

# Pennsylvania's Innovations, Progress & Opportunities

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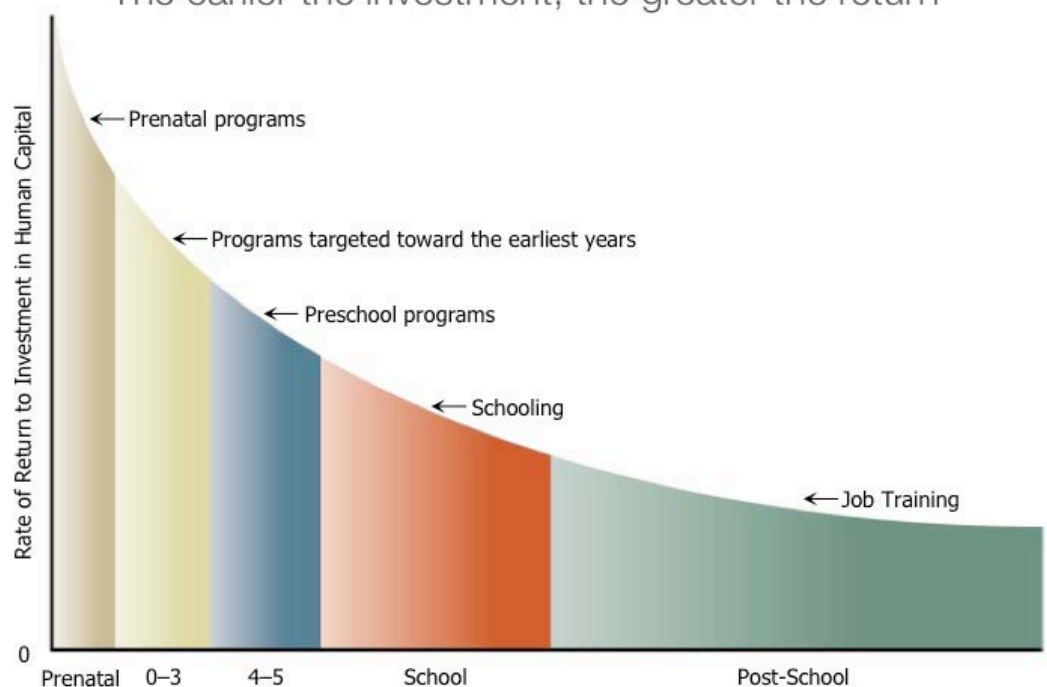
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## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IS A **SMART INVESTMENT**

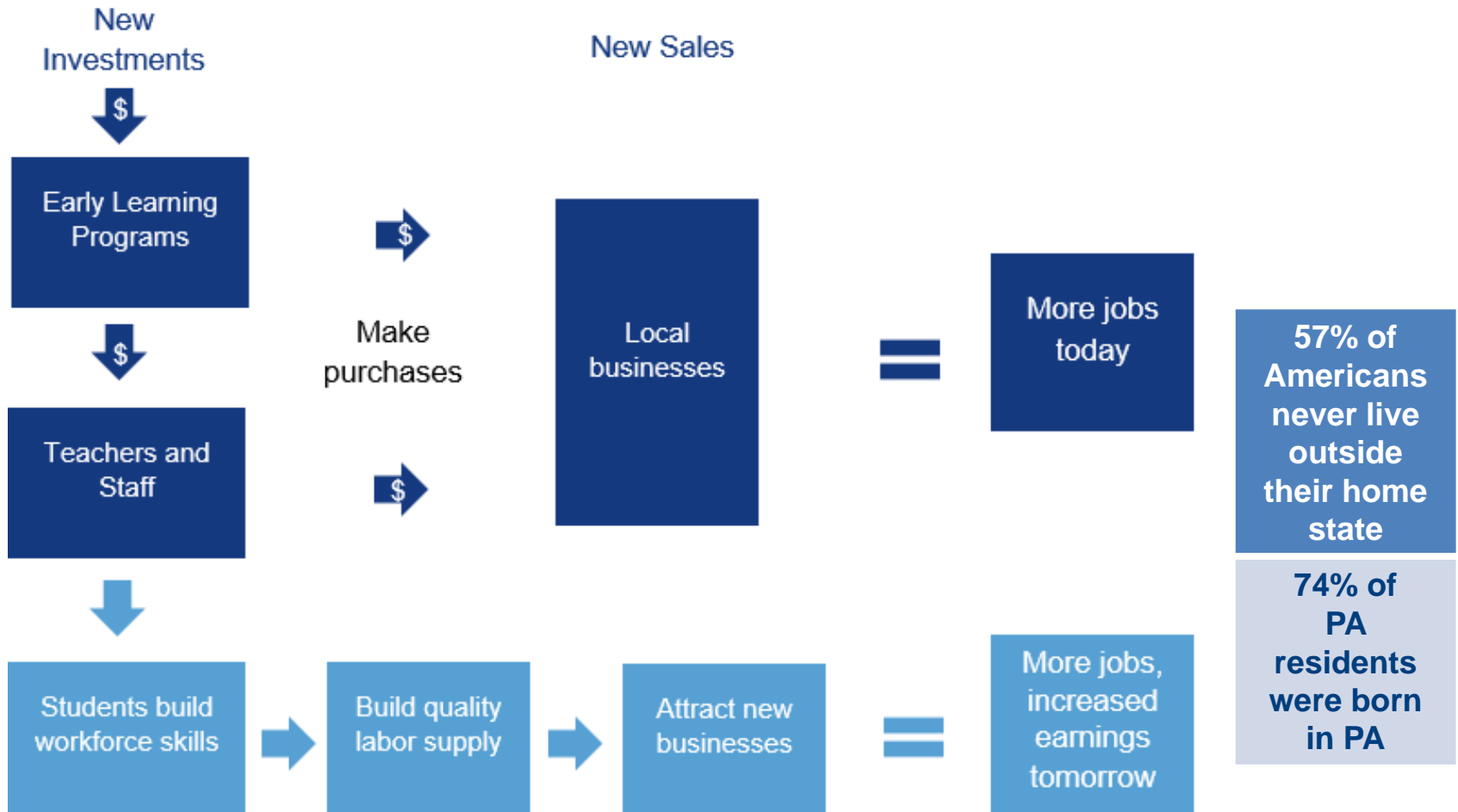
**13 percent  
return on  
investment in  
quality early  
childhood  
education**

