

### ***Licensed Child Care and Early Learning Programs***

- ❖ In December 2007, there were 329 licensed or approved early learning centers (serving children from 6 weeks through age 5) in Rhode Island. Of these, 133 had both a child care license from the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) and an approval from the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE), while 134 had only a child care license from DCYF, and 62 had only an approval from RIDE.
- ❖ Of the 329 licensed or approved early learning centers in Rhode Island, 45 (14%) were accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
- ❖ In December 2007, there were 1,016 family child care homes licensed by DCYF in Rhode Island. Of these, 7 (1%) were accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care.
- ❖ In December 2007, there were 233 school-age child care programs licensed by DCYF in Rhode Island. Of these, 5 (2%) were accredited by the National Afterschool Association.
- ❖ In December 2007 there were 5,637 infant/toddler slots (ages 6 weeks to 3) and 12,161 preschool slots (ages 3 to 5) in licensed child care centers in Rhode Island. There were 6,619 licensed slots in family child care homes (ages 6 weeks and up).
- ❖ Rhode Island KIDS COUNT estimates that there are approximately 25,885 children under age 6 in need of regulated child care in Rhode Island. In December 2007, there were 94 licensed slots available for every 100 children under age 6 in need of care (includes 100% of family child care slots).

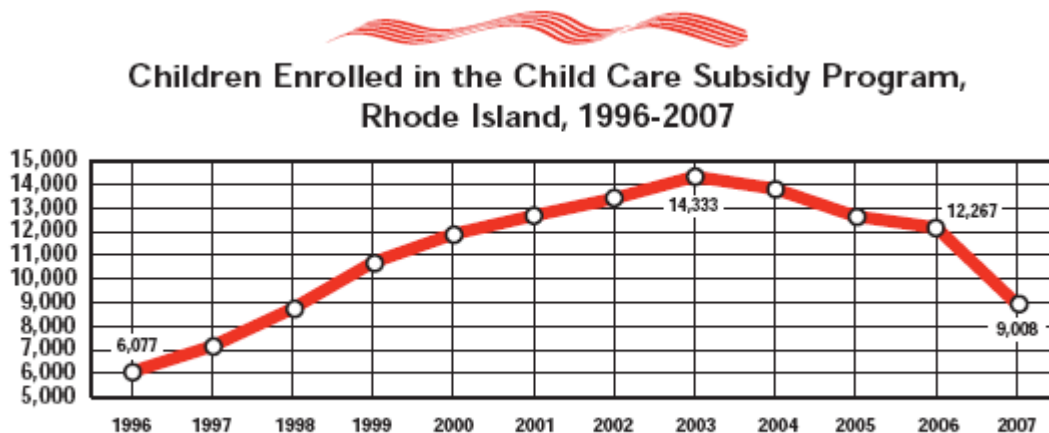
### ***Head Start and Early Head Start***

- ❖ In October 2007, there were 380 children under age 3 and 6 pregnant women receiving Early Head Start services in Rhode Island.
- ❖ Rhode Island KIDS COUNT estimates that there are approximately 7,342 children eligible for Early Head Start in Rhode Island. Approximately 5% of the eligible population was receiving Early Head Start services in October 2007.
- ❖ In October 2007, there were 2,718 children ages 3-5 enrolled in Head Start in Rhode Island. Of these children, 2,286 were ages 3 to 4 and 432 were age 5.
- ❖ Rhode Island KIDS COUNT estimates that there are 4,848 children ages 3 to 4 eligible for Head Start in Rhode Island. Approximately 47% of the eligible population of children ages 3 and 4 were enrolled in Head Start in October 2007.
- ❖ In October 2007, there were 203 Head Start-eligible children enrolled in Rhode Island's Comprehensive Child Care Services Program receiving Head Start-like services.

## 2008 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook: Child Care and Early Learning Indicators

### Children Receiving Child Care Subsidies

- ❖ In December 2007, there were 9,008 children receiving child care subsidies in Rhode Island, down from 12,267 in December 2006.
- ❖ Of the 9,008 children receiving child care subsidies, 2,344 (26%) were under age three, 3,040 (34%) were ages three to five and 3,624 (40%) were ages six to twelve
- ❖ Of the 9,008 children receiving child care subsidies, 65% were enrolled in a licensed child care center, 33% were enrolled in a licensed family child care home and 2% were served by a relative, friend or neighbor exempt from child care licensing.
- ❖ In December 2007, 75% of all child care subsidies in Rhode Island were being used by low-income working families not receiving cash assistance and 17% were used by families enrolled in the Family Independence Program who were engaged in employment activities, and another 8% were used for children in the care of DCYF.



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 1996 – December 2007.

### Early Childhood Special Education

- ❖ During 2007 there were 3,338 children under age 3 who received Early Intervention services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) in Rhode Island. This is 9% of the population of children under age 3.
- ❖ During the 2006-2007 school year there were 2,985 preschool students (age 3 to kindergarten entry) who received special education services under Part B of IDEA in Rhode Island.

### Full-Day Kindergarten

- ❖ As of the 2007-2008 school year, 52% of the children enrolled in public kindergarten in Rhode Island were in a full-day program (a kindergarten operating for at least 6 hours per day).
- ❖ 84% of the public school kindergarten children in the core cities attend full-day programs while 29% of the public school kindergarten children in the remainder of the state attend full-day programs.