**High-Quality Early Care & Education**

For young children at greatest risk, need far exceeds availability of early care and education slots.

- **School Readiness**
  - birth-5 years; between 100% and 150% poverty: 20,100
  - 27,100

- **Head Start**
  - ages 3-6; less than 100% poverty: 8,000
  - 26,850

- **Early Head Start**
  - birth-3 years; less than 100% poverty: 2,250
  - 26,850

**Early Childhood Investment**

45% of investments in early childhood serve infants and toddlers (birth up to 3 years old) and 55% serve preschoolers (3 up to 6 years old).

**Physical, Social & Emotional Well-Being**

Early Discovery provides assessment, care coordination and early intervention for children birth-5 years who are not eligible for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Parts B/C, but nonetheless have mild developmental delays (10-29%) and can benefit from intervention.

86% of Early Discovery participants currently enrolled in public schools do not need special education services.

**Family Supports**

Children birth-4 years old accounted for 43% of all verified maltreatment cases and removals from homes in Miami-Dade County in 2016, even though they are 27% of all children.

**Physical, Social & Emotional Well-Being**

- **Physical Health & Well-Being**
  - 83%

- **Social Competence**
  - 71%

- **Emotional Maturity**
  - 77%

- **Language & Cognitive Development**
  - 72%

- **Communication Skills & General Knowledge**
  - 76%

**Early Childhood Readiness**

Miami-Dade County kindergartners are most on track in the physical health and well-being domain (83%). Approximately 1 in 4 are not on track in other domains.

$9.00 MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE for Quality Counts Teachers

$15.52 HOURLY LIVING WAGE in Miami-Dade County

Decades of research show the important role of PARENTS AS A CHILD’S FIRST TEACHER

Parents attending Trust-funded parenting programs showed improvement with:

- Stress Reduction: 67%
- Parenting Skills: 89%
- Parent-Child Relationships: 82%

$21k saved for every high-risk family served through home visitation.