The earlier the investment, the greater the return



Source: James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics

# Positive impacts on regional, state economy



# Our Priorities

**Increase access to high-quality early learning services**



**Build supply for diverse,  
quality programs**

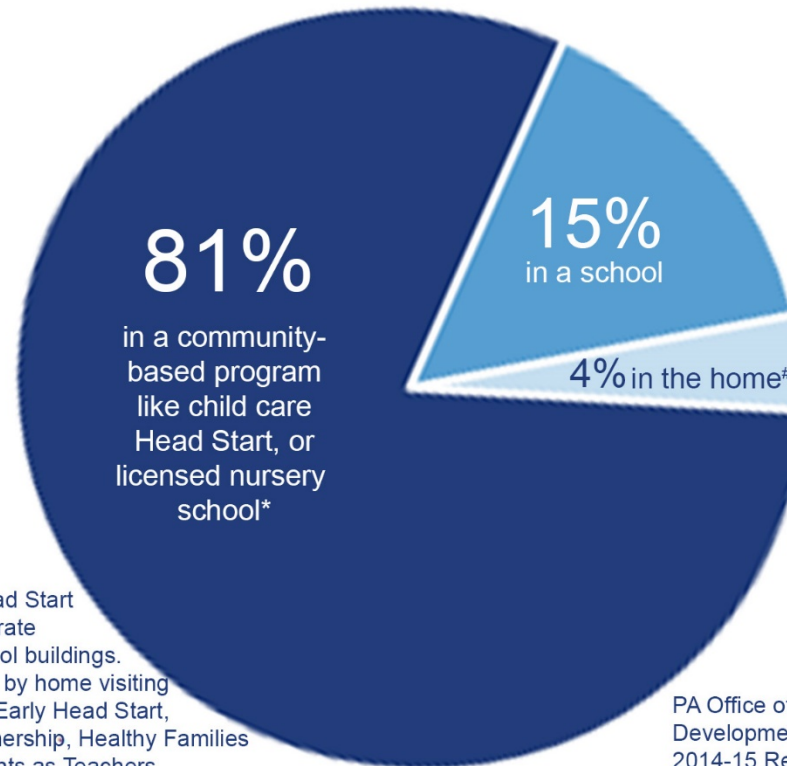


**Make services available  
to at-risk families**

**Make government work better for families and  
early care and education providers**

## Build supply for diverse, quality programs

Young children receive publicly-funded high-quality early learning services:



