

Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood

FACT SHEET:

The impact of the FY2013 state operating budget and HB1731 on Early Childhood

The passage of HB 1731 and the passage of the FY2013 state operating budget involved significant changes to early childhood funding:

- \$14.3 million in General Revenue was cut from the Early Childhood Special Education line in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) budget and replaced with \$14.3 million Early Childhood Development, Education and Care Fund (ECDEC).
- \$9.8 million of ECDEC for the Early Childhood Start-up & Expansion Program, the Early Head-Start Program, and the Grants for Accredited Providers was eliminated.
- The Missouri Preschool Project (MPP) core was reduced from \$11.7 million to \$8.3 million of ECDEC money and was transferred from DESE to the Office of Administration (OA) at the reduced level. The OA's MPP budget states that FY13 grant awards are to be no more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the FY12 grant amounts.
- \$2 million of DESE ECDEC was added to the Parents-As-Teachers (PAT) appropriation (also in DESE), then \$1 million of General Revenue was cut from the Parents-As-Teachers line.

The cuts involved in this budget are having a significant impact on children, families, staff and services. This is a preliminary document detailing anticipated impact according to current information. Additional areas of the early childhood and educational system will be impacted, including partnerships, staffing and parent employment. An updated document will be shared as further information becomes available.

- **Missouri Early Head Start** was reduced from **\$5.67 million** to **\$2.65 million** in the FY13 state budget. Approximately **360 low-income children** are likely to lose their spaces in this child development program serving prenatal mothers and children birth to three. Many **staff** will lose their jobs, as will some of the **parents** who no longer will have care for their children.
- **Accreditation Facilitation Funding:** Child Care Aware® of Missouri lost **\$622,014** for FY13, and **7 staff positions** will be terminated, between the State Network Office and the four regional offices of their Network Member Agencies. They will suspend coaching for quality improvement at **130** child care centers, family child care homes and preschools statewide, which serve **5,353 children**. An additional **\$3,074,500** was appropriated to DSS and implemented through a variety of Community Partnership agencies in FY12 for the purpose of funding early childhood accreditation facilitation services pursuant to Chapter 313 RSMo. DSS does not have these funds appropriated for FY13.
- **The Missouri Preschool Project** will have to **reduce funding**, with no awards for new MPP programs; there had been plans to serve 20 new programs, and approximately 400 additional children, before funding was cut. Staff working in reduced or eliminated MPP programs may lose employment as well. Prior to the funding loss, the plan was to serve at least **185 programs**. Programs will have to find alternate funds or face difficult decisions regarding the viability of the program.



- **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Missouri scholarship and retention program:** Between **\$300,000 and \$756,000 per year** in funding for this program was eliminated from the MPP budget. Between **70 and 190 T.E.A.C.H. scholars per year** were supported with MPP funding over the past four fiscal years. Almost **40 percent** of this funding was paid to Missouri public institutions of higher education, for tuition in child development and early education degree programs. Another **40 percent** supported the additional costs of schooling for these students – such as books, work-release time for studying, and travel – and retention bonuses to the students who remained employed.
- **Start-Up and Expansion: \$3,689,400** was appropriated to DSS and implemented through a variety of Community Partnership agencies in FY12 for the purpose of funding early childhood start-up and expansion grants pursuant to Chapter 313, RSMo. DSS does not have these funds appropriated for FY13.
- **Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office (MHSSCO):** Between **\$29,167 and \$54,167 in state funds** for this program was eliminated. **Operations and staff** may have to be reduced as a result of these cuts. This will adversely affect MHSSCO's services to low-income pregnant women and children birth to age five and their families, as well as MHSSCO's ability to contract with and support several agencies such as the Missouri Head Start Association.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Missouri Early Head Start provides services to promote academic, social and emotional development, and provides social, health and nutrition services for income-eligible families.

Missouri Preschool Project promotes high quality early care and education programs for children one or two years before kindergarten eligibility. All funds are distributed directly to preschool programs, and MPP programs are provided in public school districts and by private licensed providers in preschool classrooms and are designed to be developmentally appropriate for preschool age children.

