



Improving School Readiness Tips for Policy Makers

- ❖ Establish policies and invest in programs to ensure **families with young children are able to meet their basic needs** (including safe and healthy affordable housing, health insurance, and nutritious food).
- ❖ Make sure **routine developmental screening** is available to all children through health care providers and school districts. Follow-up evaluation as well as **access to treatment and Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education services** should be readily available for children who have developmental delays and disabilities.
- ❖ Fund the delivery of evidence-based home visiting programs for our most vulnerable families since they produce a strong return on investment and change the trajectory of children's lives.
- ❖ Expand access to **high-quality child care and preschool options** (Head Start and State Pre-K). Promote and incentivize quality improvement for early learning programs.
- ❖ Support the development and retention of **qualified and effective early childhood educators** who work with children from birth through age five, and invest in the development of **high-quality early learning facilities**.