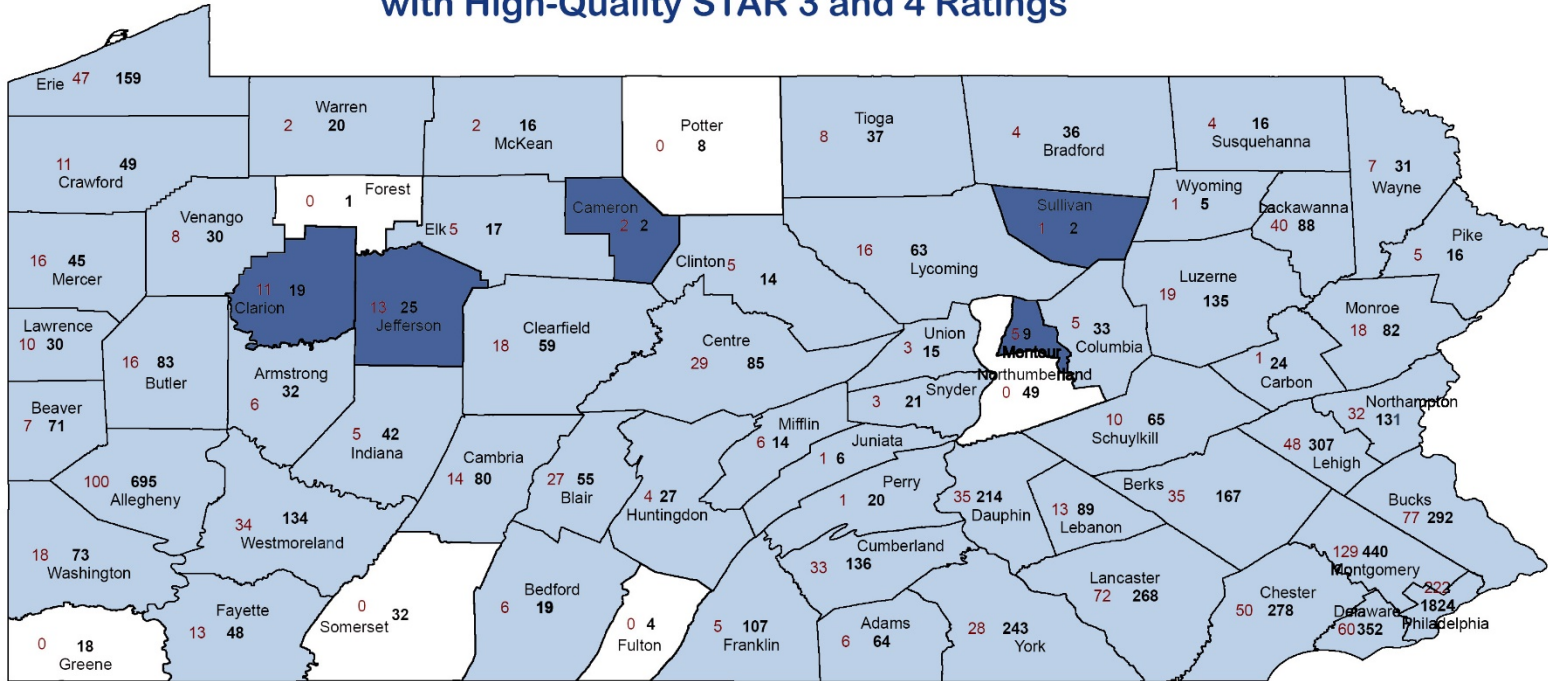
\*child care and Head Start programs may operate classrooms in school buildings.

# services provided by home visiting programs such as Early Head Start, Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families America, and Parents as Teachers

PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning  
2014-15 Reach and Risk Report

## Build supply for diverse, quality programs

### Number and Percentage of Regulated Child Care with High-Quality STAR 3 and 4 Ratings



- STAR 3 or 4 Providers  NO providers are STAR 3 or 4
- Total Regulated Providers  Less than half of providers are STAR 3 or 4
- More than half of providers are STAR 3 or 4

October 2016



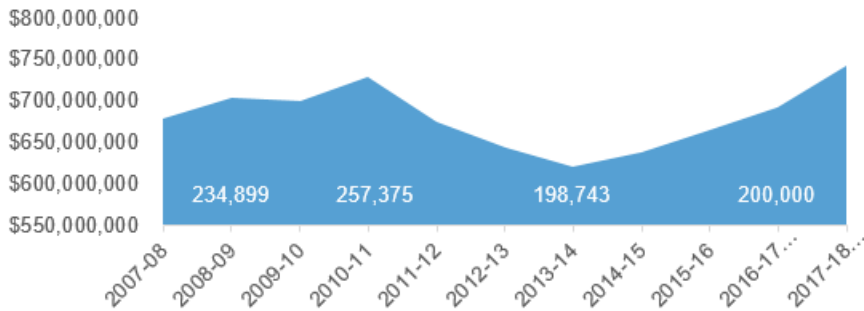
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## Re-visioning Keystone STARS

