

Endowment-Scholarship Model for Early Childhood Development



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Proposed Minnesota Endowment

- Focus the state's School Trust Land fund on early childhood education.
- Encourage matching grants from the private sector.
- State replaces share of allocated funds to K-12 until cost savings are realized.
- Requires a constitutional amendment.

Nebraska's Early Childhood Education Endowment Grant Program

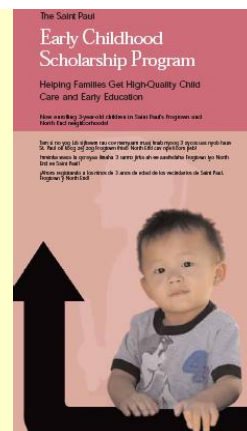
- Public-private partnership funded with \$40 million from the state and an additional \$20 million from the private sector to be raised within five years.
- Earnings generated will be used primarily for grants to school districts to provide programs and services for infants and toddlers who are at risk of school failure.
- School districts or cooperatives of school districts are required to partner with at least one other community-based organization.

Market-Oriented ECD Proposal

- Provide scholarships and mentors to parents with at-risk children.
- Scholarships designed to reward performance and encourage high-quality and innovative practices.
- Financed by endowed fund.

Minnesota Early Learning Foundation

- Identify cost-effective services for promoting early learning for children from low-income families.
- Investing \$30 million in innovative early learning projects through December 2011.
- Board membership includes CEOs of Cargill, Best Buy, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, Business Partnership of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota.



St. Paul Early Childhood Scholarship Pilot, 2008-2011

Families with a 3-year-old receive:

- Scholarships to use at a high-quality early childhood program for two years
- Parent mentoring through age 5

Families with a 1-year-old or younger receive:

- Parent mentoring through age 5
- Access to scholarships at age 3

Cost: \$17 million Children: 1,100

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