

On the Road to High-Quality Early Learning: Changing Children's Lives

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Welcome & Introduction



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Agenda

- **Lessons Learned**

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- **Moderated Discussion**

David Kirp, *Professor of Public Policy*, University of California, Berkeley; *Contributing Writer*, New York Times; *Senior Fellow*, Learning Policy Institute

Ross Hunter, *Secretary*, Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Monica DellaMea, *Executive Director*, Office of Early and Elementary Learning, West Virginia Department of Education

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- **Audience Q&A**

Building Bridges



Presenter



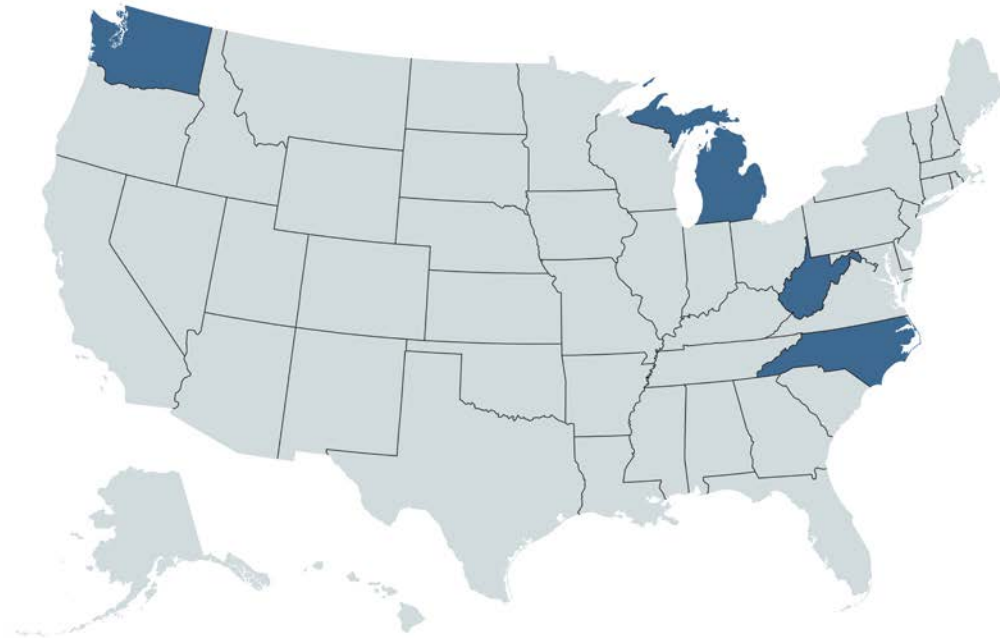
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Case Studies



State selection

Quality

Scale

Diversity

Program Access and Demographics (2014-15)

	Michigan	North Carolina	Washington	West Virginia
Program scope	Targeted	Targeted	Targeted	Universal
Delivery system	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed
4-year-olds served	33% (38,000)	22% (27,000)	8% (7,000)	75% (14,000)
Children in poverty	26%	27%	19%	28%
English language learners	10%	15%	22%	2%

Case Study States

Washington

- Head Start model
- Focus on preschool *and* child care

Michigan

- Quality from the start
- Multiple, periodic quality checks
- Onsite coaching



West Virginia

- Stable funding
- Local autonomy
- Collaborative model

North Carolina

- "One-stop-shop" for families
- Pioneer in quality rating system
- High educator requirements

Lessons From the States

QUALITY



- **Program Quality**
- **Workforce**
- **Coordination**
- **Funding**
- **Support**

Prioritize Quality and Continuous Improvement



- Standards and assessments
- Quality rating and improvement systems
- Funding linked to quality ratings
- Local infrastructure



Invest in Training and Coaching

- High requirements
- Accessible training
- Scholarships and salary supplements
- Coaching

Coordinate the Administration of Birth-Through-Grade Three Programs

- Coordinated program administration
- Shared data
- Aligned curriculum and instruction



