NORTH DAKOTA WORKS for Children and Families

High-quality, reliable, and affordable early care and education options directly contribute to the success of children, families, and communities. With dependable early care and education options, North Dakota children can thrive, parents can be productive at work, and communities benefit.

North Dakota children ages 0 to 5 with both parents working.

Parents are looking for care and education options on average 5 days/week and 8 hours/day.

A lack of access to reliable and quality care and education not only has an economic impact, but it also creates great stress on families.

North Dakota parents tend to rely on a patchwork of care and education.

Head Start/Early Head Start, Licensed Child Care, Unlicensed Child Care, Unknown, ND DPI Approved Pre K

ND parents face a difficult choice between cost, quality, and access when considering care and education options.

“As parents, we should be able to have choices but unfortunately, with the way it is now, you just have to take what you can get.” – North Dakota Parent

Providing parents access to high-quality early care and education supports the vision of North Dakota’s early care and education framework: that children and families will be well supported by a system of individualized, high-quality, accessible, and inclusive early childhood services and resources that contribute to healthy child development today and a stronger future tomorrow.

For more information visit: www.dpi.state.nd.us/EarlyChildhoodEduc/educ/study.shtm