

THE IMPACT OF SC BOO\$T



Overview

Launched in 2024, SC BOO\$T is a pilot program designed to deliver one-time wage supplements directly to early childhood professionals in South Carolina. The program is created in response to data revealing low wages for the early childhood workforce. Amounts were distributed per the SC Endeavors Registry Career Ladder level and were divided between two 6-month payments. SC BOO\$T is administered by the South Carolina Department of Social Services' SC Endeavors program and is federally-funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

The goal of SC BOO\$T is to:



Why is SC BOO\$T Important?

Early childhood educators play a crucial role in a child's early development, yet they are often underpaid despite the high level of responsibility they carry. Better wages would help retain skilled educators, improve the quality of care, and recognize the value of their work in shaping future generations.



Wages of Participants Who Applied for SC BOO\$T

Median Hourly Wage by Program Types

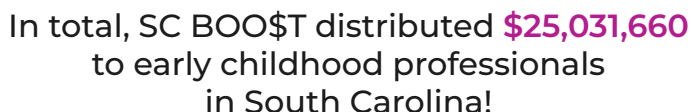
Program Type	Median Hourly Wage
All Program Types	\$15.00
Child Care Center (not HS/EHS)	\$14.50
Family Child Care Program	\$15.00
Registered Faith-Based Program	\$13.23
Head Start/Early Head Start	\$17.69

Program Type	Median Annual Salary
All Program Types	\$34,026.80
Child Care Center (includes HS/EHS)	\$36,399.72
Family Child Care Program	\$25,000.00
Registered Faith-Based Program	\$23,050.00

Median Hourly Wage by Select Positions

Position	Median Hourly Wage
Director	\$18.75
Teacher	\$14.62
Assistant Teacher	\$13.92
Floater	\$13.00
Family Service Coordinator	\$19.32

Two Rounds of Payments



Early childhood professionals in **every** county received bonuses!

There is an 8% turnover rate of early childhood professionals in South Carolina after Round 2 SC BOO\$T payments.

"I was encouraged that I was valued as an early childhood educator. Birth through age five is the most important time of learning for a child. It is the window of opportunity to shape a child's ability to learn, think and thrive. This bonus was the first time I feel like early educators were recognized."