



# EARLY EDUCATION DAY AT THE CAPITOL MARCH 26, 2018

9 AM - 3 PM

Meet and greet with  
legislators at the table  
in the Rotunda

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Press Conference in the  
Governor's Press Room  
4th floor

4 PM

Recognition on the  
Senate floor

## **Child care breakdowns have a substantial impact on workforce productivity and participation.**

- Over 16% of respondents have quit their jobs over child care issues
- 7.6% of respondents reported being fired over child care issues
- Nearly 14% of respondents turned down a promotion at work because of child care issues

## **Inadequate access to quality care has a profound impact on our children's lack of school success.**

- 90% of brain development happens between birth and age four.
- This is why children who begin school behind, generally remain behind, and why there is up to a 13% return on investment in quality birth to five education.
- Yet, over 40% of children in Louisiana enter Kindergarten already behind.

## **There is substantial bipartisan support for increasing access to quality care for young children.**

- 64% of Louisiana registered voters support increasing access to early care and education for children under age four (Mason-Dixon Poll Feb. 2018).
- This support includes 68% Democrats, 52% Republicans, and 69% Independents.

## **FUNDING FOR the Child Care Assistance Program HAS BEEN SLASHED SINCE 2008. The number of children served has dropped from almost 40,000 in 2009 to 17,000 today.**

- Louisiana spends less than ½ of 1% of its state general funds on early care and education.
- Thus, only 15 percent of potentially eligible young children can access a publicly funded early care and education program in Louisiana.

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