

KENTUCKY EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDING

COMPARING THE FY 2022 ENACTED BUDGET TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED ON JANUARY 20, 2022

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

	FY 2022 Enacted	FY 2023 HCS	FY 2024 HCS	2022 to HCS 2023 Change	Additional HCS 2023 to 2024 Change
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	\$22,600,000	\$10,600,000	\$10,600,000	-\$12,000,000	\$0

Child Care Assistance Program Note

Late in the 2021 legislative session, CCAP funding was increased by \$12 million to support increased payments per child. The House Committee Substitute does not continue that added funding. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky’s investment in child care by \$251 million per year by 2026, including raising eligibility to 200% of poverty and raising rates to support higher quality services.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM • GENERAL FUND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

	FY 2022 Enacted	FY 2023 HCS	FY 2024 HCS	2022 to HCS 2023 Change	Additional HCS 2023 to 2024 Change
Preschool Program	\$84,481,100	\$84,481,100	\$84,481,100	\$0	\$0

Preschool Note

The House Committee Substitute does not increase preschool funding. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky’s investment in preschool by \$801 million per year by 2026, including raising eligibility to 200% of poverty and raising rates to support higher quality programs.

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

	FY 2022 Enacted	FY 2023 HCS	FY 2024 HCS	2022 to HCS 2023 Change	Additional HCS 2023 to 2024 Change
Early Childhood Advisory Council (Previously Early Childhood Development Council)	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0
Early Childhood Development	\$9,750,000	\$9,900,000	\$9,900,000	\$150,000	\$0
Early Childhood Adoption and Foster Care Supports	\$2,561,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	-\$61,000.0	\$0
Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS)	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$0
Healthy Start initiatives	\$965,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	-\$65,000	\$0
Early Childhood Mental Health	\$965,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	-\$65,000	\$0
Early Childhood Oral Health	\$1,013,200	\$900,000	\$900,000	-\$113,200	\$0
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (Pregnant Women)	\$1,450,500	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	-\$50,500	\$0
Rural Mental Health and Suicide Prevention	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	-\$500,000	\$0
Early Childhood Development (Tobacco) Total	\$25,604,700	\$24,900,000	\$24,900,000	-\$704,700	\$0

Rural Mental Health Note

In the FY 2022 budget, rural mental health and suicide prevention were listed as part of the early childhood initiative. The House Committee Substitute still includes \$500,000 for that effort, but lists it as an agricultural development item.

Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Note

Revenue from the Tobacco Settlement is projected at \$108.4 million for FY 2023 and \$102.2 million for FY 2024. The early childhood spending shown above will be 23.4% of that revenue for FY 2023 and 24.9% for FY 2024.