

Major Federal Early Learning Programs – Summary Table

Early Learning Program	Department and Agency	Program Purpose	Funding in FY 2010 (not including ARRA)	Age Range and number of children served	Grant Mechanism	Most Recent Reauthorization
Child Care Development Fund	HHS, Office of Child Care (OCC)	Provide child care assistance to low-income families so they can work or attend training & education, and improve the quality of child care in support of children’s learning and development.	\$5 billion	Birth to under age 13 (or under age 19 if incapable of self-care or under court supervision) = 1.6 million (average monthly in FY 2008)	Formula block grants to States, Territories and Tribes	August 1996
Head Start and Early Head Start	HHS, Office of Head Start	Promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to low-income children and families.	FY ‘10 = \$7.23 billion FY ’11 request = \$8.22 billion	Head Start (3-5 year olds) = 837,764 Early Head Start (0-3 year olds) = 66,389 (FY 2009 data, excludes 61,000 additional children through ARRA)	Competitive grants directly to local agencies	December 2007
Affordable Care Act Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting	HHS, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau (HRSA/MCHB) and Administration for Children and Families (ACF)	To strengthen and improve maternal and child health programs carried out under Title V of the Social Security Act (Maternal and Child Health Services); improve service coordination for at-risk communities; and identify and provide comprehensive evidence-based home visiting services to families who reside in at-	FY 2010 = \$100 million FY 2011 = \$250 million FY 2012 = \$350 million FY 2013 = \$400 million FY 2014 = \$400 million 3 percent set	Eligible families include pregnant women, expectant fathers, parents, and primary caregivers of children aged birth through kindergarten entry.	Formula grants to States and Territories in FY 2010 (may be some competitive in future) Competitive grants to Tribes, Tribal, Organizations,	March 2010 (Affordable Care Act)

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		risk communities.	aside for grants to Tribal entities, 3 percent set aside for research and TA		and Urban Indian Organizations	
IDEA Part C – Infants and Toddlers and Families	ED, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)	Enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities and enhance the capacity of families to meet the special needs of their infant or toddler with a disability.	FY '10 = \$439.4 million FY '11 request = \$439.4 million	Birth to 3 year olds ¹ = 342,985 (Dec 2008)	Formula Grants to States and Territories	December 2004
Preschool Special Education (IDEA Part B, Section 619)	ED, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)	Ensuring preschoolers with disabilities enter school ready to succeed	FY '10 = \$374.1 million FY '11 request = \$374.1 million	3- 5 year olds = 709,004 (Dec 2008)	Formula Grants to States and Territories	December 2004
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA Part B)	ED, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)	Ensure all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education to help them meet challenging standards and prepare them for independent living and post-secondary education and/or competitive employment by assisting state and local education agencies and families.	FY '10 = \$11.5 Billion FY '11 request = \$11.76 Billion	3- 21year olds = 6,598,854 3 -5 year olds = 709,004 6-11year olds = 2,685,428 (Dec 2008)	Formula Grants to States and Territories	December 2004

¹ In FY 2010 two States began implementing the “Part C option” giving family the choice to remain in Part C until their child turns five years old.