

# Mississippi

## NO PROGRAM

While Mississippi does not have a state-funded pre-K program, it launched Mississippi Building Blocks (MBB), a four-year program, in late 2008. MBB, a high-profile initiative sponsored by several Mississippi foundations and business leaders, offers curriculum resources, training, and technical assistance including business consulting to private child care centers in an effort to improve center quality. An intense intervention, MBB supplies on-site mentoring to staff in participating centers in addition to giving center staff scholarships to earn a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. Lastly, the program provides parent advocates to work with families served by participating centers.

The research program works in 100 classrooms per year in licensed child care centers throughout the state, including centers serving families with children that qualify for CCDF or TANF funding. In fiscal year 2009, the state allocated \$3 million to expand the voluntary pilot MCCQSS (Mississippi Child Care Quality Step System) program statewide and increase funding for resource and referral (R&R). Since that time, there has been no annual increase in funding. Starting in 2010, a special commission of business leaders and education experts was established to study the MBB program as a basis for establishing a statewide model. Several policy recommendations emerged from the two-year study, including the implementation of a system of quality care for young children, revision of child care licensing and Quality Rating System standards, and improvement of instructional proficiency of preschool teachers. MBB will continue to work with policy makers on designing a system of care.

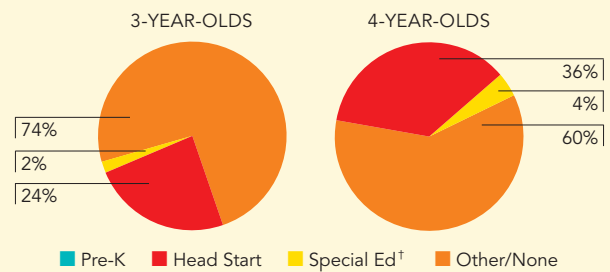
ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
No Program	

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
No Program	

## ACCESS

Total state program enrollment .....	0
School districts that offer state program .....	NA
Income requirement .....	NA
Hours of operation .....	NA
Operating schedule .....	NA
Special education enrollment .....	5,250
Federally funded Head Start enrollment .....	25,406
State-funded Head Start enrollment.....	0

STATE PRE-K AND HEAD START ENROLLMENT AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION



<sup>†</sup> This is an estimate of children in special education who are not enrolled in Head Start.

## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET

No Program

## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$0
Local match required? .....	NA
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$0
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$0

\* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.

\*\* Head Start per-child spending for the 2010-2011 year includes funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

\*\*\* K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

Data are for the '10-'11 school year, unless otherwise noted.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

