

# FIVE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

TO PROTECT STATE-FUNDED PRESCHOOL

2020 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC CRISIS

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## STABILIZE AND EXPAND PRE-K

Provide federal funds to stabilize pre-K access and quality.

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## BETTER HEAD START / STATE PRE-K COORDINATION

Improve coordination of Head Start and state pre-K to enroll every child in poverty at ages 3 and 4.

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## SUPPORT PRESCHOOL PLANNING

Support state preschool planning—short- and long-term—in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

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## PROTECT QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS

Ensure any changes to state regulations in response to the current emergency do not unintentionally undercut quality in the long-term.

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## DEVELOP LONG-TERM EXPANSION PLANS

Develop long-term state plans to expand and improve pre-K with realistic timelines and budgets.