

# KENTUCKY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING

FY 2020 ENACTED BUDGET COMPARED TO  
FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FY 2021 BUDGET PROPOSAL  
AMOUNTS SHOWN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

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

	FY 2020 Enacted Budget	FY 2021 FCCR Budget	2020 to 2021 Change	Percent Change
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	\$10.6	10.6	\$0.0	0%

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAM • GENERAL FUND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

	FY 2020 Enacted Budget	FY 2021 FCCR Budget Bill	2020 to 2021 Change	Percent Change
Preschool Program	\$84.5	\$84.5	\$0	0%

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

	FY 2020 Enacted Budget	FY 2021 FCCR Budget	2020 to 2021 Change	Percent Change
Early Childhood Advisory Council (Previously Early Childhood Development Council)	\$2.1	\$1.4	-\$0.7	-32%
Early Childhood Development	\$9.8	\$9.8	\$0.0	0%
Early Childhood Adoption and Foster Care Supports	\$2.5	\$2.5	\$0.0	0%
Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS)	\$9.0	\$7.0	-\$2.0	-22%
Healthy Start initiatives	\$1.0	\$0.9	-\$0.1	-6%
Folic Acid Program	\$0.1	\$0.0	-\$0.1	-100%
Early Childhood Mental Health	\$1.0	\$0.9	-\$0.1	-6%
Early Childhood Oral Health	\$1.1	\$1.0	-\$0.1	-6%
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (Pregnant Women)	\$1.5	\$1.4	-\$0.1	-6%
Rural Mental Health and Suicide Prevention	\$0.0	\$0.5	\$0.5	n/a
<b>Early Childhood Development (Tobacco) Total</b>	<b>\$27.9</b>	<b>\$25.4</b>	<b>-\$2.5</b>	<b>-9%</b>

## **Child Care Assistance Program Note**

The FCCR proposed budget keeps the current \$10.6 million in General Fund revenue appropriated in the FY 2020 budget and keeps the current eligibility level of 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.

## **Preschool Note**

The FCCR proposed budget makes no change to the income eligibility threshold for public preschool (160% of the federal poverty level). While maintaining FY 2020 funding levels for FY 2021, the FCCR proposed budget does not include the FY 2020 language specifying that \$7.5 million of the appropriation is to be used for preschool partnership grants to support community efforts to blend public preschool and private childcare services.

## **HANDS Program Note**

The HANDS program provides critical supports to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes, promote healthy child development, build safe homes, and increase families' self-sufficiency. The FCCR proposed budget shows a \$2 million reduction in tobacco settlement funding to that program. It may be possible to be offset that reduction using other funds, but the FCCR proposed budget (like the Governor's proposal and the House and Senate versions) does not show that offset being provided.

## **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, and the FCCR budget proposal also omits that program. Limited funding for early childhood scholarships is currently being provided using by KHEAA using carry forward and restricted funds.