

Innovative Financing for Early Childhood Education

All Kids Deserve A Strong Start.

Investing in early childhood education (ECE) is the most effective way to break the cycle of poverty. These investments lay the foundation for success later in school, career and life. The type of environment and the quality of interaction to which children are exposed in the first five years of life greatly influence the outcomes of their adult lives.

The Problem.

By age 5, a child's brain is already nearly completely developed, yet 2 out of 5 American children are not enrolled in preschool. Without access to high-quality early learning programs, children fall behind. Many never catch up.

The Solution.

Save the Children Action Network understands that funding is a large hurdle in the debate. This is why we are working to identify a wide range of innovative and viable funding mechanisms to support expanded investment in early education nationwide.

Our recommendations fall into two broad categories:

- Incentivizing Private Dollars and Reforming Tax Credits
 - Social impact financing
 - Expanding municipal, nonprofit and private activity bonds
 - Higher education – early childhood education parity
 - Expanding tax credits and deductions
- Identifying New Public Resources
 - Excise tax parity
 - Harnessing savings and new revenue mechanisms

The financing tools listed above are intended to provide lawmakers with a solid foundation of viable options for driving new resources into early childhood education or financing ECE expansion. We are working with strategic partners on a bicameral, bipartisan basis to ensure lawmakers prioritize this issue in the 114th Congress.

About Us.

Save the Children Action Network is the political voice for kids. We believe that every child deserves the best start in life. That's why we're building bipartisan will and voter support to make sure every child in the U.S. has access to high-quality early learning and that no mother or child around the globe dies from a preventable disease or illness. By investing in kids and holding leaders accountable, we are helping kids from birth to age five survive and thrive.

