

Presidential Candidates Pledging \$10 Billion in New Annual Funding for High-Quality Early Education by the Last Year of Their First Term

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Annual increase in \$</i>	<i>Policies</i>
Clinton	○ \$10 billion (by 5 th year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Universal access to high-quality pre-K for four-year-olds ○ Expand Early Head Start and nurse home visitation
Dodd	“... has pledged to commit \$10 billion in new funding for early childhood education as President.” and “As President I will spend more than \$10 billion annually on early childhood education.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-K Incentive Fund – access to high-quality preschool for four-year-olds ○ Early Childhood Investment Act ○ Increase funding for Head Start and infant and toddler programs
Edwards	“The Great Promise and Smart Start initiatives, together with greater support for existing programs like Head Start and the child care block grant, will reach \$10 billion a year in new funding.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Great Promise" universal high-quality pre-k programs for four-year-olds ○ National Smart Start <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes home visits by registered nurses to low-income new parents, providing matching grants to states to serve 50,000 families. ○ Head Start and child care increases
Kucinich	\$10 billion (1 st year)	○ “Provide universal education to all Americans from pre-school through college”. His “Universal Prekindergarten Act” in the 108 th Congress (H.R. 3007) would authorize \$10 billion in the first year and \$50 billion in the fifth year.
Obama	\$10 billion (total for all)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expand the highly successful Nurse-Family Partnership to all low-income, first-time mothers ○ Increase funding for the Head Start program, quadruple # of kids in EHS and improve quality ○ Increase Child Care and Development Block Grant funding and quality ○ Early Learning Challenge Grants for state zero to 5 efforts ○ Create Presidential Early Learning Council

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Richardson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$13.6 billion ○ \$8.2 billion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Universal access to full-day, high-quality pre-kindergarten for four-year-olds ○ Fully fund Head Start
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