

The Roaring 20's: A Look at the FY21 Budget for Early Childhood

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Expanding Access to High-Quality Early Childhood Education



Child Care Scholarships

July, 2018:

Provider Reimbursement Raised to the 20th percentile

August, 2018:

Income Eligibility Level Increased to 65% SMI

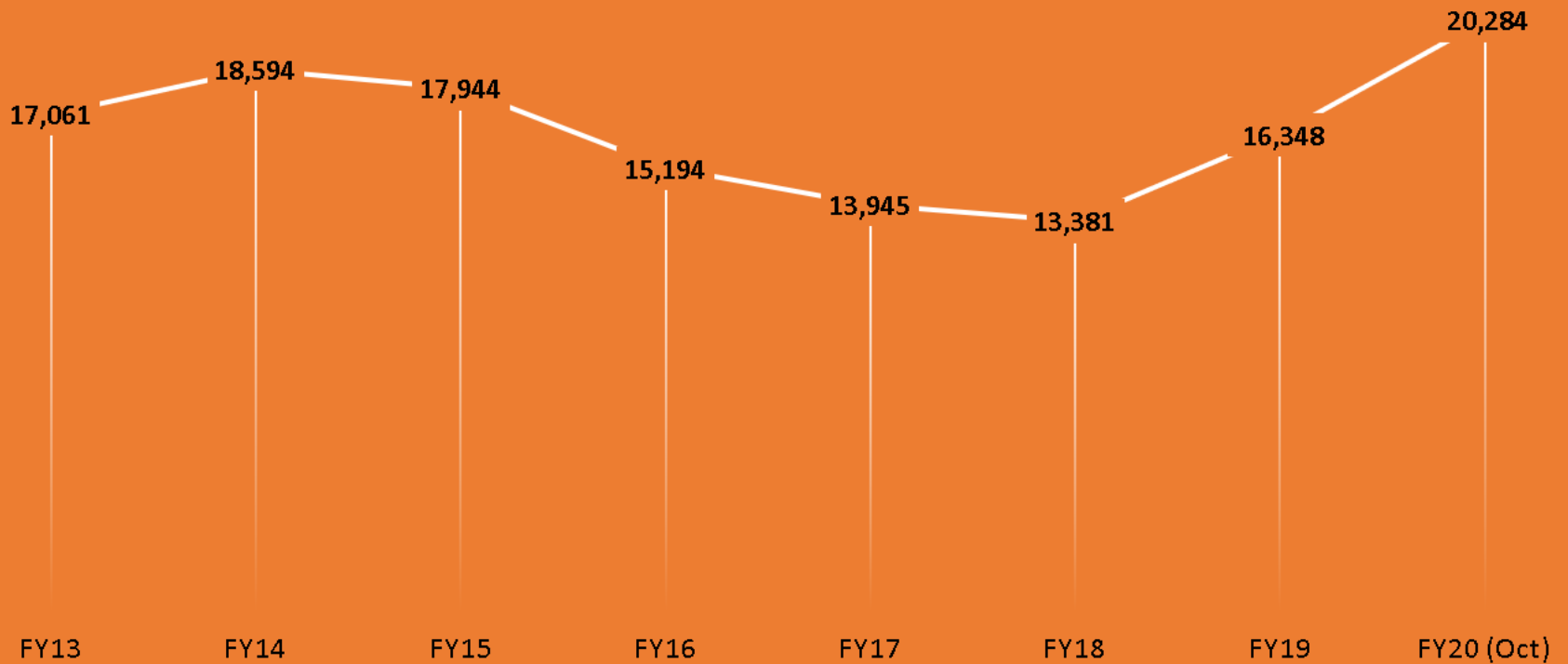
July, 2019:

Provider Reimbursement Raised to the 30th percentile

July, 2020:

