

# Public Policy Priorities 2025

At Think Small our policy work is driven by **the need to improve school readiness for children most likely to experience gaps in opportunity and achievement.**

With this at the center, we will lead and support efforts to improve access to quality early care and education programs around the state. We will support policies that further the following goals:

- Fully fund Early Learning Scholarships for eligible children, expand eligibility and fund scholarships for children in middle class families.
- Ensure Parent Aware is a strong standard of quality and that public resources and supports are aligned to increase the availability of quality early care and education opportunities.
- Improve children's readiness for kindergarten.
- Use early childhood data to inform decision-making.

A strong, equitable early care and education system not only benefits children, families, and early educators, but also keeps parents in the workforce, increases racial equity, and strengthens the economy for everyone.