Child Care Aware® of Missouri serves as a community resource on child care throughout the state. They help families find quality child care, preschool and after-school programs for their children. They work with child care program owners, directors and teachers to improve the quality of their programs. They provide business and civic leaders with information on the value and importance of child care and collaborate with them to make child care safe and enriching for children.

Start-up and Expansion makes competitive awards to start up a new child care program or expand an existing program in order to increase the number of licensed child care slots for infants and toddlers. Funding is awarded on the basis of the number licensed slots being added. Awards are targeted to child care providers serving children receiving child care subsidy from the Department of Social Services (DSS).

T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI is an educational scholarship opportunity for early childhood providers in licensed child care center-based, group-based and family child care programs. The scholarship is part of a nationwide effort to increase quality in child care and early learning programs by increasing the educational qualifications of the teachers in the field. Missouri is one of 20 states offering this very successful program.

Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office is charged with facilitating and enhancing coordination and collaboration among Head Start agencies and other state and local entities that provide comprehensive services designed to benefit low-income pregnant women and children from birth to age five and their families. To achieve the goals of the Collaboration Office, the Office coordinates and leads efforts to bring diverse entities together to work on behalf of the state and local early childhood systems.



Early Childhood Development, Education, and Care Fund Information

Statutory Requirements	Statutory Allocations (based upon Approp Amt)	FY12 Appropriations	Differences between Statutory Requirements & Appropriations	Statutory Allocations (based upon Approp Amt)	TAFP FY13 Appropriations	Differences between Statutory Requirements & Appropriations
Total	\$31,770,813	\$31,770,813	\$0	\$34,860,889	\$34,860,889	\$0
60% of Total used for Competitive Grants to be split between DESE and DSS	\$19,062,488	\$19,025,644	(\$36,844)	\$20,916,533	\$28,248,973	\$7,332,440
80% to DESE (ECSE, PAT, MPP)	\$15,249,990	\$15,336,244	\$86,254	\$16,733,227	\$28,248,973	\$11,515,746
20% to DSS (Startup & Expansion)	\$3,812,498	\$3,689,400	(\$123,098)	\$4,183,307	\$0	(\$4,183,307)
10% to DSS for Early Headstart	\$3,177,081	\$3,074,500	(\$102,581)	\$3,486,089	\$0	(\$3,486,089)
10% to DSS for Accredited Provider Grants	\$3,177,081	\$3,074,500	(\$102,581)	\$3,486,089	\$0	(\$3,486,089)
10% to DSS for Stay-At-Home Parents	\$3,177,081	\$3,074,500	(\$102,581)	\$3,486,089	\$3,074,500	(\$411,589)
10% Undesignated (Purchase of Childcare & various other small approps)	\$3,177,081	\$3,521,669	\$344,588	\$3,486,089	\$3,537,416	\$51,327
Total	\$31,770,813	\$31,770,813	\$0	\$34,860,889	\$34,860,889	\$0

The table below shows the early childhood related programs whose funding levels or sources were changed in the FY13 state operating budget (this table does not reflect all appropriations from ECDEC or all appropriations for early childhood related activities):

Program	FY13 House Rec Budget			FY13 TAFP Budget		
	ECDEC	Non-ECDEC	Total	ECDEC	Non-ECDEC	Total
Early Childhood Special Education	\$0	\$144.7	\$144.7	\$14.4	\$130.3	\$144.7
Parents As Teachers	\$3.0	\$11.0	\$14.0	\$5.0	\$10.0	\$15.0
Missouri Preschool Project	\$11.7	\$0	\$11.7	\$8.3	\$0	\$8.3
Early Childhood Start-up & Expansion	\$3.7	\$0	\$3.7	\$0	\$0	\$0
Early Head-Start	\$3.1	\$0	\$3.1	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants for Accredited Providers	\$3.1	\$0	\$3.1	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$24.6	\$155.7	\$180.3	\$27.7	\$140.3	\$168.0

Amounts reflected in millions.