Combine Multiple Funding Sources to Increase Access and Improve Quality

- Combined funding sources
- Short-term funds
- Public-private partnerships





Create Broad-Based Coalitions and Support

- Broad-based coalition
- Choice
- Political champion

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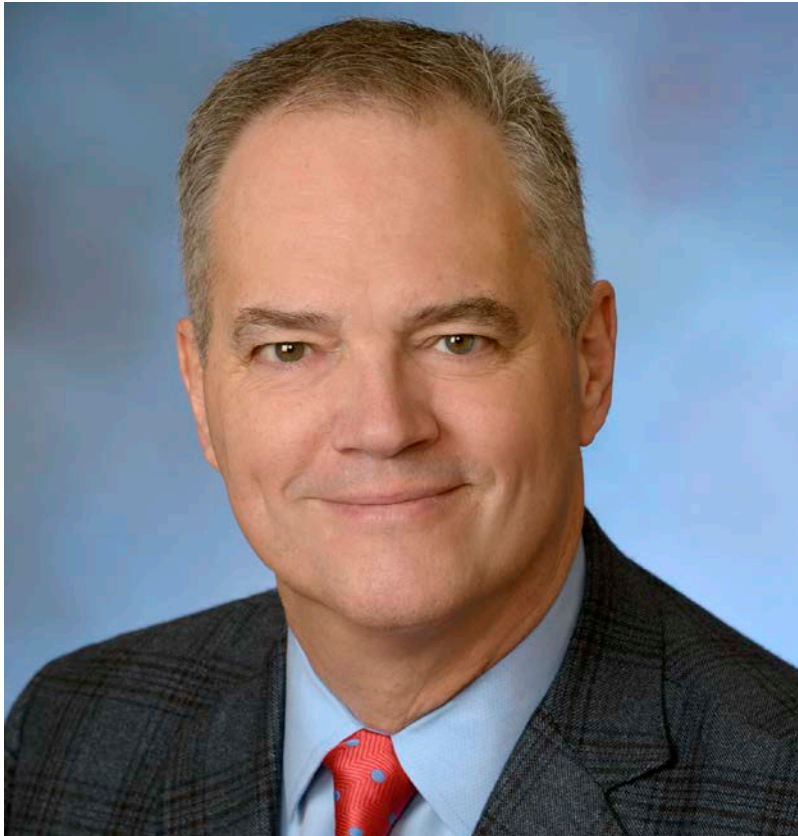
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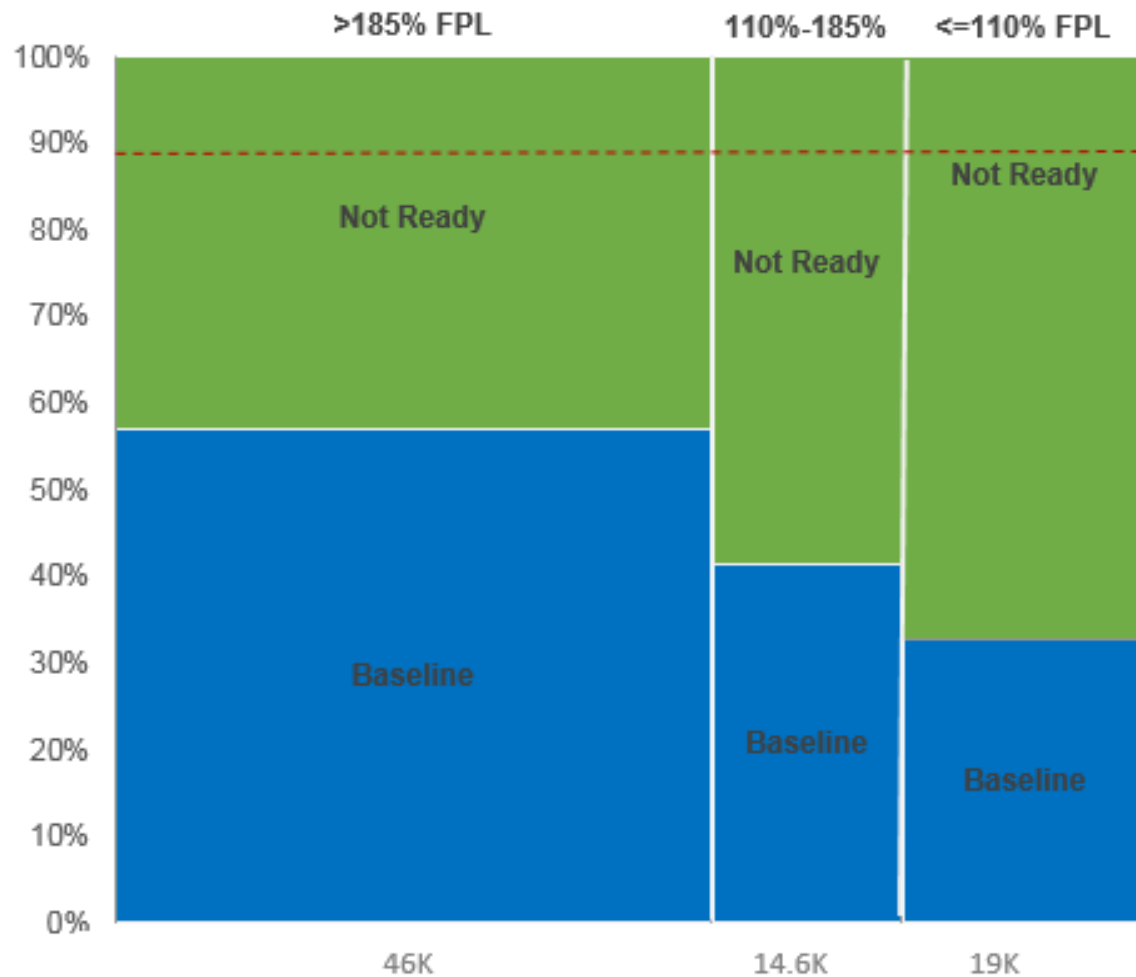
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Getting to 90% Ready



