

Year 1 Achievements

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

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Initial investment of \$300M

- OEC, Office of the Treasurer, Office of Policy and Management, and Office of State Comptroller established an Endowment account and related new infrastructure to enable funds to be expended

Establishment of the Early Childhood Endowment Advisory Board:

- Tri-Chaired by Rep. Farrar, Senator Maher, and OEC Commissioner Trueworthy
- All members appointed in alignment with statute
- Held first public hearing on December 10, 2025
- Released first Annual Report

Strong investment returns by Office of the Treasurer and partnership with Advisory Board

- Investment earnings reaching double digits
- Strong management and support of Advisory Board

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Expansion	 1,100 new state-funded child care spaces	• Added 2 new towns • 94% are full-time spaces for working parents
Rate Increases	 8% increase in provider payment rates	• Direct to the field to support staff salary increases, retention, and business stability for 484 ESCT sites
Workforce Supports	 \$10M Program Operation Grants \$1M in scholarships	• Providers benefit from grants to sustain capacity • Doubled student scholarships (490)
Community Infrastructure	 Launched 48 Local Governance Partners	• Covers 89 towns • 123 Parent Ambassadors • 48 local assessments completed

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Expanded Quality Improvement Supports:

- Responded to the over 150% increase in demand for quality supports including training and coaching in accreditation and CT ELDS
- Improvements made to the Registry system to improve functionality, efficiency and access to scholarships
- Supporting newly funded Early Start CT providers by paying Environment Rating Scale observations and training an additional rater to meet growing demand

Voted to approve \$10M in health insurance subsidy for ECE workforce

- Administered by Access Health CT in partnership with OEC
- The subsidy is income-based and provides a flat subsidy. Early childhood educators earning between 175% and 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will receive a subsidy of \$1,200 per year; those earning between 250% and 400% FPL will receive a \$1,100 subsidy per year; and those earning over 400% will receive a \$1,000 subsidy per year.
- Includes multiple outreach and communication strategies to reach providers