

# KENTUCKY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING

FY 2020 ENACTED BUDGET AND GOVERNOR'S FY 2021 AND FY 2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL  
AMOUNTS SHOWN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

## CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM • GENERAL FUND • HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES CABINET

	FY 2020 Budget HB 200	FY 2021 Budget Proposal HB 352	FY 2022 Budget Proposal HB 352	2020 to 2021 Change	Percent Change	2021 to 2022 Added Change	Percent Change
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	\$10.6	Not yet itemized					

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAM • GENERAL FUND • EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

	FY 2020 Budget HB 200	FY 2021 Budget Proposal HB 352	FY 2022 Budget Proposal HB 352	2020 to 2021 Change	Percent Change	2021 to 2022 Added Change	Percent Change
Preschool Program	\$84.5	Not yet itemized					

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT • GENERAL FUND (TOBACCO) • MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS

	FY 2020 Budget HB 200	FY 2021 Budget Proposal HB 352	FY 2022 Budget Proposal HB 352	2020 to 2021 Change	Percent Change	2021 to 2022 Added Change	Percent Change
Governor's Office for Early Childhood Development	\$2.1	\$2.1	\$2.1	\$0.0	0%	\$0.0	0%
Early Childhood Development	\$9.8	\$9.8	\$9.8	\$0.0	0%	\$0.0	0%
Early Childhood Adoption and Foster Care Supports	\$2.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$2.5	-100%	\$0.0	0%
Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS)	\$9.0	\$7.0	\$7.0	-\$2.0	-22%	\$0.0	0%
Healthy Start initiatives	\$1.0	\$0.9	\$1.0	-\$0.1	-6%	\$0.1	6%
Folic Acid Program	\$0.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$0.08	-100%	\$0.0	0%
Early Childhood Mental Health	\$1.0	\$0.9	\$1.0	-\$0.1	-6%	\$0.1	6%
Early Childhood Oral Health	\$1.1	\$1.0	\$1.0	-\$0.1	-6%	\$0.1	5%
Early Childhood Scholarships	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		\$0.0	
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (Pregnant Women)	\$1.5	\$1.4	\$1.5	-\$0.1	-6%	\$0.1	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27.9</b>	<b>\$23.1</b>	<b>\$23.3</b>	<b>-\$4.8</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>\$0.2</b>	<b>1%</b>

### **Child Care Assistance Program Note**

The \$10.6 million in General Fund revenue appropriated in the FY 2020 budget allows additional children to receive child care assistance by raising the eligibility requirements to include families with incomes of up to 160% of the federal poverty level. CCAP is largely funded by federal dollars not shown here, in addition to state General Fund and Tobacco Settlement dollars. State regulation 922 KAR 2:160 now establishes eligibility for CCAP at 160% of the federal poverty level. Funding for the Division of Child Care in the 2020-2022 Executive Budget released by the Office of the State Budget Director indicates flat funding over the biennium - \$26.3 million in each year – which is the same level as the current year.

### **Preschool Note**

The 2020-2022 Executive Budget released by the Office of the State Budget Director includes this note “An additional \$5 million each year from the General Fund is included to support preschool programs in disadvantaged areas. This funding is intended to create more opportunities for children in the most need to obtain the benefits of preschool programs. Moreover, the Executive Budget includes provisions that would direct any excess funds from the SEEK formula and the actual lottery funds greater than estimated to the preschool programs administered by the Department of Education.” Future editions of the budget bill are likely to show the total being appropriated for preschool.

### **HANDS Program Note**

The \$9 million appropriated for the HANDS program in the FY 2020 budget provided our state share of qualifying funds to participate in the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV). As the budget process continues, it will be important to analyze how lowering that funding to \$7 million will affect Kentucky's eligibility for federal MIECHV support and continue to offer services at a level necessary to support new families.

### **Early Childhood Scholarships Note**

Early childhood scholarships were an important component of Kentucky's early childhood development in years past. In more recent years, the scholarships have been left out of tobacco-funded early childhood investment plans. Limited funding for early childhood scholarships is currently being provided using by KHEAA using carry forward and restricted funds.