- 48% all kindergarteners ready WaKIDS 6/6

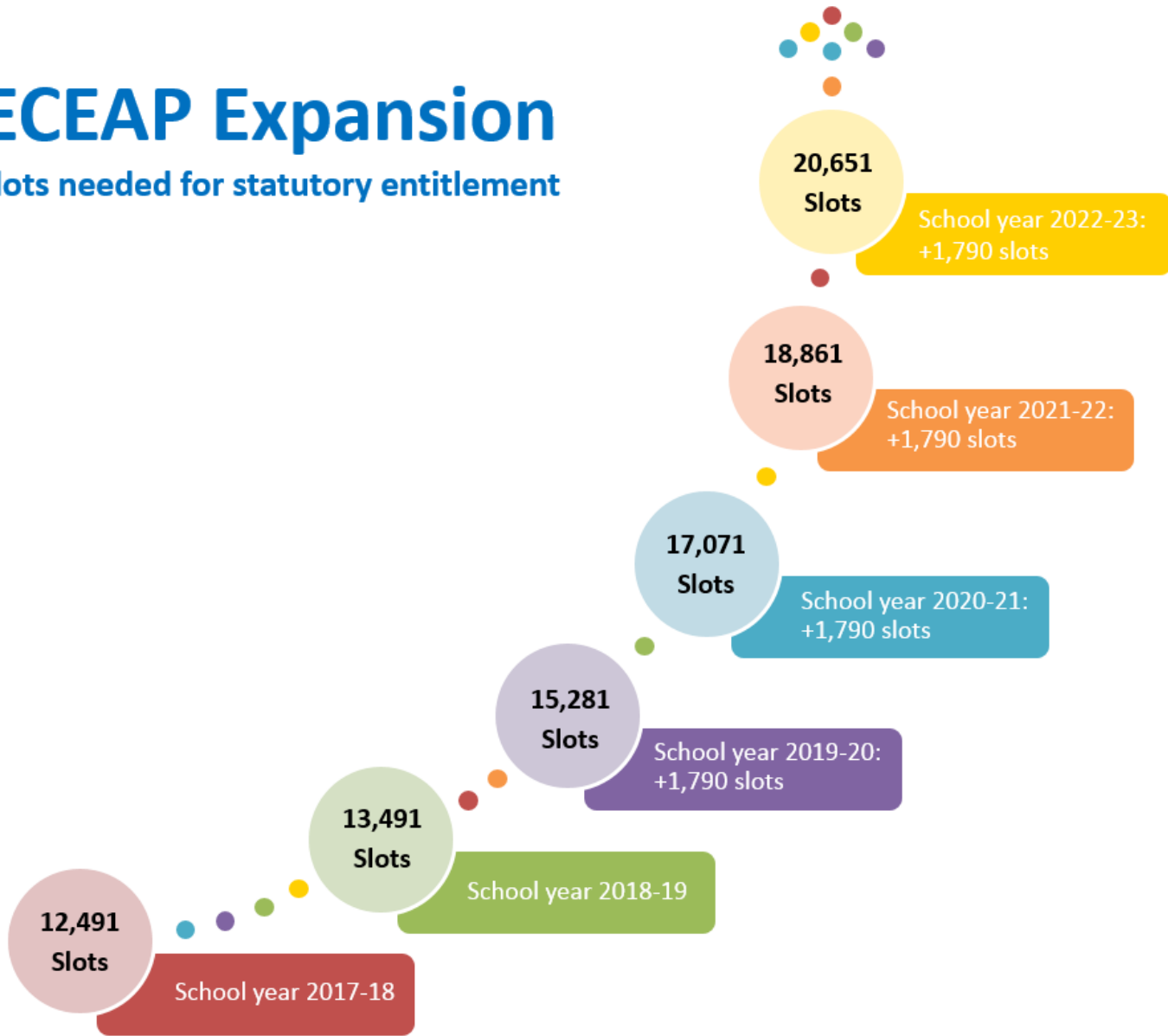
57%	>185% FPL
42%	110%-185% FPL
33%	<110% FPL

