



Smart Start FOCUS Packet

February 2017: Early Childhood Investment

Early Care and Education: Research That Informs Policy (American Educational Research Association)
http://www.aera.net/Portals/38/docs/Annual_Meeting/2016%20Annual%20Meeting/2016%20Knowledge%20Forum/Barnett.pdf

There's more to gain by taking a comprehensive approach to early childhood development. (The Heckman Equation)
<http://heckmanequation.org/content/resource/lifecycle-benefits-influential-early-childhood-program-one-pager>

How Investing in Preschool Beats the Stock Market, Hands Down (NPR)
<http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2016/12/12/504867570/how-investing-in-preschool-beats-the-stock-market-hands-down>

Early Childhood Programs – Expense or Investment? (National Conference of State Legislatures)
<http://www.ncsl.org/blog/2016/12/28/early-childhood-programsexpense-or-investment.aspx>

Access to High-Quality Early Childhood Education Supports Working Families (First Five Years Fund)
<http://ffyf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Access-to-Quality-ECE-Supports-Working-Families.pdf>

Business Case for Early Childhood Investments (ReadyNation)
<http://readynation.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/ReadyNation-Business-Brief-Endnotes.pdf>

The Costs of Disinvestment: Why States Can't Afford to Cut Smart Early Childhood Programs (The PEW Center on the States)
<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/reports/2010/01/19/the-costs-of-disinvestment-why-states-cant-afford-to-cut-smart-early-childhood-programs>

A Divided Electorate Is United On Early Childhood Education. (First Five Years Fund)
http://ffyf.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/F_FFYF_NationalPollResultsOnepager_2016_062816-1.pdf

An Infant-Toddler Agenda for the New Administration and Congress: Building Connections for Stronger Families, Communities, and Our Country's Future (Zero to Three)
<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/1665-an-infant-toddler-agenda-for-the-new-administration-and-congress>

Access FOCUS Packet resources online at www.smartstartalabama.org/resources/?pageID=39