



Goal 1: Expand Early Childhood Learning Opportunities

Michigan State Board of Education Meeting
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Goals

- 1. Expand early childhood learning opportunities**
2. Improve early literacy achievement
3. Improve the health, safety, and wellness of all learners
4. Expand secondary learning opportunities for all students
5. Increase the percentage of all students who graduate from high school
6. Increase the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential
7. Increase the numbers of certified teachers in areas of shortage
8. Provide adequate and equitable school funding

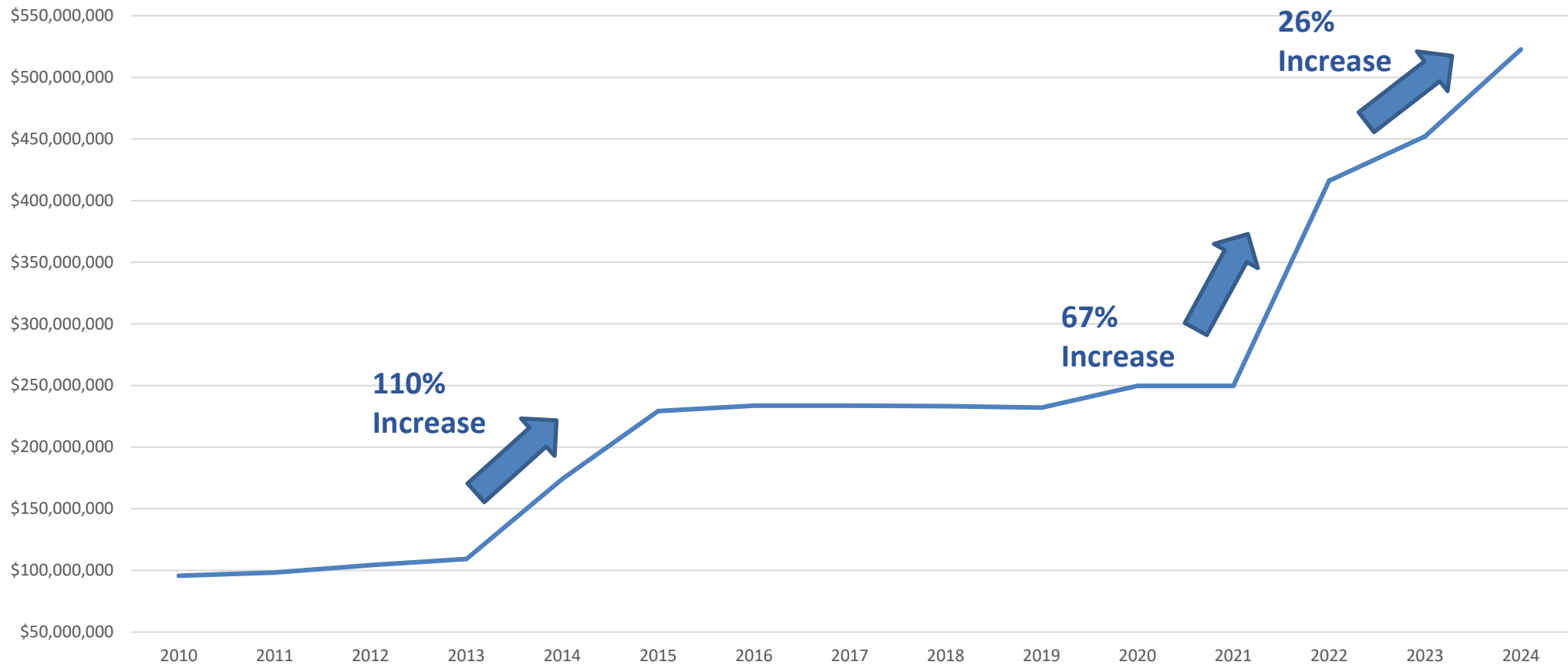


Metrics

Goal	Metrics
Expand early childhood learning opportunities	<p>Number and percent of children served in GSRP</p> <p>Number of children eligible for GSRP</p> <p>NIEER (National Institute for Early Education Research, Rutgers) annual yearbook rating for state-funded preschool programs</p>



