

The per child **funding** for 37 tiny-k programs in the State of Kansas has steadily **declined** since 2009. During the same time period, December 1 child counts have **increased** by 36%.

Combined state and federal per child funding of \$2018 is at its **lowest level** in the past **fifteen years**. Local programs report per child costs of approximately \$2400 to \$4200 depending upon the types of services needed and local costs of service delivery.

The Tiny-k Alliance supports a 10% increase in state allocations this budget year and additional increases annually in order to decrease the discrepancy between the growing number of children being served and the amount of funding available to provide appropriate services.

Quality and **quantity** of services cannot be maintained with continued declines in per child funding.

Grants we have received since 2007

- ◆ Ross and Marianna Beach Foundation
- ◆ Compassion Kansas
- ◆ Sunflower Foundation Capacity Building
- ◆ March of Dimes Community Grant
- ◆ AmeriCorp *VISTA local fund development

All utilized to increase resources in local communities and enhance early intervention services to children and families.

The Tiny-k Alliance supports resource development for local programs.

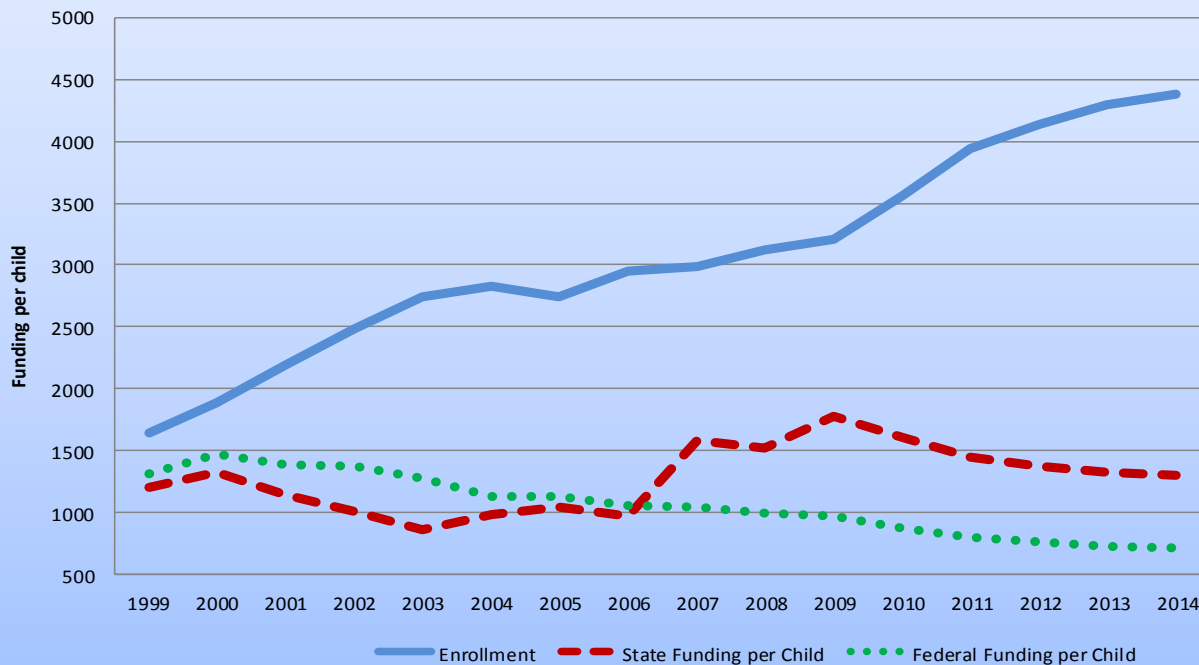
Look for program information, resources, advocacy information and family stories

at

www.tiny-k.org

A website launched in 2009 making Tiny-k resource information readily available to the public.

**Tiny-k Funding vs. Enrollment Comparison
1999-2014**



A message from a parent



I couldn't be more grateful for your involvement in our lives! Thank you so much for the joy and spirit you've helped to bring out in Max. It's so much more to me than just helping him talk and communicate words. He's able to communicate his feelings, his emotions, and his love all of which are priceless to me. Thank you for the support and guidance you've provided to me as a parent. It has helped me feel empowered, confident, and competent about issues I had no experience with. We look forward to your visits each week, and I look forward to helping Max continue to grow and progress.

*Many Thanks,
Jessica S*

A message from the Alliance

- ◆ Over 8,700 children and their families were enrolled in **tiny-k** programs in 2013
- ◆ **tiny-k providers** in 37 local programs across the state **help parents obtain the supports and resources** necessary to enhance their children's learning and development
- ◆ **tiny-k services** enhance the capacity of families to meet the need of their infants and **minimize the need for special education services** later in life.
- ◆ One in five children need **no additional services** after age 3.
- ◆ **Every dollar** spent in the early years of life **returns 60 to 300 dollars** over the individual's lifetime.

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Tiny-k Alliance

Programs, Policies, Partners

"The mission of the Tiny-k Alliance is to promote high quality services and sound public policy for infants with developmental disabilities, through advocacy, resource development and strategic partnership."