Provider Reimbursement Will Rise to the 60th percentile

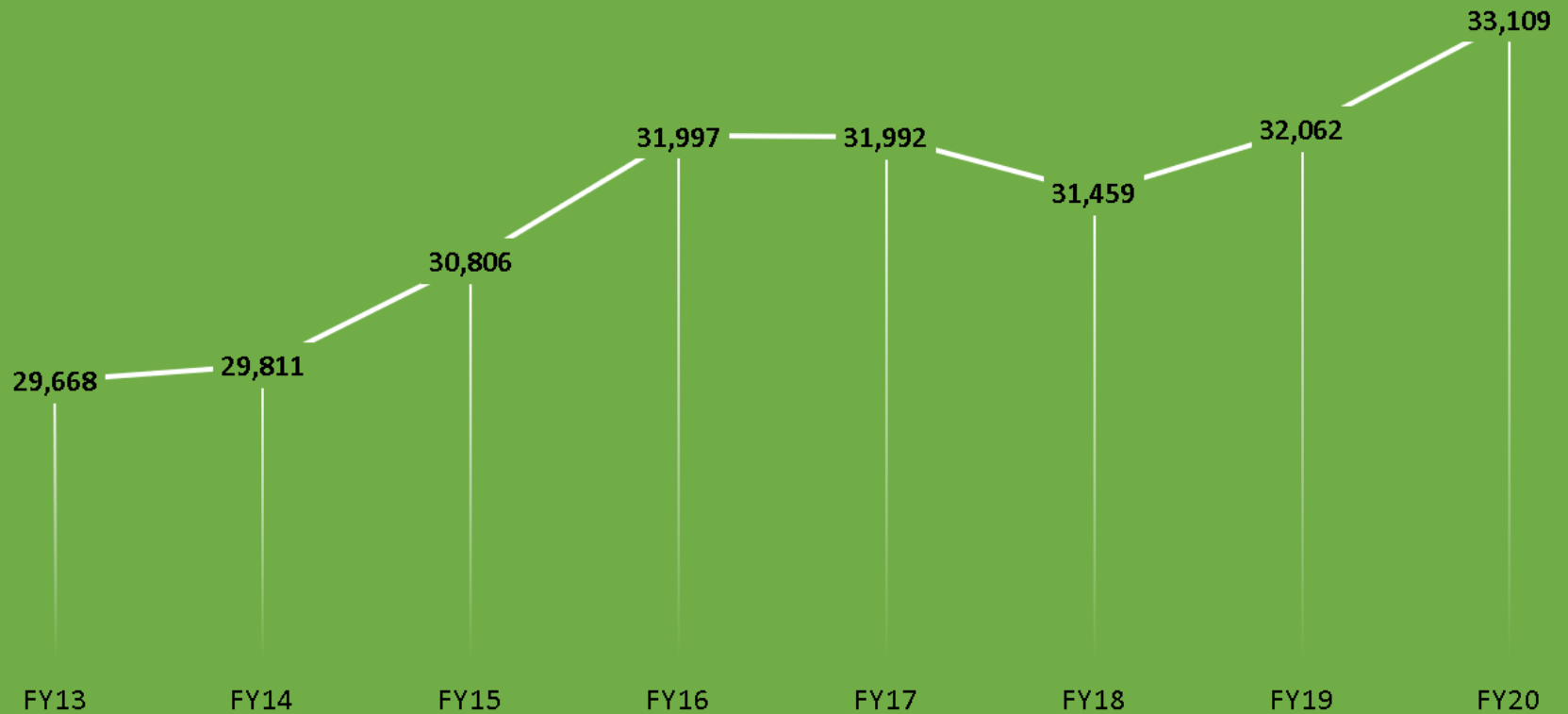
NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED IN CHILD CARE SUBSIDY FY2013 TO FY2020 (OCT)



Public PreK

- Prekindergarten *Supplemental* Grants - \$58 million
- Prekindergarten *Expansion* Grants - \$26.6 million
- **Plus another \$20 million in the Governor's budget**

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Supporting the Early Childhood Workforce



Maryland Child Care Credential Program

- Recognizes child care educators for exceeding State licensing requirements through –
 - Professional development
 - Training
 - Earning degrees or certifications
- The program provides one-time *or* annual stipends
- 10,220 teachers and 210 administrators currently participate.
- **\$4 million in the Governor's budget**

Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund (CCCPDF)

- The program covers tuition for child care educators to pursue an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree.
- 22 Maryland Colleges/Universities participate.
- 352 students pursuing an A.A. and 109 pursuing a B.A.
- **\$5 million in the Governor's budget**
 - **Plus adding support for CDAs**

Improving Program Quality



Maryland EXCELS

- Maryland's Quality Rating and Improvement System provides a pathway for continuous quality improvement.
- 4,659 licensed and registered child care facilities and public school PreK programs are participating.
- 57% of all child care programs in the state participate.
- **\$5 million in the Governor's budget**

Infants & Toddlers

- Family-centered system of early intervention services for young children with developmental delays and disabilities, and their families.
- In 2017, more than 68% of children who received early intervention services were enrolled in general education by third through sixth grade.
- 98% of families report that early intervention services have helped them understand their rights, communicate effectively about their child's needs, and help their child develop and learn.
- **\$2 million more in the Governor's budget.**

Promoting a 2-Gen Approach



Judy Center Early Learning Hubs (Judy Centers)

- 53 Judy Centers provide high-quality early childhood education programs and comprehensive support services for children birth through kindergarten and their families.
- Judy Centers are marking their 20th anniversary and holding celebrations throughout the year.
- Data shows students who participated in Judy Center activities do better on the KRA than those who do not.
- **\$2.5 million for 10 new Judy Centers.**
- **\$4 million more for current Judy Centers.**

Family Support Centers (FSC)

- 17 state-funded FSC make up a network of 24 across the state for pregnant families and children birth to age three.
- 2,000 families served annually in the Network.
- **\$2 million for 6 new FSC.**
- **\$1 million more for current FSC.**

Total Increase of \$76.5 Million or
26% over FY20 Funding



Thank you!