



Kids who are ready for kindergarten do better in school and in life.

Invest in Arizona's future.

90% of a child's brain grows by age 5, before they start kindergarten. The early years are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to shape a child's future. Quality early childhood programs don't just benefit kids—they strengthen families, build better communities and drive Arizona's success. By understanding and supporting early childhood, we can ensure every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Quality child care and preschool can cost as much as tuition at Arizona's universities.

1 out of 4 of Arizona's children under age 6 live in poverty. Only 3 out of 5 attend preschool. The biggest factor impeding access to quality early learning is cost, especially for low-income families. A high-quality child care or preschool program can cost \$15,000 a year or more.

The Early Childhood Scholarship Fund at ACF provides access to quality early learning for more of Arizona's young children.



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Quality early learning impacts a lifetime.



- Kindergarten readiness
- 3rd grade reading scores
- High school graduation rates
- Workforce readiness
- Long-term health and well-being



- Special education/remediation costs
- Dependence on social welfare
- Crime-related costs
- Incarceration rates

You can be part of Arizona's investment in early learning.

The Early Childhood Scholarship Fund at ACF provides opportunities for community-based organizations, businesses and individuals to support access to high-quality early education for young children from low-income families in Arizona.

Contributions to the Early Childhood Scholarship Fund are tax deductible and are made through the Arizona Community Foundation.



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"All children deserve a strong start to their education. By contributing to the Early Childhood Scholarship Fund, all Arizonans can be part of building a quality educational legacy for our kids and state."

Nadine Mathis Basha
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