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"Expanding access to high quality early childhood education is among the smartest investments that we can make.

Research has shown that the early years in a child's life—when the human brain is forming—represent a critically important window of opportunity to develop a child's full potential and shape key academic, social, and cognitive skills that determine a child's success in school and in life.

Participation in high-quality early learning programs—like Head Start, public and private pre-K, and childcare—will provide children from all backgrounds with a strong start and a foundation for school success."

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"President Obama has called on Congress to expand access to highquality preschool to every child in America.

As part of that effort, the President will propose a series of new investments that will establish a continuum of high-quality early learning for a child – beginning at birth and continuing to age 5

The <u>Preschool for All initiative</u> will improve quality and expand access to preschool, through a partnership with all 50 states, to provide all lowand moderate-income four-year-olds with high-quality preschool, while encouraging states to serve additional four-year-olds from middle-class families.

The initiative also promotes access to full-day kindergarten and highquality early education programs for children under age four."