

# First Glance: Fiscal Year 2015 Executive Budget Overview

On February 5, Governor Snyder released his budget recommendation for the fiscal year October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Highlights from budget areas key to early childhood development are below.

## Department of Human Services



### Key Highlights

- Total Proposed Funding: \$5.6B
- Recommended funding is more than 6% lower than the current fiscal year.
- Recommends a new investment of over \$20M for continuation of the Pathways to Potential Program.
- Funding for Children's Services is recommended at just over \$1B. It includes:
  - \$241M for Adoption Subsidies, which covers 26,800 children.
  - \$190M for foster care payments for 6,100 children in out-of-home care.
  - \$2.4B is recommended for the Food Assistance Program (FAP) and \$537.3M for all other assistance public programs.

## Department of Education



### Key Highlights

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- Total Proposed Funding: \$326.6M
- Recommended funding is an increase of nearly 10% from the current fiscal year.
- Includes a \$404,000 recommendation to help the state administer the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) as it grows.
- \$187.8M is recommended to be devoted to early childhood development programs, this includes:
  - \$6.9M (2x the current amount) recommended for the Child Development & Care Program to increase the maximum number of reimbursable hours
  - \$3.7M (2x the current amount) recommended to increase hourly rates for high quality childcare providers.

#### School Aid Fund

- Total Proposed Funding: \$11.5B
- Funding is recommended to increase by just over 3% from the current fiscal year.
- It is recommended that funding for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) increase by \$65M from the current fiscal year.
- The GSRP increase will fund an additional 16,000 placements and increase the per-placement allocation by \$100 to \$3,725.
- A recommended increase of \$150M for the K-12 foundation allowance. This would:
  - Add \$111 per-pupil in districts with lower funding levels and \$83 per-pupil in districts already at higher levels.
  - Increase the minimum foundation allowance to \$7,187 per pupil

## Department of Community Health



### Key Highlights

- Total Proposed Funding: \$17.4B
- The funding recommendation is 2.6% more than the current fiscal year.
- Funding for the Healthy Kids Dental program is recommended to increase by \$15.7M to include Kalamazoo and Macomb counties, adding an additional 100,000 children. 80 of Michigan's 83 counties would be covered by this expansion.
- An additional \$2.5M is recommended to expand the Michigan Home Visitation Initiative to rural areas in the U.P. and Northern Lower Michigan.