

# KENTUCKY EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDING

COMPARING THE FY 2024 ENACTED BUDGET TO THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS, RELEASED DECEMBER 18, 2023, AND AVAILABLE AT OSBD.KY.GOV

## CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM • GENERAL FUND • IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES CABINET

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Governor's Budget	FY 2026 Governor's Budget	2024 to Governor's 2025 Change	Additional Governor's 2025 to 2026 Change
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*	\$10.6	\$40.0	\$40.0	\$29.4	\$0.0
Child Care for children 3 and under who are ineligible for CCAP	\$0.0	\$15.0	\$20.0	\$15.0	\$5.0
Employee Child-Care Assistance Partnership	\$15.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$15.0	\$0.0
<b>Child Care Total</b>	<b>\$25.6</b>	<b>\$55.0</b>	<b>\$60.0</b>	<b>\$29.4</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>

### Child Care Assistance Program Note

The Governor's budget calls for a \$29.4 million increase in CCAP funding "to retain the average \$37 per day provider reimbursement rate for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)," moving total state CCAP funding up to \$40.0 million. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky's investment in child care by \$251 million per year by 2026, to an annual General Fund investment of \$277.6 million. That amount, in combination with federal dollars and some tobacco settlement funding, would allow raising eligibility to 200% of poverty and raising rates to support higher quality services. The Prichard team will seek additional information on whether the Governor's plans can provide continuing support for more than 37,000 children currently served and continuing workforce participation for the adult members of their families.

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAM • GENERAL FUND • IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Governor's Budget	FY 2026 Governor's Budget	2024 to Governor's 2025 Change	Additional Governor's 2025 to 2026 Change
Preschool Program	\$84.5	\$256.5	\$256.5	\$172.0	\$0.02

### Preschool Note

The Governor's budget calls for funding preschool for all four-year-olds. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky's investment in preschool by \$80 million per year by 2026, to a total of \$164 million including raising eligibility to 200% of poverty and raising rates to support higher quality programs. The Governor's recommendation substantially exceeds that 2026 goal.

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

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Governor's Budget	FY 2026 Governor's Budget	2024 to Governor's 2025 Change	Additional Governor's 2025 to 2026 Change
Early Childhood Advisory Council	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0
Early Childhood Development	\$9,900,000	\$10,625,600	\$11,520,500	\$725,600	\$894,900
Early Childhood Adoption and Foster Care Supports	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0
Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS)	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$0
Healthy Start initiatives	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$0	\$0
Early Childhood Mental Health	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$0	\$0
Early Childhood Oral Health	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$0	\$0
Lung Cancer Screening	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (Pregnant Women)	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Early Childhood Development (Tobacco) Total</b>	<b>\$25,400,000</b>	<b>\$26,125,600</b>	<b>\$27,020,500</b>	<b>\$725,600</b>	<b>\$894,900</b>