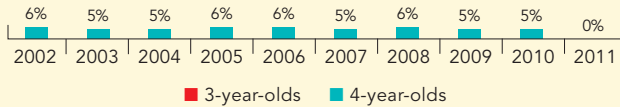


# Arizona

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2011 DOLLARS)



## NO PROGRAM

Arizona began funding preschool education programs in 1991 and used the Arizona Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) as a source of funding from 1996 through 2010. The ECBG provided funding in support of supplemental services for full-day kindergarten and first through third grade, in addition to funding preschool education. ECBG funds for prekindergarten were distributed to school districts, which could then offer funding to faith-based or private child care centers if parents chose those settings for their children. Regardless of setting, preschool programs receiving ECBG funding were required to be accredited by organizations approved by the state, such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Children from families with an income at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level were eligible for an ECBG-funded prekindergarten program.

In fiscal year 2010, the ECBG allocation was frozen due to budget constraints and subsequently repealed. Programs received two quarterly payments rather than the allocated four payments per year, significantly reducing the funding. Arizona's budget for fiscal year 2011 provided no funding for the ECBG program, terminating the program for the 2010-2011 school year. Therefore, the ECBG program is not profiled in this report. The program also did not receive state funding for the 2011-2012 school year. It is unclear whether Arizona will fund the program again in the near future. In the final year of the ECBG grant, approximately 5,000 children were served.

In 2006, Arizona established First Things First (FTF) in an effort to support developmental and health initiatives for young children. In particular, FTF expands and enhances high-quality services for children from birth through age 5 through quality improvement incentives, a statewide quality rating system, T.E.A.C.H. scholarships, home visiting, mental and dental health services, and kith and kin training. In 2010, the Arizona Department of Education received a grant from FTF for \$1,140,813, and in 2011, the department received a FTF grant of \$6,216,400 to serve approximately 1,900 children.

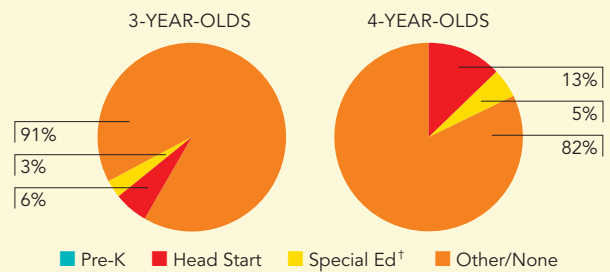
ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
No Program	

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
No Program	

## ACCESS

Total state program enrollment .....	0
School districts that offer state program .....	NA
Income requirement .....	NA
Hours of operation .....	NA
Operating schedule .....	NA
Special education enrollment .....	9,083
Federally funded Head Start enrollment .....	17,331
State-funded Head Start enrollment.....	0

STATE PRE-K AND HEAD START ENROLLMENT AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION



<sup>†</sup> This is an estimate of children in special education who are not enrolled in Head Start.

## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET

No Program

## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$0
Local match required? .....	NA
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 for the 2010-2011 year includes funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

\*\*\* K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

Data are for the '10-'11 school year, unless otherwise noted.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

