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Public Policy Priorities 2026

At Think Small our policy work is driven by **the need to improve the system of early care and education for young children, their families, and their educators.**

With this at the center, in 2026 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 Minnesota has a strong system of early care and education quality recognition 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.

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