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REPORT ROUNDUP

Early Child Care

"Does Higher Quality Early Child Care Promote Low-Income Children's Math and Reading Achievement in Middle Childhood?"

A **national study** suggests that high-quality child care early in life can blunt the negative impact on learning that is usually associated with children who grow up in poverty.

Published in the September-October issue of the journal *Child Development*, the study draws on data from a nationally representative sample of more than 1,300 children.

It finds that low-income children who spent time in child-care settings that were rated "above average" performed nearly as well as more affluent peers on reading and mathematics tests taken in the 3rd and 5th grades.

The study included a range of child-care settings. Investigators judged the quality of child care on the basis of caregivers' responsiveness to children's needs, the availability of learning materials, and how much caregivers talked to the youngsters and encouraged them to use language.

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National Summary 2009
U.S. Public High Schools Losing 1.8M Students Per Day
Nationally, 1.8 million students are dropping out of high school each year. The number of students who drop out of high school is expected to rise to 2.2 million by 2015.

Class of 2008
1.1 Million Students Not Yet Graduated

State	Percentage of Students
Alabama	85.0%
Alaska	90.0%
Arizona	85.0%
Arkansas	85.0%
California	85.0%
Colorado	85.0%
Connecticut	85.0%
Delaware	85.0%
District of Columbia	85.0%
Florida	85.0%
Georgia	85.0%
Hawaii	85.0%
Idaho	85.0%
Illinois	85.0%
Indiana	85.0%
Iowa	85.0%
Kansas	85.0%
Kentucky	85.0%
Louisiana	85.0%
Maine	85.0%
Maryland	85.0%
Massachusetts	85.0%
Michigan	85.0%
Minnesota	85.0%
Mississippi	85.0%
Missouri	85.0%
Montana	85.0%
Nebraska	85.0%
Nevada	85.0%
New Hampshire	85.0%
New Jersey	85.0%
New Mexico	85.0%
New York	85.0%
North Carolina	85.0%
North Dakota	85.0%
Ohio	85.0%
Oklahoma	85.0%
Oregon	85.0%
Pennsylvania	85.0%
Rhode Island	85.0%
South Carolina	85.0%
South Dakota	85.0%
Tennessee	85.0%
Texas	85.0%
Utah	85.0%
Vermont	85.0%
Virginia	85.0%
Washington	85.0%
West Virginia	85.0%
Wisconsin	85.0%
Wyoming	85.0%

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