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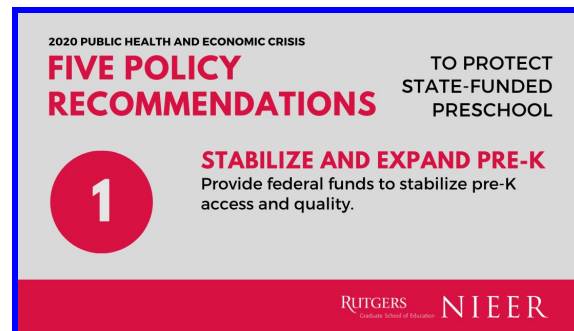
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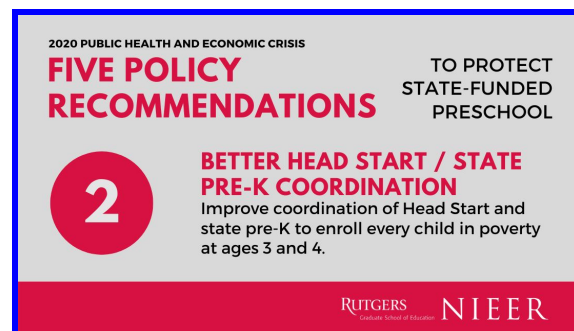
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## FIVE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

TO PROTECT STATE-FUNDED PRESCHOOL

2020 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC CRISIS

1

### STABILIZE AND EXPAND PRE-K

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

2

### 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.

3

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