

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2017 DOLLARS) \$6,080 \$5,625 2% 2% 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2017 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2017 3-year-olds

ndiana successfully launched two state-funded preschool pilot programs with the goal of expanding enrollment of low-income 4-year-old children in high-quality early childhood education. The On My Way Pre-K program was signed into law in 2014 to provide grants to eligible low-income 4-year-old children for qualified early education services. The pilot operated across four counties in 2014-2015. The 2015-2016 school year marked the first full year of the On My Way Pre-K program, and in 2016-2017, the program operated in five counties. Current levels of funding have been extended through 2018, and a longitudinal study through third grade of the preschool children enrolled with these grants and a control group will be completed by Purdue University.

During the 2013 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly enacted the Early Education Matching Grant (EEMG) through 2018. EEMG has now been consolidated with On My Way Pre-K.

In 2017, the Indiana General Assembly passed new legislation to expand access to preschool to an additional 15 counties by the 2018-2019 school year. The new legislation also makes previously approved EEMG sites eligible to accept On My Way Pre-K grants, adding another eight individual sites in additional counties to the 2018-2019 expansion. Under the new legislation, all pre-K providers must be eligible to accept CCDF funding, providing families with a guaranteed 53-week subsidy period and continuity of care for their child if needed before and after kindergarten, if the family remains eligible at reauthorization.

On My Way Pre-K and EEMG both require services to be delivered via public schools, licensed or registered child care providers who have achieved Level 3 or Level 4 in Paths to QUALITYTM, and, for On My Way Pre-K, accredited private schools. The programs have encouraged expansion of the number of Level 3 and Level 4 high-quality programs in Indiana, affecting not only the 4-year-old children enrolled with state funding, but also other children enrolled in these programs. Together, On My Way Pre-K and EEMG also have increased the number of high-quality slots in Indiana for low-income children, who now have an opportunity to both attend pre-K and to be better prepared for kindergarten.

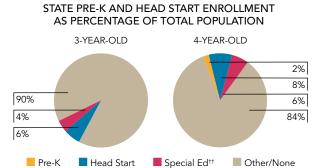


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ON MY WAY PRE-K

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment
School districts that offer state program
Income requirement 127% FPL
Minimum hours of operation4 hours/day
Operating scheduleDetermined locally
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 10,494
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 11,754
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 40



⁺⁺ Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	IN PRE-K REQUIREMENT	CURRENT BENCHMARK	MEETS CURRENT BENCHMARK?	NEW BENCHMARK	MEETS NEW BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive		Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	
Curriculum supports	None	New in 2015-2016	_	Approval process & supports	
Teacher degree	Based on QRIS requirements	ВА		BA	
Teacher specialized training	Based on QRIS requirements	Specializing in pre-K		Specializing in pre-K	
Assistant teacher degree	Based on QRIS requirements	CDA or equivalent		CDA or equivalent	
Staff professional development	20 hours/year; PD plans; Coaching	For teachers: At least 15 hours/year	I	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	I
Maximum class size	24 (4-year-olds)	20 or lower		20 or lower	
Staff-child ratio	1:12 (4-year-olds)	1:10 or better		1:10 or better	
Screening & referral	Immunizations, full physical exam, no vision or hearing; Support services	Vision, hearing, health & at least one support service		Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	
Meals	Depends on length of program day	At least one meal/day		Discontinued	_
Monitoring/ Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations; Data used for program improvement	Site visits		Structured classroom observation; program improvement plan	
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RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$10,079,418
Local match required?	Yes
State Head Start spending	\$0
State spending per child enrolled	\$5,625
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$6,250

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

** Head Start per-child spending includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds.

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

