

KENTUCKY EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDING

COMPARING THE FY 2024 ENACTED BUDGET TO HOUSE BILL 6, RELEASED JANUARY 16, 2024, AND AVAILABLE AT LEGISLATURE.KY.GOV

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM • GENERAL FUND • IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES CABINET

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 House Bill 6	FY 2026 House Bill 6	2024 to HB 6 2025 Change	Additional HB 6 2025 to 2026 Change
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*	\$10.6	\$52.6	\$62.6	\$42.0	\$10.0
Employee Child-Care Assistance Partnership	\$15.0	\$2.0	\$2.0	-\$13.0	\$0.0
Child Care Total	\$25.6	\$54.6	\$64.6	\$29.0	\$10.0

Child Care Assistance Program Note

HB 6 provides \$52 million per year in added CCAP funding: the FY 2025 amount includes the \$42 million shown from the General Fund and another \$10 million in federal dollars, while the FY 2026 budget provides \$52 million from General Fund resources alone. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky's investment in child care by \$251 million per year by 2026, to an annual General Fund investment of \$277.6 million, designed to allow raising eligibility to 200% of poverty and increasing rates to support higher quality services. HB 6 offers limited progress toward that Ask. The Prichard team will seek additional information on whether the House plan can provide continuing support for more than 37,000 children currently served and continuing workforce participation for the adult members of their families.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM • GENERAL FUND • IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 House Bill 6	FY 2026 House Bill 6	2024 to HB 6 2025 Change	Additional HB 6 2025 to 2026 Change
Preschool Program	\$84.5	\$84.5	\$84.5	\$0.0	\$0.00

Preschool Note

HB 6 provides no increase in funding for state preschool. In the Big Bold Ask, the Prichard Committee calls for increasing Kentucky's investment in preschool by \$80 million per year by 2026, to a total of \$164 million including raising eligibility to 200% of poverty and raising rates to support higher quality programs. HB 6 offers no progress toward that goal. 2026 goal.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT • GENERAL FUND (TOBACCO)
MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS**

	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 House Bill 6	FY 2026 House Bill 6	2024 to HB 6 2025 Change	Additional HB 6 2025 to 2026 Change
Early Childhood Advisory Council	\$1,400,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	-\$200,000	\$0
Early Childhood Development	\$9,900,000	\$9,800,000	\$9,500,000	-\$100,000	-\$300,000
Early Childhood Adoption and Foster Care Supports	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	-\$500,000	\$0
Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS)	\$7,000,000	\$5,634,000	\$5,980,000	-\$1,366,000	\$346,000
Healthy Start initiatives	\$900,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	-\$200,000	\$0
Early Childhood Mental Health	\$900,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	-\$200,000	\$0
Early Childhood Oral Health	\$900,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	-\$200,000	\$0
Lung Cancer Screening	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (Pregnant Women)	\$1,400,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	-\$100,000	\$0
Early Childhood Development (Tobacco) Total	\$25,400,000	\$22,534,000	\$22,580,000	-\$2,866,000	\$46,000