

NO PROGRAM

The state of Indiana does not offer a state-funded preschool program according to definitions used in this report. However, Indiana operates a preschool program 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 2018-2019 school year marks the program's fourth full year, in which 2,915 children were enrolled, supported by \$8.3 million in state funding, over \$400,000 in local county match funds, as well as \$14.5 million in federal funding. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, eligibility for On My Way Pre-K was targeted towards low income families who were working and/or attending an accredited or certified education or training program, allowing these grants to be co-funded, and give families full year experiences through the summer prior to kindergarten. Purdue University is currently working on a longitudinal study of the preschool children supported by these grants in years 1 and 2, as well as a control group, following children through third grade.

During the 2013 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly enacted the Early Education Matching Grant (EEMG) through 2018. EEMG was eventually consolidated with On My Way Pre-K, adding additional sites and counties to the On My Way Pre-K program. Under current 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 have not only increased the number of high-quality slots in Indiana for low-income children who now have an opportunity to attend pre-K and to be better prepared for kindergarten, but there has also been a 92% increase in high quality early care and education programs for all children statewide since the inception of these programs.

ACCESS RANKINGS
4-YEAR-OLDS
3-YEAR-OLDS
No Program

RESOURCE RANKINGS
STATE SPENDING ALL REPORTED SPENDING

No Program

TOTAL
BENCHMARKS MET

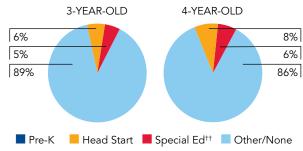
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INDIANA

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	O
School districts that offer state program	NA
Income requirement	NA
Minimum hours of operation	NA
Operating schedule	NA
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 1	0,985
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 1	1,493
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	O

PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ECE



 $^{^{\}dagger\dagger}$ Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

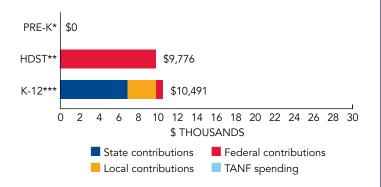
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RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$0
Local match required?	NA
State Head Start spending	\$0
State spending per child enrolled	\$0
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$0

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

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



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 $^{^{\}star\star}$ 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.