FACTS child care

Pennsylvania

ONLY 37%

of Child Care Works (CCW)

children under five years are in high-quality programs



...and ONLY 34% of CCW infants and toddlers are in high-quality programs

Only **21%** of child care capacity in the state currently meets high-quality standards

Eligible* children Eligible children enrolled

Unserved, eligible children

Under 5 years 207,060 56,086

150,974 73% unserved

Infants and toddlers

122,770

27,907

94,863

77% unserved

FY2019-20 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Invest an additional \$50 million in state funds to ensure the healthy development of 10,000 infants and toddlers through consistent routines and relationships by paying STAR 3 and 4 providers closer to the full cost of high-quality care.
- 2. Support the Governor's proposal to allocate federal funds in order to:
 - a. Ensure 970 additional infants and toddlers benefit from a quality educational foundation offered in a high-quality program.
 - b. Increase quality by raising tiered reimbursement rates for STAR 2, 3 and 4 programs so that families have more access to high-quality child care that they can afford.
 - c. Provide infants and toddlers consistent routines and relationships by addressing workforce education and compensation.



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