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PEOPLE



[State Children's Cabinet Network](#) – *The Forum for Youth Investment & National Governors Association*

- A peer to peer learning and technical assistance network for state children's cabinets

[Local Children's Cabinet Network](#) - *The Children's Funding Project, The Forum for Youth Investment, Harvard Graduate School of Education*

- A peer to peer learning and technical assistance network for local children's cabinets

[Collective Impact Forum](#)

- A hub of tools, resources and examples for those interested in or already practicing collective impact

[Partnership for America's Children Network](#)

- A network of state and local child advocacy organizations working to improve policies affecting children at the local, state, and national level. Most members are also responsible for their state's Kids Count data.

[State Priorities Partnership](#) - *The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*

- A network of more than 40 independent, nonprofit research and policy organizations that uses evidence and analysis to advance equitable policies in a variety of areas and help states with accountable budget processes to reduce inequality and fight poverty

[StriveTogether](#)

- A national, nonprofit network of nearly 70 communities working to improve cradle to career outcomes. Members are provided coaching, connections and resources to advance their work.

[Alliance for Early Success](#)

- A catalyst for bringing state, national and funding partners together to improve state policies for children ages 0-8 years old

[Afterschool Alliance](#)

- A comprehensive set of tools to help establish, sustain and evaluate partnerships in afterschool programming

[Opportunity Youth Network](#) – *The Forum for Youth Investment* and *The Aspen Institute*

- A network of the country's leading funders and corporations, federal, state and local government officials, non-profits and formerly disconnected youth to work together to reduce the number of disconnected youth

[Opportunity Youth United](#)

- A national movement of young people and allies working to increase opportunity and decrease poverty in America through advocacy, civic engagement and community organization.

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DATA



[Child Care Supply by Congressional District](#) – *Center for American Progress*

- Database of the child care supply in states by congressional district. Gives data on the share of the young children the child care market can serve

[Kids Count Data Center](#) – *The Annie E. Casey Foundation*

- Comprehensive child and family wellbeing outcomes data by state and locality

[State of Pre K Year Books](#) - *National Institute for Early Education Research*

- An annual publication which tracks the funding, access, and policies of state-funded preschool programs. The Yearbook seeks to improve the public’s knowledge and understanding of state efforts to expand the availability of high-quality education and serve as a resource for policymakers, advocates, and researchers to make more informed decisions.

[National Institute for Early Education Research](#) – *Rutgers School of Education*

- Research guide by topic, including: access, economics and finance, English language learners, outcomes, stem, among others

[Opportunity Index](#) – *Opportunity Nation (Forum for Youth Investment and Child Trends)*

- Offers a comprehensive, detailed and interactive examination of conditions that affect opportunity, place by place, across the United States. The Opportunity Index is a composite measure made up of indicators in four distinct dimensions of opportunity: Economy, Education, Health, and Community.

[Opportunity Atlas](#) – *Opportunity Insights*

- Another interactive map showing the roots of social mobility. You can filter the map by various outcomes as well as well as neighborhood characteristics

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MONEY: “FIND”



[Leveraging Federal Funding Streams Toolkit](#) – *Jobs for the Future*

- Funding stream guide that details over 140 programs across nine different federal agencies that can support place-based cradle to career initiatives.

[State & Local Government Expenditures](#) – *US Census Bureau*

- A customizable tool to explore aggregated revenue, expenditure and employment data for state and local governments

[Local Funding for Early Learning: A Community Toolkit](#) – *NC Institute for Emerging Issues*

- Toolkit for understanding local opportunities for financing early education and development services

[Kids’ Share report](#) – *The Urban Institute*

- This comprehensive report looks at trends in federal and state spending and tax expenditures on children—the kids’ share of public spending.

[What’s in the Budget for Babies?](#) – *ZERO TO THREE*

- An analysis of federal funding examines funding levels across agencies for the programs and services that impact infants, toddlers, and their families, comparing the final amounts with the President’s proposal and actual levels.
- ZERO TO THREE tracks 70 programs and subprograms in areas that include early care and learning, health and mental health, child welfare, and justice programs.

[USA Facts](#)

- Government data from over 70 sources organized to show how the money flows, the impact, and who "the people" are

[Map My Community](#) - *Youth.gov*

- An examination of who has received federal funding for programs that serve youth and their families in your community

[USAspending.gov](#)

- A search engine of federal grants that allows you to view the funds with various levels of granularity including where the awards landed at the community level as well as details about grant itself.

[Foundation Center](#)

- An interactive mapping tool that shows where philanthropic funds are landing.
- Can search funds by service area, outcome area, funding pathways, etc.