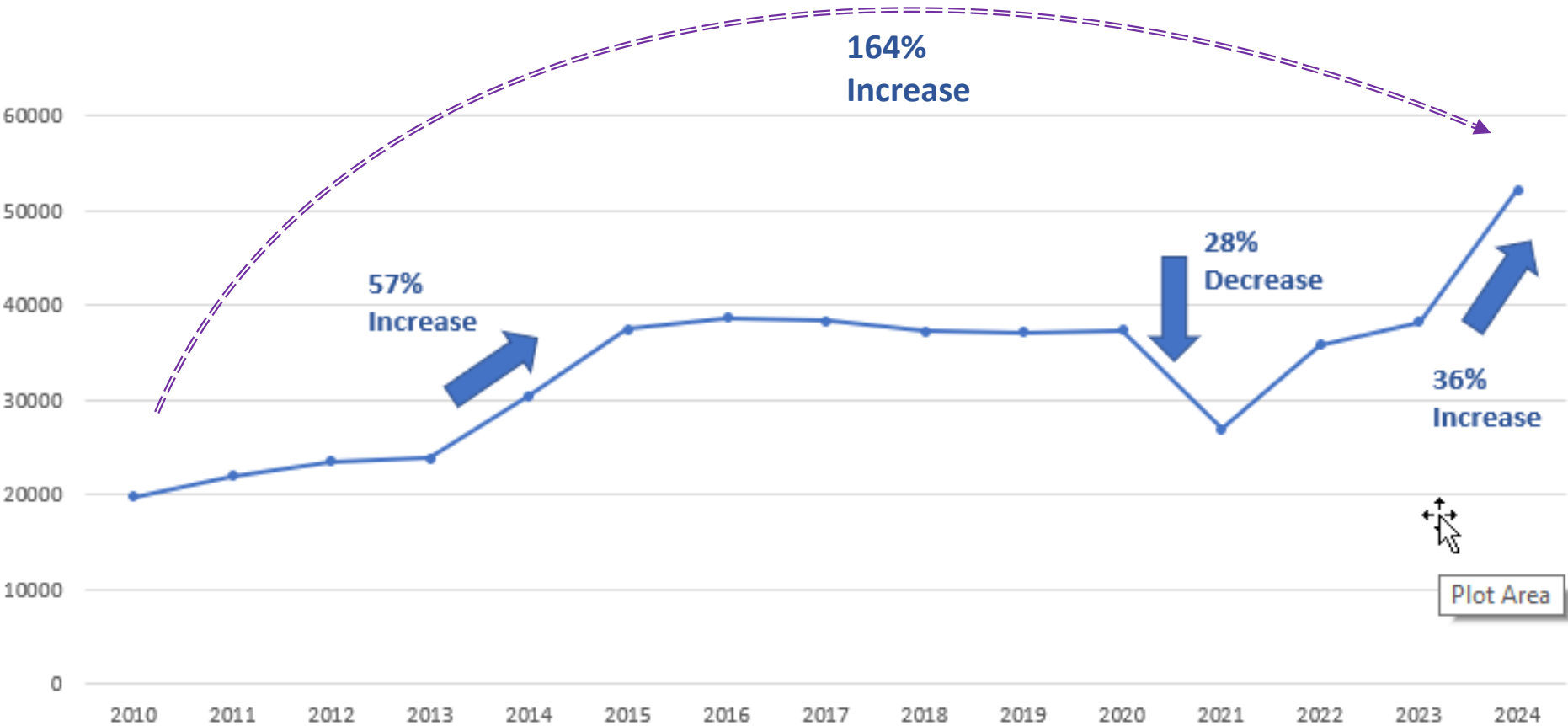
GSRP Funding



Actual

FY 2021 - \$249,600,000	FY 2023 - \$452,120,000
FY 2022 - \$416,120,000	FY 2024 - \$522,720,000

Number of GSRP Eligible Children Served



FY 2020-37,368 (Pre-pandemic)

FY 2022-35,895 (2nd yr. pandemic)