Kids' Potential, Our Purpose



ECEAP Expansion

Slots needed for statutory entitlement

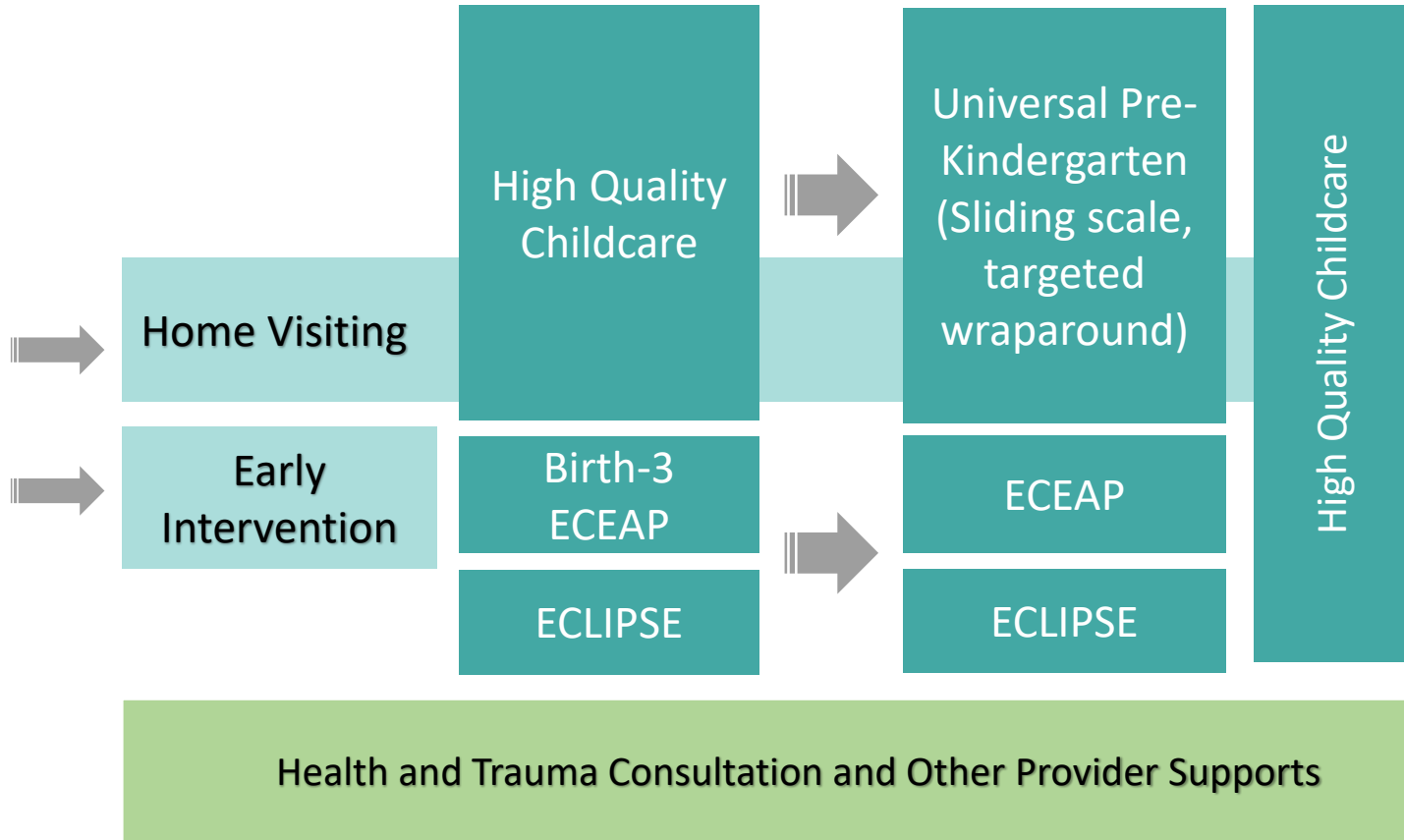


Family Connects



Statewide Assessment and Service Referral System

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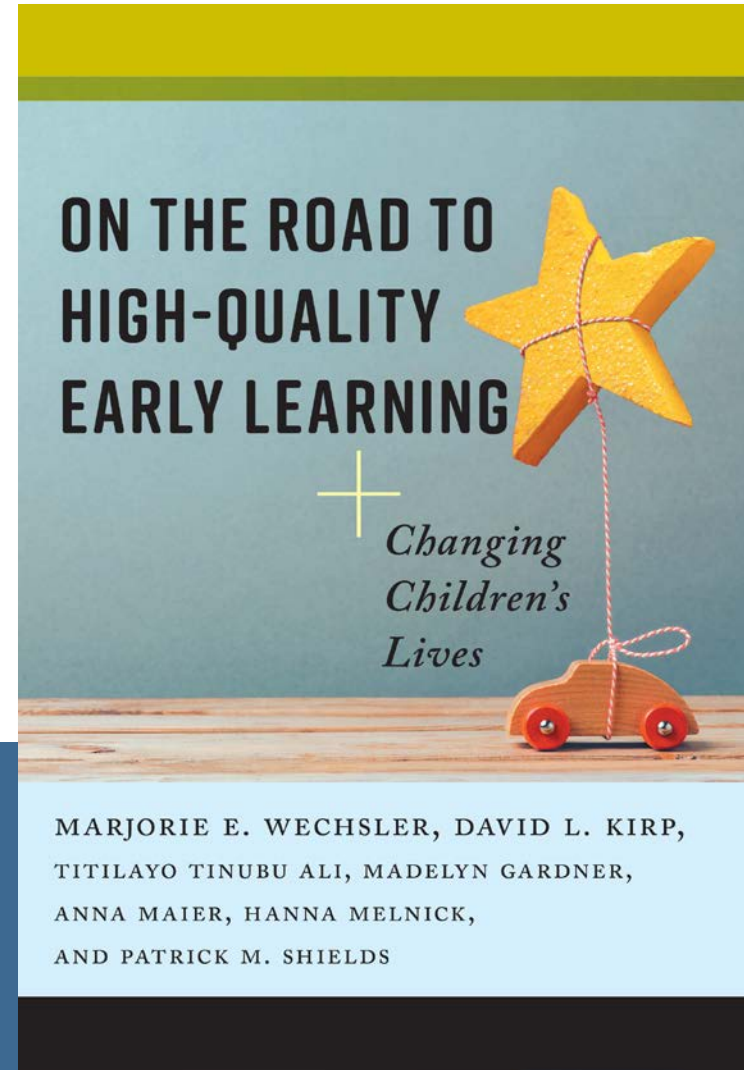
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**West Virginia Department of Education-Office of
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wvde.us/early-and-elementary-learning

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