In our state, early learning means ... 

- birth through third grade
- the whole child
MAJOR EARLY LEARNING EFFORTS

• Home visiting
• Child care quality rating and improvement system
• State-funded preschool
• Kindergarten transition process
• Full-day kindergarten
**WE MUST INVEST IN**

**BIRTH TO AGE 3**

- Opportunity Gap evident around 9 months old
- Most child abuse/neglect occurs before age 1
- Best time to address delays and disabilities
- Can change the long-term trajectory of an entire family
EC EAP Entitlement

- 2018-2019
- 3- and 4-year-olds
- Almost 20,000 slots – an increase of 11,000
- Phasing connected to state-funded full-day K
- Foundation for statewide Universal Pre-K
STATEWIDE
UNIVERSAL
PRE-K

• Goal, but no timeline
• EC EAP expansion important step