



Your education policy team.



P-3 Resources

- **Governance**

- 50-State Comparison ([link](#)): A comprehensive look at where various ECE programs and agencies are housed, including enabling statute. Also includes ECE advisory entities.
- Infographic ([link](#)): Provides a high-level overview of the various ways states approach their early care and education systems' governance.

- **Kindergarten Transitions**

- In order to ensure seamless transitions for children, families, and educators, state and local government officials must work to create systems that enable supportive and effective transitions. This **toolkit** ([link](#)) provides steps and policy ideas to help leaders take action now on improving transitions and aligning children's early learning experiences from birth through third grade.
- In this **article** ([link](#)), Laura Bornfreund and Danielle Ewen argue that helping children get their education off to the right start requires state and local action, not just a handful of information nights and classroom visits.
- In this **article** ([link](#)), Vasilisa Smith and Aaron Loewenberg explain how federal COVID relief dollars are helping students and families have a smooth transition to kindergarten.
- In this **article** ([link](#)), Kaitlin Lewallen explains how communities in Nevada have been working to transform their approach to supporting kindergarten transitions.
- Research Review 2016-2021 ([link](#)): An in-depth review of the last five years of kindergarten transition research; includes state policy takeaways and best practices.
- State Policies to Enhance Transitions Into Kindergarten ([link](#)): A **'101' policy paper** with state examples and considerations for improving equity.
- Three States Share Efforts to Improve Kindergarten Transitions ([link](#)): In this **blog**, state leaders from Maine, Mississippi and Utah share reflections and outcomes based on their TA work with ECS.
- Early Childhood Policy Matters **Podcast** ([link](#)): Kristie Kauerz, Matt Weyer and leaders from Maine share about best practices, trends from around the country and more.
- A Systems Focus to Improve School Readiness ([link](#)): This **in-depth report** highlights the emerging ways states are addressing school readiness more comprehensively and systemically, with a focus on whole child issues.

- This **brief** ([link](#)) is intended to be a resource for state and local leaders by discussing why pre-K to kindergarten transitions matter, highlighting effective transition and alignment practices, explaining funding streams that can support transition planning and activities, and sharing state and local examples.
- **Transforming Kindergarten** ([link](#)): New America has launched work to tell the story of kindergarten across the country, elevate the most important research findings on teaching and learning in kindergarten, identify and highlight bright spots, and promote state and local policies that create the conditions for kindergarten instruction and environments in the ways young children learn best and align them with what comes before K and after.
- **Supporting Early Learning in America: Policy Ideas for a New Decade** ([link](#)): This resource makes eight overarching recommendations, suggests specific actions, and pinpoints which actors—federal, state, and local policymakers, as well as educators and administrators—are needed to help move the early learning forward.
- **50 State Comparison: K-3 Policies** ([link](#)): this comprehensive dataset includes state statute across 25 data points, including kindergarten, literacy, training and professional development, assessment and social emotional learning and mental health.
- **Preschool-Third Grade State Legislation**
 - States Make Strategic Gains in Early Care and Education Policy in 2022 ([link](#)): This blog provides a high level summary of trends across the country, tracking 345 bills across 30 states including literacy, numeracy, workforce and more.
- **Preschool-5th Grade STEAM Education**
 - Research and Policy Implications of STEAM Education for Young Students ([link](#)): In a review of recent research, trends and impacts on student achievement are elevated.
 - Who's Who in STEAM Education State Governance ([link](#)): This infographic highlights the key state players involved to make STEAM education a reality for young students.
 - How Music and Play Enhances STEAM Education for Early Learners ([link](#)): This guest blog post comes from a performing artist and educator on the importance of infusing art and play in education for young children.