

Leadership in Early Childhood Education

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The federal government is prioritizing early education

- US ED is launching a \$250 million early education Race to the Top competition
- Child Care and Development Block Grants are making progress in Congress
- US ED and President Obama are working to offer states compensatory incentives for expanding access to pre-Kindergarten—especially for America’s neediest children

Governors are prioritizing early education

- Eighteen governors cited commitments to early education in their “State of the State” addresses
- Governors prioritized attendance at a business meeting focused on early childhood education during the 2014 NGA Annual Meeting
- Governors have advanced legislation and budget proposals to increase access to high quality early education

Quality early education depends upon you

- Increased policy is not the lever for improving outcomes for young children
- Increased funding is not the lever for improving outcomes
- Increased attention and rhetoric are not the levers for improving outcomes
- High quality implementation is the lever; only you can ensure students have access to high quality education