



We are **MINNE** OUR CHILDREN **MINDS** OUR FUTURE



Who We Are

- Coalition of 100+ organizations and thought leaders from all parts of MN
- Members represent:
 - Education Community
 - Businesses
 - Philanthropic Organizations
 - Non-profits
- Common commitment to prioritizing Minnesota's youngest in-need children as the most important investment for our state



Early Learning What has changed from 2013-2016?

Macro Awareness of Early Ed as a priority

- Top political issue
- Bi-partisan support
- Conversation shifted from if we fund to how?

Quality = Parent Aware

- RTT grant in 2013 launched Parent Aware





Policy Agenda: Objectives for 2017

- **High Quality**
 - Parent Aware
- **Access***
 - Scholarships for 0-5 year olds*
 - Home Visiting, pre-natal to 2*
 - CCAP: family/provider-friendly provisions

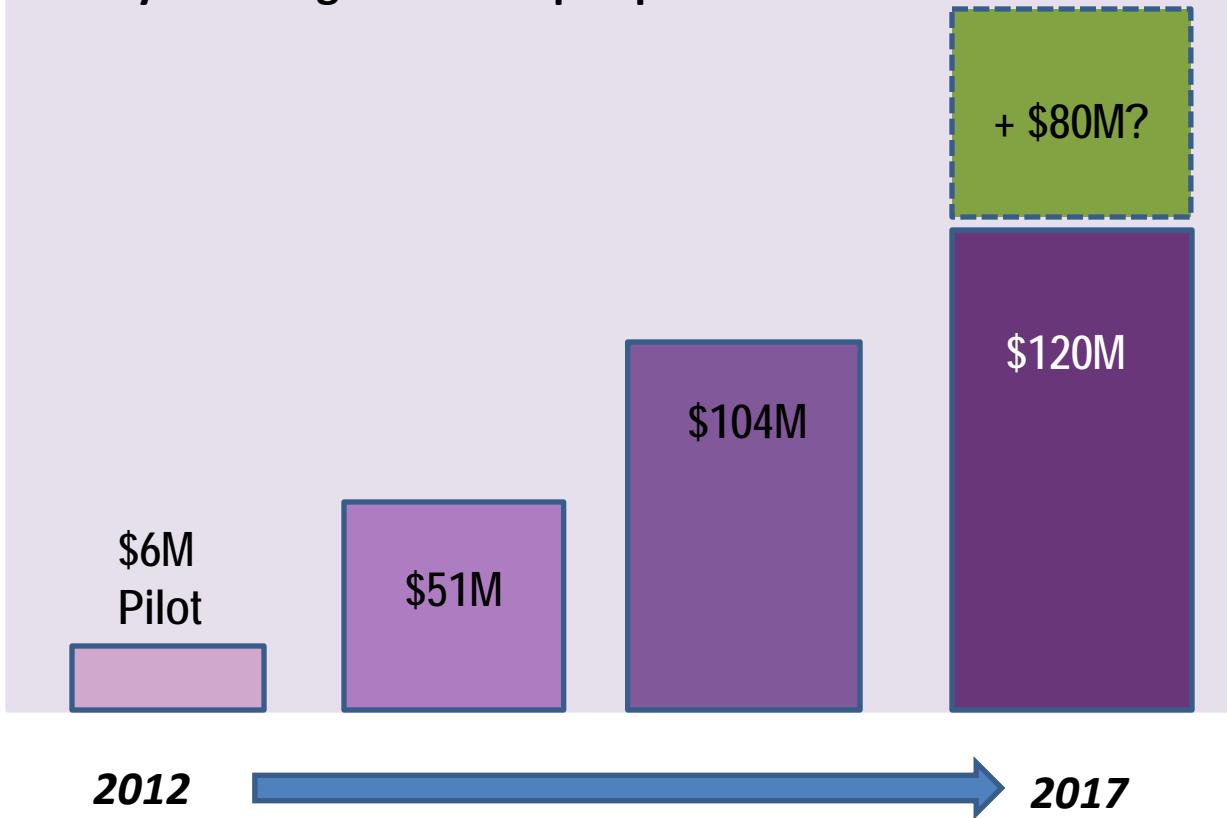
**Prioritize and target:
homeless, foster care, child protection, teen parents*





Early Learning Scholarships

Early Learning Scholarship Expansion





Legislative Landscape

Proposed New Early Learning Spending \$ Millions Per Biennium

	Governor (SFY'18-19)	House/Senate Omnibus Bill Proposal (SFY'18-19)
Scholarships 0-5	\$0	\$19M
Home Visiting	\$31M	\$3M
Child Care Assistance Program	\$58M	\$0
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten	\$175M	\$0
School Readiness* (VPK Replacement)	\$0M	(\$45.5M)* <i>Shifts current spending from VPK</i>
<u>Total Proposed</u>	\$264M	\$22M

