

# New Jersey Preschool Funding Estimates

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# Preschool Per Child Costs

- State-Funded Preschool Programs (budgeted)
  - Abbott: \$13,352
  - ECPA: \$8,880 (average)
    - Per pupil varies widely by district
    - Does not include local contributions
  - ELLI : \$3,300 half-day; \$6,600 full-day (average)
    - Does not include local contributions
- *Preschool Development Grant Programs*
  - \$13,300
    - *Does not include start-up costs predicted for Years 1-3*

# Funding Sources

- Abbott
  - Fully state-funded for general education 3- and 4-year-olds
  - Braided-funding for Head Start programs
- ECPA
  - Partial state-funding for general education 3- and 4-year-olds
  - Local/tuition funding for other general education 3- and 4-year-olds
  - Braided funding for Head Start programs
- ELLI
  - Partial state-funding for low-income, general education 4-year-olds
  - Local/tuition funding for other general education 3- and 4-year-olds
  - Braided funding for Head Start programs
- Preschool Development Grant
  - Federal (PDG and Head Start) funding, with some state and local contributions (varies per district) for low-income 4-year-olds

# Sustained Funding

- Approximately \$17.5 M needed to maintain enrollment
- Approximately \$1.1 billion in state funding needed to serve “all” children in high-quality programs (about \$540 M in additional state funding)