

FMAP and Impact on Massachusetts Early Education and Care

Below are final FY11 budget allocations for early education and care line items and related priorities. Strategies for Children recommends that additional federal Medicaid (FMAP) funding be applied to restore cuts to early education and care as indicated in the FY11 Conference Committee appropriations.

MA Universal Pre-Kindergarten (3000-5075)

To improve the quality of pre-kindergarten programs for children age two years and nine months to kindergarten eligibility, delivered through a mixed system of public and private providers. In FY10, \$8 million in total funding provided grants to over 277 early education programs serving 6,400 children in over 100 cities and towns.

- **FY11 Conference Committee: \$8,000,000**
- 6.25% FMAP Budget Relief Fund
- FY11 GAA: \$7,500,000

Supportive Child Care (3000-3050)

For supportive early education and care services for children with active cases at the department of children and families.

- **FY11 Conference Committee: \$88,113,747**
- 2.72% FMAP Budget Relief Fund
- FY11 GAA: \$85,713,747

Income Eligible (3000-4060)

For the early education and care and out-of-school time services for low-income children qualifying for state aid.

- **FY11 Conference Committee: \$233,527,427**
- 2.14% FMAP Budget Relief Fund
- FY11 GAA: \$228,527,427

Head Start (3000-5000)

For grants to Head Start programs, provided that funds from this item may be expended on Early Head Start programs.

- **FY11 Conference Committee: \$8,000,000**
- 6.25% FMAP Budget Relief Fund
- FY11 GAA: \$7,500,000

Mental Health (3000-6075)

For early childhood mental health services in early education and care programs.

- **FY11 Conference Committee: \$1,000,000**
- 25.00% FMAP Budget Relief Fund
- FY11 GAA: \$750,000

Kindergarten Expansion Grants (7030-1002)

Provides grants to communities for the expansion and quality enhancement of full-day kindergarten (FDK) programs. FDK improves learning in reading and math, aids children's social development and is widely supported by the public.

- **FY11 Conference Committee: \$25,948,947**
- 11.56% FMAP Budget Relief Fund
- FY11 GAA: \$22,948,947

Massachusetts State Scholarship Program (7070-0065)*

Provides tuition assistance to currently employed early educators to pursue Associate or Bachelor's degrees in exchange for continued employment in the field. Since FY06, this program has provided over 4,200 scholarships to early educators.

- FY11 Conference Committee: \$89,507,756
- 3.35% FMAP Budget Relief Fund
- FY11 GAA: \$86,507,756

*funds Early Childhood Educators Scholarship