

KENTUCKY EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDING

COMPARING THE FY 2022 ENACTED BUDGET TO THE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT RELEASED ON MARCH 29, 2022

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE • GENERAL FUND HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES CABINET

	FY 2022 Enacted	2023 FCCR	2024 FCCR	Change From 2022 to 2023 FCCR	Additional Change from 2023 to 2024 FCCR
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*	\$22,600,000	\$10,600,000	\$10,600,000	-\$12,000,000	\$0
Employee Child-Care Assistance Partnership	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$0
	\$22,600,000	\$25,600,000	\$25,600,000	\$3,000,000	\$0

Child Care Assistance Program Note

Late in the 2021 legislative session, CCAP funding was increased by \$12 million from the General Fund to support increased payments per child. The Free Conference Committee Report continues those increased payments with federal funding of \$12 million per fiscal year from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky's investment in child care to \$277.6 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	2023 FCCR	2024 FCCR	Change From 2022 to 2023 FCCR	Additional Change from 2023 to 2024 FCCR
Preschool Program	\$84,481,100	\$84,481,100	\$84,481,100	\$0	\$0

Preschool Note

The Free Conference Committee Report does not increase preschool funding. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky's investment in preschool to \$164 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	2023 FCCR	2024 FCCR	Change From 2022 to 2023 FCCR	Additional Change from 2023 to 2024 FCCR
Early Childhood Advisory 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
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
Lung Cancer Screening		\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$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			-\$500,000	
Early Childhood Development (Tobacco) Total	\$25,604,700	\$25,400,000	\$25,400,000	-\$204,700	\$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 Free Conference Committee 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.