

## 2023 Early Education & K-12 Policy Statements

## **Early Childhood Care and Education**

Ellevate recommends the Legislature invest in early care and education in 2023, specifically a minimum of \$52 million for the Child Care Assistance Program as recommended by the Governor and in the original draft of HB 1 by Rep. Zee Zeringue, and ideally \$200 million for the Child Care Assistance Program to save the 16,000 child care seats being lost statewide as a result of expiring federal funds.