

Early Care and Education Programs Continue to Lose Ground

All ECE programs combined received less than 1% of the state's operating budget before the cuts

New Mexico's General Fund budget \$5.5 B

NM Pre-K serves less than one-fifth of New Mexico's four-year-olds

ECE programs

\$5.5 M

NM Pre-K could drop by as much as 38% from FY10

Over the past two years, ECE programs have suffered a 20% drop in funding — twice the level of general budget cuts.

\$18.3 M

Child Care funding is down 19% since FY10

\$400 K

Home Visiting is down 15% since FY10

\$500 K

TEACH has lost 50% since FY10

Less than 5% of early educators can access T.E.A.C.H. scholarships

600 children will be dis-enrolled unless \$2.4 million is added to **Child Care Assistance**

Home Visiting now serves less than 1% of newborns

Learning Begins at Birth

So Should Our Investment in Education

