DHS Key Priority: Early Childhood Experiences


3. Child Care Aware of America

4. Growing Futures Workforce Registry, June 2021

5. North Dakota Early Care and Education Study: 2014


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1. 95% of brain development occurs before the age of five.

2. During the first 5 years of life, emotionally nourishing relationships lay the foundation for lifelong health and well-being.

3. The average price of center-based infant child care in ND is more than the average annual tuition and fees at a public four-year college or university.

4. More than half of American children under age 5 spend more than 36 hours per week, on average, in child care settings outside the home.

5. 60% of the child care workforce is under age 30.

6. 73% of these households have all parents in workforce.

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1. 44,000+ = the number of households in ND with children under the age of five.

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1. [References]

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