\$189,213,888

Early Childhood Programs

Missouri Preschool Program

The Missouri Preschool Program promotes high quality early childhood education programs for children who are one or two years from kindergarten entry.

- Grants are awarded to both school districts and private providers.
- Funding is also provided for Early Childhood program administration and assessment.

In the current year, 2,489 Missouri children will receive early education through the Missouri Preschool Program, including 465 young children in provisionally accredited and unaccredited school districts.

House Bill 1689:

(approved in the 2014 legislative session)³

- Allows funding for school-based preschools to be included in the calculation of the Foundation Formula to serve children in school districts that were unaccredited or provisionally accredited.
- Funding was implemented in the 2015-2016 school year.
- Includes a provision to extend that preschool funding to all school districts in the year after the Foundation Formula reaches full funding levels.
- As a result, meeting the required level of funding for the Foundation Formula in the 2018 budget will not only provide full state aid to local school districts for the first time since 2010, it will trigger a much needed expansion of funding for preschool.

Parents as Teachers

Missouri is the home of the internationally renowned home visiting program Parents as Teachers (PAT), which helps parents develop the skills to be their child's first teacher in the critical early years of life.

- PAT enhances school readiness for Missouri children.
- It also serves as a first line of detection of potential developmental delays or other health problems in young children.

91,484 young children are expected to be served in the current year by Parents as Teachers in Missouri.

Budget Section	FY17 GR	FY17 Federal	FY17 Other	FY17 TOTAL
2.015	\$13,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$18,000,000

PAT is available to all families in Missouri, with at least 75% of funds reserved for high-needs families.

The program provides:

- Parent education serving families with young children from birth until kindergarten
- Personal visits with a certified parent educator
- Group connections
- Developmental screenings
- Access to community resources.

Right from the Start

Right from the Start provides education to teen parents, young adult parents and their families, with a special focus on fathers to improve parenting skills, including teaching mothers and fathers about the developmental needs of infants and young children.

Budget Section	FY17 GR	FY17 Federal	FY17 Other	FY17 TOTAL
2.060	\$0	\$900,000	\$0	\$900,000

Training & Program Development

Child Care Development Block Grants increase the availability and quality of early childhood programs in public schools and colleges/universities. These grants fund teacher training/professional development, program improvements, or can be used to increase the availability of child care in school-based settings to make child care more accessible for teen parents.

Program	Department Budget	Budget Section	FY17 GR	FY17 Federal	FY17 Other	FY17 TOTAL
Child Care Development Block Grants	DESE	2.055	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000

Parents as Teachers - Educator Support provides funding for initial curriculum training for beginning parent educators and other professional development opportunities related to the Parents as Teachers program.

Program	Department Budget	Budget Section	FY17 GR	FY17 Federal	FY17 Other	FY17 TOTAL
PAT - Educator Support	DESE	2.055	\$192,254	\$0	\$192,254	\$384,508

Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate Program provides students funding to obtain entry-level CDA certification and/or advanced degrees in order to increase the availability and quality of child care workers in Missouri.

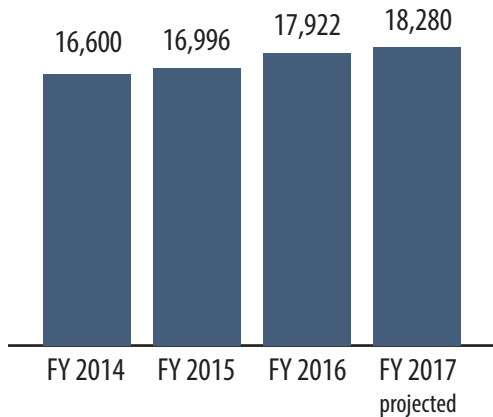
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Child Development Associate Certificate Program	DESE	2.055	\$0	\$399,500	\$0	\$399,500

Early Intervention / Special Education Services

Early Childhood Special Education

Missouri's Early Childhood Special Education program is expected to serve 18,280 children in the current year. The program provides children with disabilities aged three and four with Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and special education services through the Missouri Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Program.

MO Children Served Through Early Childhood Special Education Annually



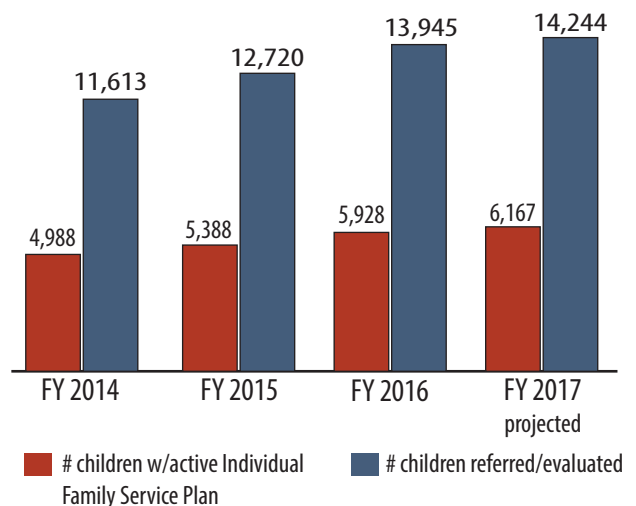
In FY 2016, 96.3% of children who entered ECSE with skills below age expectation had substantially increased acquisition and use of knowledge and skills by the time they exited the program.

Missouri's First Steps Program is the state's Early Intervention System for infants and toddlers, birth to age three, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with developmental disabilities. The program will serve at least 14,224 children in the current year.

In FY2016, 84.6.3% of children who entered First Steps with skills below age expectation had substantially increased growth by the time they exited the program.

Early Intervention Services / First Steps

MO Children Served By First Steps Early Intervention Program Annually



Program	Department Budget	Budget Section	FY17 GR	FY17 Federal	FY17 Other	FY17 TOTAL
Early Childhood Special Education	DESE	2.015	\$141,879,435	\$0	\$28,961,407	\$170,840,842
First Steps Program	DESE	2.170	\$28,740,309	\$10,993,757	\$13,578,644	\$53,312,710

Oversight

The Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) – Division of Regulation and Licensure ensures that child care providers are appropriately screened, trained, and licensed. Specific programs include:

The Family Care Safety Registry provides background screenings to employers and individuals or families who want to hire a caregiver for a child or disabled or senior adult. In FY2017, the Family Care Safety Registry will identify over 62,000 registrants with one or more negative background screening findings.

The Section for Child Care Regulation is responsible for the inspection, licensure, and regulation of child care programs in Missouri. In FY2017, the Section for Child Care Regulation will complete over 12,000 inspections and investigate nearly 1,800 complaints.

The Child Care Improvement Program provides funding for inclusion services to assist providers and families of children with special needs. In FY2017, the Child Care Improvement Program will provide training on special needs to 2,700 teachers and provided services to 350 children with special needs.

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Early Childhood Programs						
Missouri Preschool Program	DESE	2.055	\$1,940,000	\$0	\$8,433,317	\$10,373,317
Missouri Preschool Program - Provisional Accredited or Unaccredited school districts	DESE	2.055	\$0	\$0	\$1,940,000	\$1,940,000
Parents as Teachers (PAT)	DESE	2.015	\$13,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$18,000,000
Right From the Start	DESE	2.060	\$0	\$900,000	\$0	\$900,000
Early Childhood Program <i>(reimbursement to district)</i>	DESE	2.055	\$198,200	\$500,000	\$0	\$698,200
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Notes

1. Reynolds, A. J., & Temple, J. A. (2008). Cost-effective early childhood development programs from preschool to third grade. *Annu. Rev. Clin. Psychol.*, 4, 109-139.
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