

Rhode Island

NO PROGRAM

During the 2007-2008 school year, Rhode Island did not have a distinct state-funded preschool initiative meeting the criteria used in this report, though it offered initiatives with the goal of expanding access to early childhood education. One initiative, the Comprehensive Child Care Services Program (CCCSP), began providing comprehensive services to 3- and 4-year-olds in child care settings in 2001, but was eliminated in an effort to close the state budget deficit for fiscal year 2009.

Through another initiative, Rhode Island provides state funding to supplement the federal Head Start program. The state spent \$2.97 million to fund additional services for 400 children in Head Start during the 2007-2008 school year. The 2008-2009 school year saw cuts in this program, and a total of 142 children were served with \$1 million in state funds. However, a compromise over these cutbacks resulted in a legislative bill requiring the Rhode Island Department of Education to begin planning for a prekindergarten demonstration project. After two years of operation, the demonstration project is expected to grow into a statewide preschool initiative.

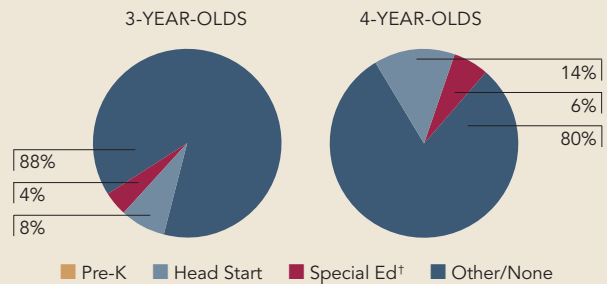
ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
No Program	

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	1,724
Federally funded Head Start enrollment.....	2,386
State-funded Head Start enrollment	400

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



† This number represents children in special education who are not enrolled in Head Start.

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

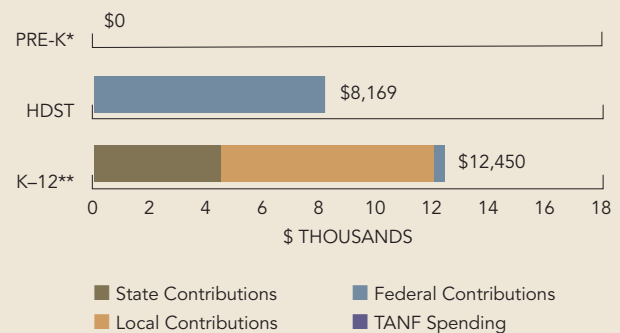
TOTAL
BENCHMARKS
MET

No
Program

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$0
Local match required?	NA
State Head Start spending	\$2,970,000
State spending per child enrolled	\$0
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$0

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.

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

Data are for the '07-'08 school year, unless otherwise noted.