

# West Virginia Early Childhood Development Timeline

- 1 WV Cabinet on Children & Families (CC&F) created
- 2 Governor's Early Childhood Implementation Commission (ECIC) created
- 3 ECIC releases report
- 4 Legislation to create "mid-sized" category child care programs to serve rural areas
- 5 Boosted quality child care by investing in provider licensing, monitoring and training
- 6 Expanded child care subsidies for low-income, working families
- 7 CC&F grants to first seven Starting Point Centers
- 8 CC&F receives federal funding to initiate Head Start Collaboration Project
- 9 CC&F developed EC quality standards & recognized for exemplary programs
- 10 Children First: Study Commission on Services for Young Children
- 11 \$1.2 M Legislative funding for Starting Points Centers & early parent education
- 12 CC&F, WV Chamber & Wellness Council create "Business Champions" family friendly workplaces
- 13 CC&F awarded 9 grants for early parent education programs
- 14 \$1 M Legislative funding & \$500,000 Federal funds to pilot Educare Initiative
- 15 Funding from federal Maternal & Child Health Bureau for Healthy Child Care WV
- 16 Awarded grants to 8 Educare pilot sites
- 17 Implementation of WV Early Child Care & Education Professional Development System
- 18 Educare pilot funded eliminated; inception of universal WV Pre-K (4yrs) programs
- 19 Partners Implementing an Early Child Care & Education System (PIECES) created
- 20 Pre-K program regulations adopted by State Board of Education
- 21 WV Kids Count, in partnership w/PIECES & Vision Shared, begin Policy Matters project to document ECE
- 22 Vision Shared co-sponsors ECD policy forum in Charleston
- 23 Governor Manchin EO to PIECES to study ECD ratings, governance and finance
- 24 NGA Center for Best Practices awards WV \$10,000 to support early childhood advisory councils (ECACs)
- 25 Marshall CBER report to DHHR on alternative funding methods for ECE programs
- 26 Marshall CBER report to DHHR/Vision Shared on cost projections for ECE implementation
- 27 PIECES report released; ECD ratings recommendations adopted; governance & finance issues revisited
- 28 Marshall CBER contract w/IWV

## Significant Milestones at the National Level:



Nobel Prize winner James Heckman and Dimitriy V. Masterov publish, *The Productivity Argument for Investing in Young Children*



Completion of the "Decade of the Brain" and strides made with the Human Genome Project

