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Five Things We Know and Five Things We Don’t Know, but Should, About Infant and Toddler Care in New Jersey

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1. Early Childhood is an important developmental period

The only organ not fully formed at birth

Positive & Negative Interactions in the first 3 years can have lasting effects
2. Quality Matters

- Qualified & appropriately compensated teaching staff
- Professional development and coaching
- Strong ECE leadership
- Learning process: reciprocal, sensitive interactions
- Small group sizes & low ratios
- Continuity of care (within a week & across years)
- Extended -day, full-year available
- Parent engagement and collaboration
- Referral to support services, special education, health care, social services
- Continuous improvement process
3. Use of Child Care by Infants & Toddlers is Higher in New Jersey than Nationally

4. High Quality Infant & Toddler Education & Care is Expensive

- Quality education and care for infants and toddlers is expensive

- There is a large gap between subsidy amounts and what high quality care costs

5. Not all Eligible Families Access Child Care Subsidies

Only 18% of Infants and Toddlers in NJ Eligible for a Child Care Subsidy Receive One

Poll: Which of these five things did you already know?

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Poll: Which of these five things is the most important to learn more about?

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