

NO PROGRAM

The Republic of Palau does not have a state-funded preschool program meeting the criteria of this report, but the territory does support other early childhood education initiatives. The Palau Community Action Agency operated center-based Head Start for 350 3- to 5-year-olds throughout the Republic's 16 states in 2015-2016. In addition, three of the predominant religious denominations (Roman Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, and Palau Evangelical Church) have established private kindergartens in Koror State which enrolled a total of 101 preschoolers. However, many young children living in communities outside Koror State continue to lack access to early education. Many small communities do not meet the requirement that at least 10 eligible children enroll in the Head Start program and cost of access and enrollment into the private kindergartens is beyond parental means.

The Family Health Unit within the Ministry of Health helped to prepare the Palau Early Childhood Comprehensive System (PECCS) proposal in 2003, which included a three-year work plan to develop a National Framework on Early Childhood Development for School Readiness.

In their Education for All National Plan for 2002-2010, the Ministry of Education identified "expanding and improving comprehensive early childhood care and education, especially for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children," as a chief goal. Ministry responsibilities include developing appropriate curricula for all public preschool, elementary school, and secondary school programs, and recommending minimum qualifications and requirements for preschool, elementary, and secondary school teachers.

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

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
No Program	

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET	
CURRENT STANDARDS	NEW STANDARDS
No Program	

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ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment	0
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
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	400
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	0

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.

** 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.