FY 2021-26,969 (1st yr. pandemic)

FY 2023-38,355 (post-pandemic)

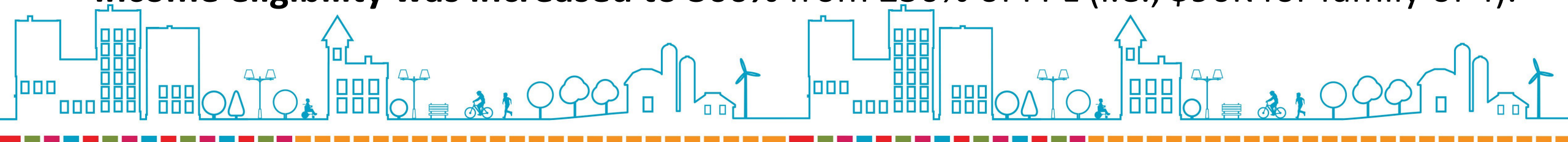
FY 2024-ISDs are asking for funds for 52,254 children with 8,700 in extended program.

MDE-Requested Statutory Flexibilities that Generated Expansion

\$9,608 per eligible GSRP child for FY24, a \$2,358 increase (32.5%) since FY21!

NEW MDE recommended to the legislature and the governor an expansion of 4 instructional days a week to 5, and an expansion of 30 instructional weeks a year to 36. These recommendations were accepted and funded at **\$11,530 per eligible GSRP child**. As a result of this greater flexibility, ISDs have requested more than 52,000 slots for students, up from roughly 38,000 last year, on our way to the governor's goal of universally accessible preschool.

Income eligibility was increased to 300% from 250% of FPL (i.e., \$90K for family of 4).



NIEER Annual Yearbook Rating

National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), Rutgers Annual Yearbook Rating for State-funded Preschool Programs

NIEER Rated Metrics	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of NIEER State-funded Preschool National Quality Benchmarks Met (out of 10)	10	10	10	10	10	10
NIEER National Ranking for GSRP on Quality	3	1	1	1	1	1
Tied with (Number of States)	4	3	4	6	4	4
NIEER National Ranking for GSRP on Access	16	18	18	21	19	19
NIEER National Ranking for GSRP on Funding Level	12	14	14	14	17	6

Data Source: National Institute of Early Education Research: <https://nieer.org//state-preschool-yearbooks>

Governor Whitmer's Universally Accessible Pre-K Proposal

What's the goal for Pre-K for All? The governor has set the goal to ensure that all 4-year-olds have access to universally accessible pre-K by 2027. (target = 87,000)

Is this an expansion of GSRP?

Yes! We're fortunate to have a nationally recognized, high-quality, homegrown preschool program upon which to build.

MI Pre-K for ALL Action Team

This is a Governor Whitmer-appointed 15-member group that is charged with developing recommendations for UPK implementation, and the report is due in December 2023.



Office of Great Start's Additional Contributions to Goal 1



- Children
- Families
- Providers



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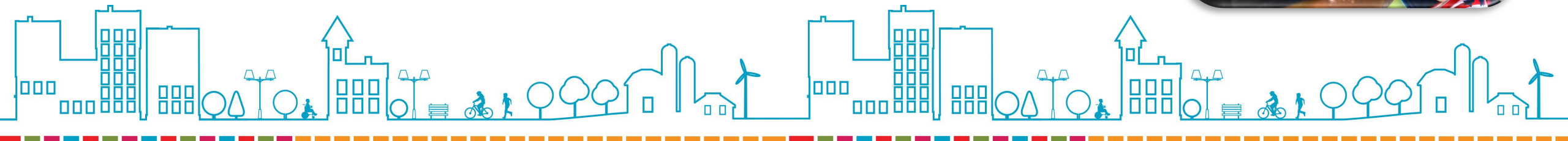
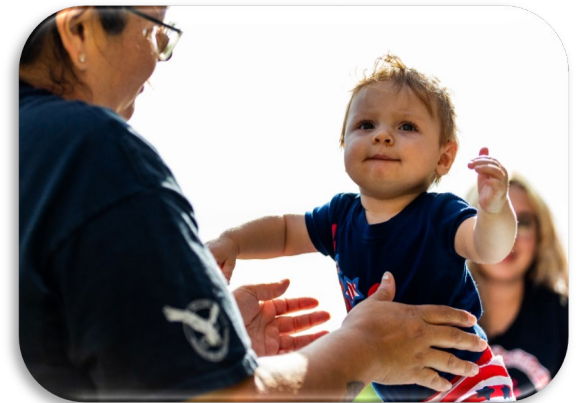
Currently, child care assistance is being provided for 25,633 low-income families with 44,470 children birth – age 13