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MONEY: “ALIGN”



[Provider Cost of Quality Calculator](#) – *US Office of Child Care*

- The Provider Cost of Quality Calculator (PCQC) computes the cost of quality at the program level. The answers can help state policymakers understand the costs associated with delivering high quality early care and education. The tool can demonstrate whether there is a gap between the cost of producing quality of a given level and the revenue sources available to support a particular provider.

[Cost of Childcare](#) – *Center for American Progress*

- Online tool that estimates the per child monthly cost of center-based child care for an infant, toddler or preschooler, at minimum quality (licensing standards) and high-quality (kindergarten compensation parity).
- Allows some customization based on state, salaries and staffing ratios.

[Cost of Preschool Quality and Revenue Calculator](#) - *Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes*

- Online tool from the Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes that calculates the costs of expansion and quality enhancements to Pre-K programs, aligned with NIEER benchmarks.
- Includes many defaults but can be overridden with own sources.

[Creating an Integrated Efficient Early Care and Education System to Support Children and Families: A State-by-State Analysis](#) - *Bipartisan Policy Center*

- BPC reviewed publicly available data as well as state and program websites to verify information about states’ specific approaches to organizing and administering ECE programs, including programs funded by federal appropriations as well as state-funded Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) and preschool programs.
- Each state has its own fact sheet

[City Fiscal Conditions Survey](#)– *National League of Cities*

- The City Fiscal Conditions Survey is a national online survey of finance officers in U.S. cities conducted in the spring and summer of each year.

[Braiding and Blending Funds to Support Community Health Improvement: A Compendium of Resources and Examples](#) – *Trust for America’s Health*

[Blending and Braiding Early Childhood Program Funding Streams Toolkit](#) – *The Ounce*

- A toolkit for enhancing financing for high quality early learning programs

[Blended and Braided Funding: A Guide for Policy Makers and Practitioners](#) – *AGA’s Intragovernmental Partnership*

- This guide is intended to help officials at all levels of government put their resources to optimal use.

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MONEY: “GENERATE”



[The State of State \(and Local\) Tax Policy Briefing Book](#) – *The Tax Policy Center*

- This is a citizen’s guide to the interesting and complex elements of the US tax system.
- Includes information on how various state and local taxes work, in which states taxes are most important, how states limit taxes, etc.

[A Look at County Revenue Authority](#) – *The National Association of Counties*

- A state by state report of county revenue authority that describes the basic structure while highlighting the differences among the states.
- County revenue authority encompasses the variety of taxes and fees that a county may levy and collect in order to finance its normal operations, special projects, and general indebtedness.

[Community Benefit Agreements – Making Development Projects Accountable](#) – *Good Jobs First*

- This report includes the basics of Community Benefit Agreements, the pro’s and con’s, tips on how to implement and examples of successful CBAs.

[Guide to Fair State and Local Taxes](#) – *Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP)*

- The ITEP Guide to Fair State and Local Taxes is designed to provide a basic overview of the most important issues in state and local tax policy, in simple and straightforward language.

[State and Local Backgrounders](#) - *The Urban Institute*

- Provide brief explanations that can help policymakers, media, and citizens navigate important state and local issues including various types of state, local and service expenditures and taxes such as property tax, income tax, cigarette tax, etc.

[State & Local Early Education Financing Strategies](#) – *Louisiana Policy Institute for Children & the Children’s Funding Project*

- A report detailing how states and cities provide dedicated funding for early care and education.

[Local Dedicated Children’s Funds](#) - *The Children’s Funding Project*

- Includes a map of local, public funding streams dedicated to children and youth services across the country, as of 2017
- Also provides the local dedicated fund data in chart form that illustrates the many ways these funds can be established and the range of target ages they support, years they were established, and purposes they support, in addition to other details.

[Community Benefit Insight](#) – *The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

- A searchable database of how US tax-exempt hospitals meet their community benefit expenditures

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[Results for America](#)

- Supports leaders and policy makers invest in evidence based programs and practices
- Provides a series of tools, resources and examples

[Pew- MacArthur Results First Initiative](#) – *The Pew Charitable Trusts & the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation*

- The initiative works with states to implement an innovative evidence-based policymaking approach that helps them invest in policies and programs that are proved to work.

[What Works Cities](#) – *Bloomberg Philanthropies*

- A philanthropic effort to help enhance cities’ use of data and evidence to drive change and deliver results.
- Offers a ‘What Works Certification’ program, which is national standard of excellence for data-driven, well-managed local government.

[Center on the Developing Child](#) – *Harvard University*

- The center uses a R&D platform for science-based intervention and transforming the policy and practice landscape for children’s services
- Provides learning and leadership opportunities, educational resources, and information on leading innovations

MONEY: “EVALUATE”