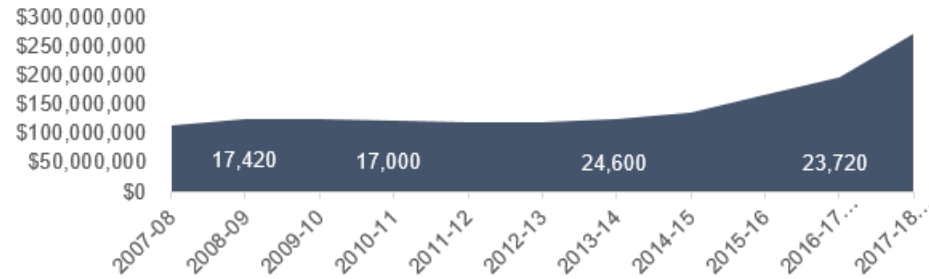
- More programs will have access to quality supports
- Cutting the duplication and unnecessary paperwork
- Measuring what matters
- Meaningful paths to quality improvement
- Equity in supports for programs serving at-risk children
- Rebrand of Keystone STARS

## Make more high-quality services available to at-risk families

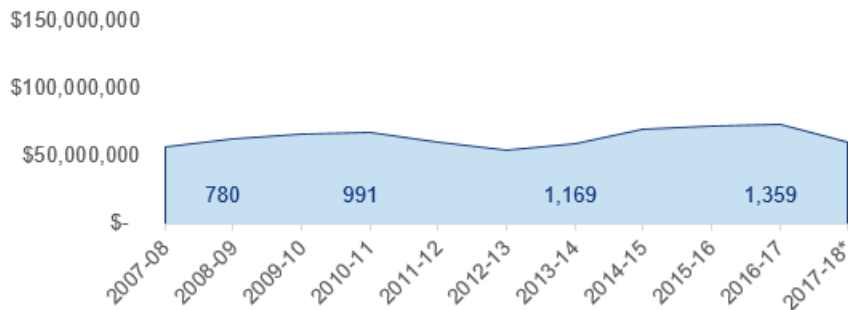
**Child Care Works Funding and Available Slots since 2007-2008**



**Pre-K Counts & Head Start Supplemental Assistance Funding and Available Slots since 2007-2008**



**Keystone STARS funding and Number of STAR 3 and 4 providers since 2007-08**



2016-17- available slots are estimates  
 2017-18 available slots are proposed  
 \* Governor's proposed budget shifts \$13 million from Keystone STARS Grants and Awards to Tiered Reimbursement for Child Care Works



## Make more high-quality services available to at-risk families **2017-18 Governor's Proposed Budget**

- **Evidence-based home visiting:** \$9 million increased investment to serve approximately 1,700 additional families in evidence-based home visiting.
- **Infant/Toddler Early Intervention:** \$1.3 million increase for infant/toddler Early Intervention.

## 2017-18 Governor's Proposed Budget

- **Child Care Works:** \$10 million increased investment in Child Care Works to serve approximately 1,800 additional children from the Child Care Works waiting list.
- **Keystone STARS:** Shift resources to increase subsidy for children receiving Child Care Works in high-quality STAR 3 and 4 programs.

## 2017-18 Governor's Proposed Budget

- **Pre-K Counts:** \$65 million increased investment in Pre-K Counts to serve approximately 7,400 additional children.
- **Head Start Supplemental:** \$10 million increased investment in Head Start Supplemental to serve approximately 1,030 additional children.
- **Preschool Early Intervention:** \$11 million increased investment to serve approximately 1,100 additional children.

## Make government work better for providers and families

# 2018-19: Early Learning Resource Centers

### Supports for Families

- Consumer education about quality early care and education and choosing the right services for your family
- Enrollment in Child Care Works, Medicaid, CHIP
- Earned tax credits registration
- Voter registration
- Referral to Early Intervention supports, home visiting and other local services

### Supports for Providers

- Enrollment in
  - Child Care Works
  - Child and Adult Care Food Program
  - Keystone STARS
- Access to Early Intervention Coordination Supports
- Professional development and Technical Assistance
- Monitoring and supports for Relative Caregivers

**No wrong door**  
**Improved Customer Service**  
**Increased Access to**  
**High-Quality Services**

# Local innovations can inform system change

- Pre-natal to Third Grade Alignment
- Peer mentoring to support quality improvement in child care programs
- Public-private partnerships to reach families where they are

**Thank you!**