Early Childhood Education:

The first five years of a child's life is a critical time of cognitive, social and emotional development and greatly impacts future success or failure in later life. The league supports high quality early childhood education programs that involve child development, physical and mental health, nutrition as well as access to other supportive services and parent education.

Resources:

Appleton Area School District - http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/parents/birth-five outreach

League of Women Voters U.S. - https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/impact on issues 2016-2018 social policy.pdf

Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council 2015, *Building Blocks for Wisconsin's Future*. https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/ecac/2015-ecac-annrpt.pdf

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction - https://dpi.wi.gov/families-students/programs-initiatives/early-childhood

Wisconsin Head Start Association - http://whsaonline.org/

U.S. Department of Public Education, *Taking on the Challenge: Building a Strong Foundation for Early Learning.* https://elc.grads360.org/services/PDCService.svc/GetPDCDocumentFile?fileId=28796

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