\$1.4B to support safe, accessible, affordable, quality child care for Michigan families

\$700.7M for three rounds of Child Care Stabilization Grants to nearly **6,000** child care providers

38,000 bonus checks to child care providers of up to \$1,000 each (2 grant rounds)

\$215M CARES/CRRSA child care funding on behalf of parents to child care providers to ensure the availability of care through six rounds of grants for over **7,000** providers



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Changes still in place to support children, families and providers

- Child care subsidy reimbursements based on part-time/full-time enrollment, not attendance (able to maintain in FY24 budget)
- Income eligibility for child care assistance increased to 200% of the federal poverty level to serve more children and families (able to maintain in FY24 budget). This is much higher than the 2019 income eligibility threshold of 130% of the federal poverty limit.
- Continued infant early childhood mental health consultation coordinated with MDHHS



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Recent Accomplishments:

In partnership with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), as of September 15, 2023, **985** child care entrepreneurs have opened new child care programs and an additional **2,123** center- and home-based programs have expanded service to more children under [Caring for MI Future \(michigan.gov\)](https://michigan.gov) (CFMF). Additionally, under CFMF:

- Child care provider apprenticeship programs were launched in partnership with the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) across the state;
- Family Child Care Networks were funded in all four ECSN regions through **8** hubs to create **22** networks that specifically supported over **400** family child care providers;
- **\$2.4M were allocated** for Regional Child Care Planning Grants to benefit 81 counties in all 10 Michigan Economic Development Corporation regions across Michigan; and
- **\$50M were allocated** for Facility Improvement Grants to new and expanding child care education providers.

