



## **Economic Impacts of Investing In Early Childhood Education in Indiana**

In 2014, Mayor Greg Ballard commissioned the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce to launch a state-wide economic impact study of early childhood education in Indiana. The Indy Chamber is partnering with the Mayor's Office of Education Innovation, United Way of Central Indiana, and the Eugene & Marilyn Glick Family Foundation.

The purpose of the report is to study is to present evidence of the costs and benefits of providing high-quality, state-funded early childhood education in Indiana and the economic impact on the state. The study is intended to help inform and shape policy decisions that affect early childhood education.

Research will be conducted by Dr. Ashlyn Nelson from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at Indiana University – Bloomington. The study is advised by a Technical Working Group of early childhood education experts across the nation and a Community Advisory Board of relevant stakeholders in Indiana.

Work on the study will continue through 2015.

***Every child in every neighborhood deserves access to an education that enables them to define their own life path.***