

# 2017 Services & Outcomes



## Providing high-quality early education and care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers

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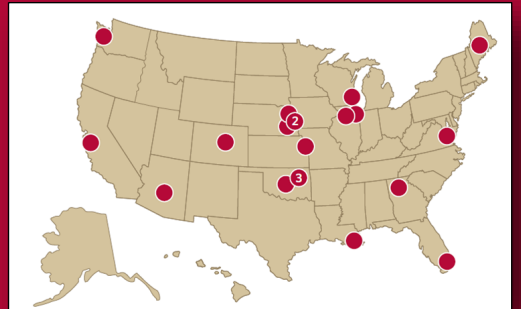
At Educare, we believe everyone deserves a fair chance to achieve their dreams, and it starts by leveling the playing field from the day we're born. As one of the nation's most effective early childhood education schools, we make sure financially disadvantaged young children have the best possible chance for success in life. Our approach extends beyond the classrooms to help children, families and communities thrive.

Our comprehensive program incorporates everything science says young children need to flourish. We partner with families because learning doesn't stop when children leave the classroom. We support the continued learning of our passionate teachers and staff because we want to empower them to do their best work. We use research to improve our schools because we're committed to creating a lasting positive impact on every family we serve.

Educare works. When compared to their same-age peers, Educare children are just as academically, socially and emotionally ready for kindergarten. Educare parents are active in their children's education, both in school and at home. When these things happen, children grow up better prepared to chase their dreams, and our entire society thrives.

Our work is not complete until every child has an equal chance to succeed. That's why we advocate on behalf of children everywhere to improve access to quality early learning programs. We share our expertise with educators, researchers and policymakers so they know how to strengthen their communities. We build strong public-private partnerships to create strong schools and longtime champions who will amplify our call for change.

We will not stop until all children are born with equal opportunity to achieve their dreams. Our future depends on it.



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School Readiness

100%

of children attending Educare Central Maine for 3 years who have transitioned to kindergarten, meet or exceed benchmarks in social/emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy and math.



Nurturing early relationships are critical to healthy brain development to support healthy attachment and adaption.

80%

of neural construction is complete by age 3.

Building on Brain Research

Community

208

children are served annually at Educare Central Maine. Community partners, organizations and businesses are critical to ensuring the needs of children and families are addressed.



100% of parents receive parent education

78% of families expect their child to earn a bachelor's degree or higher

94% of families read at least three times a week to their child

80% of parents are working and/or going school

Supporting Families

Health & Nutrition

85,280

nutritious meals and snacks were served



84% of children are up-to-date on immunizations

94% of children received dental exams



The cumulative lifetime fiscal savings and tax benefit to government is estimated to be

4.8 times greater

than the initial cost. For more information, visit [www.educarecentralmaine.org](http://www.educarecentralmaine.org) to view Path to a Better Future, by Philip Trostel.

Investing in Early Education and Care