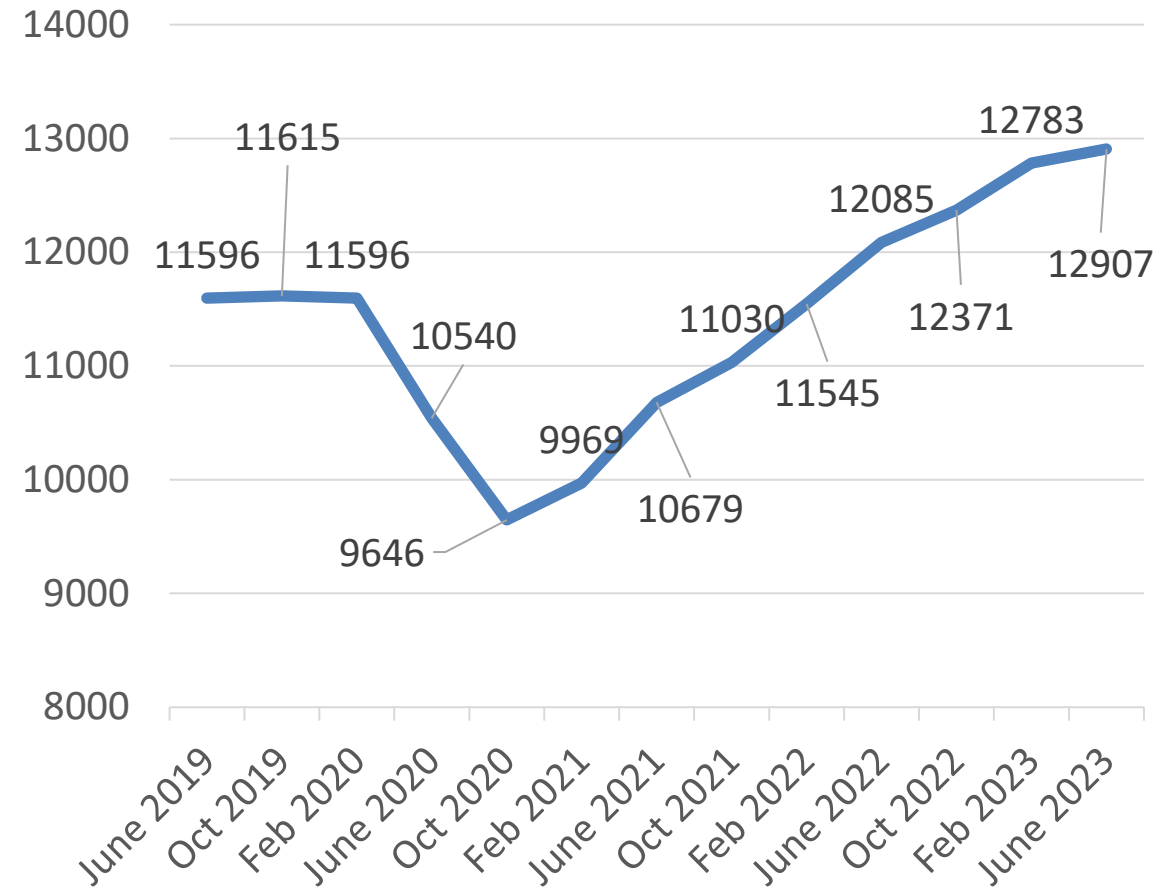


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Birth to 3 Count

- Indicator 6: % served
- EOY 2020: 3.15%
- EOY 2021: 3.24%
- EOY 2022: 3.75%
- EOY 2023: 4.07%



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- **Great Start Collaborative System: \$15.9M in FY24 (46% increase)** ensures the coordination and expansion of local infrastructure and programs. Strategies have included **building trauma-informed communities**, increasing supports related to nutrition and physical activity such as **referrals to WIC programs and services**, and **increasing the number of foster families and kinship care**. An additional **\$4M in new funding** to improve **access to literacy materials**.
- **Preschool Development Grant Birth-5: 10 regional Literacy Support Network Hubs** in partnerships with hospitals, schools, libraries, and other local organizations have **distributed thousands of books** to children and families, **hosted parent workshops and events** and **provided literacy essentials trainings for local providers**. **\$14M in state funding** will sustain the hubs and help measure impact on children and families.



Head Start State Collaboration Office



In 2022, Head Start in Michigan served 20,877 children ages 3-5 and 8,336 infants and toddlers and their families.

Coordination between Head Start agencies and other state and local entities serving eligible children from birth to age five and their families.

- Categorical eligibility
- Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships
- Kindergarten transitions



Office of Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning

- Strong Beginnings - **\$15.8M increase** (+718%) for FY24, totaling **\$18M**, for a 3-year-old public preschool pilot program to **serve 1,176 children over the next three years.**



- Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) - **\$522.7M** for FY24 with ISDs anticipating to serve **52,250 children in FY24!**
 - **\$35M** in FY24 for GSRP classroom start up grants (\$25,000 per classroom). Opened or expanded **135 classrooms in 2023**. Opening/expanding **230 classrooms in 2024!**
 - **\$5M** for multiyear statewide media/awareness campaign estimated to realize roughly **70M impressions over the next two years with parents of young children.**



Office of Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning

- Federal After school/Summer Learning (a.k.a., Out-of-School Time)
 - 21st Century Community Learning Centers (Title IV, Part B) - **\$37.4M** for FY24
 - FY22 – 15,536 youth served
- State Out-of-School Time Grants (sec. 32n)
 - **\$50M for FY24 (\$0 in budget four years ago!)**
 - Roughly 24,000 youth served each of first two years with \$5M annual appropriation.
- [Future Proud Michigan Educator LAUNCH](#)
 - Went from 55 to 93 different schools having CTE Education Programs between 2019-20 and 2022-23 school years.
 - 41 CTE Education General students earned credentials during the 2022-23 school year.



Thank You!

Q&A?



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