

# NEW YORK

## Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

Research shows that during the earliest years of a child's life:

700 1,000 new neural connections form every second

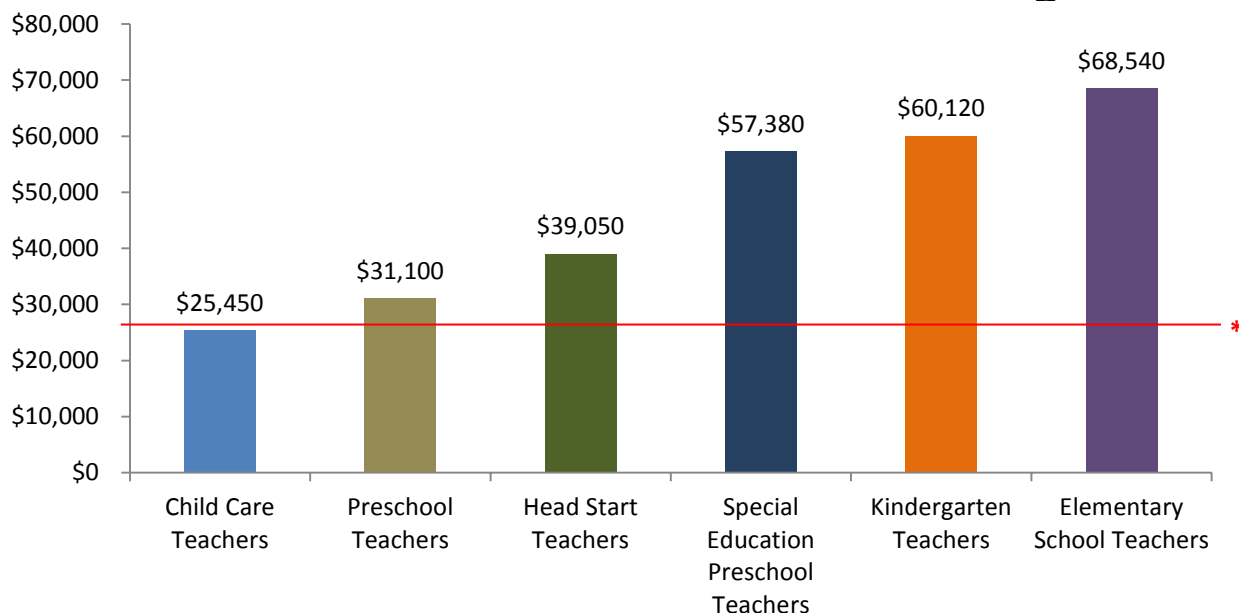
Genetics plus experiences shape the developing brain

The foundation forms for future cognitive abilities

Vocabulary at age 3 can predict 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Achievement

## High Quality Programs Depend on a Quality Workforce Low Wages Undermine Quality

### New York Median Annual Workforce Earnings



### New York Demographics

- 1.4 million** Children Under Age 6
- 638,408** Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
- 64.8%** Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
- 36.8%** Families Led by a Single Mother with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty
- 24%** Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

### New York Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations



Parking Lot Attendants  
\$20,900



Manicurist & Pedicurist  
\$19,190



Word Processors/Typists  
\$37,130



Nurses  
\$77,980

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 1 Year data (2014); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics (2015); Head Start Program Information Report (2015).

