Governor Raimondo’s FY20 Budget Priorities: 3rd Grade Reading Goal

**High Quality Pre-K Expansion**
We will maintain the current 60 State Pre-K classrooms and expand additional classrooms. 540 new high-quality Pre-K seats will be added in a mixed delivery model. ($5.75M to maintain, $4.25M to expand)
$10,000,000

**Investment in Family Home Visiting (FHV)**
We will maintain the availability of 1400 family slots in our FHV, which provides families with the resources and skills to help raise children to be healthy and ready to learn. ($650,000 State GR, $650,000 Medicaid waiver match)
$1,300,000

**Expansion of Tiered Reimbursement for Child Care**
Tiered reimbursement will be expanded to family child care. Also, an additional investment in rates for preschool programs to reach the 75th percentile of the market rate. ($150,000 family child care, $697,000* preschool rates)
$847,000* Included in pre-k expansion funding

**Prenatal Expansion of First Connections**
First Connections is designed to connect families to the necessary services at the earliest point possible. This investment will allow 1200 prenatal women to be served.
$378,000

**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program**
This investment will be used to meet the goal of decreasing lead exposure and identifying children with elevated blood lead levels as early as possible.
$190,000

**Mitigating Adverse Risk Staff Capacity**
Additional staff capacity to support DCYF and RIDOH’s joint effort to identify and refer all children up to age 3 who are victims of abuse and/or neglect.
$74,000

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**School Success**
Ensure all 4-year-olds have access to high quality Pre-K

**School Readiness**
Increase the capacity of family home visiting for children up to age 4 at risk of poor outcomes

**School Readiness**
Increase number of CCAP providers at higher levels of Bright Stars

**School Readiness**
Ensure vulnerable infants and toddlers get engaged in evidence based services

**School Readiness**
Increase lead screening rates for children at 18 months

**Safety Net Services**
Respond to the needs of high-risk children

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**Federal Preschool Development Grant: Birth to 5**
Rhode Island has been awarded this one-year grant to help support the development and coordination of early childhood education and family-centered support programs. Funds will be used to conduct the research, planning, and system improvement needed to build a strong, family-centered birth to 5 system. The grant will also allow us to plan and build infrastructure for universal pre-k expansion.
$4,190,000