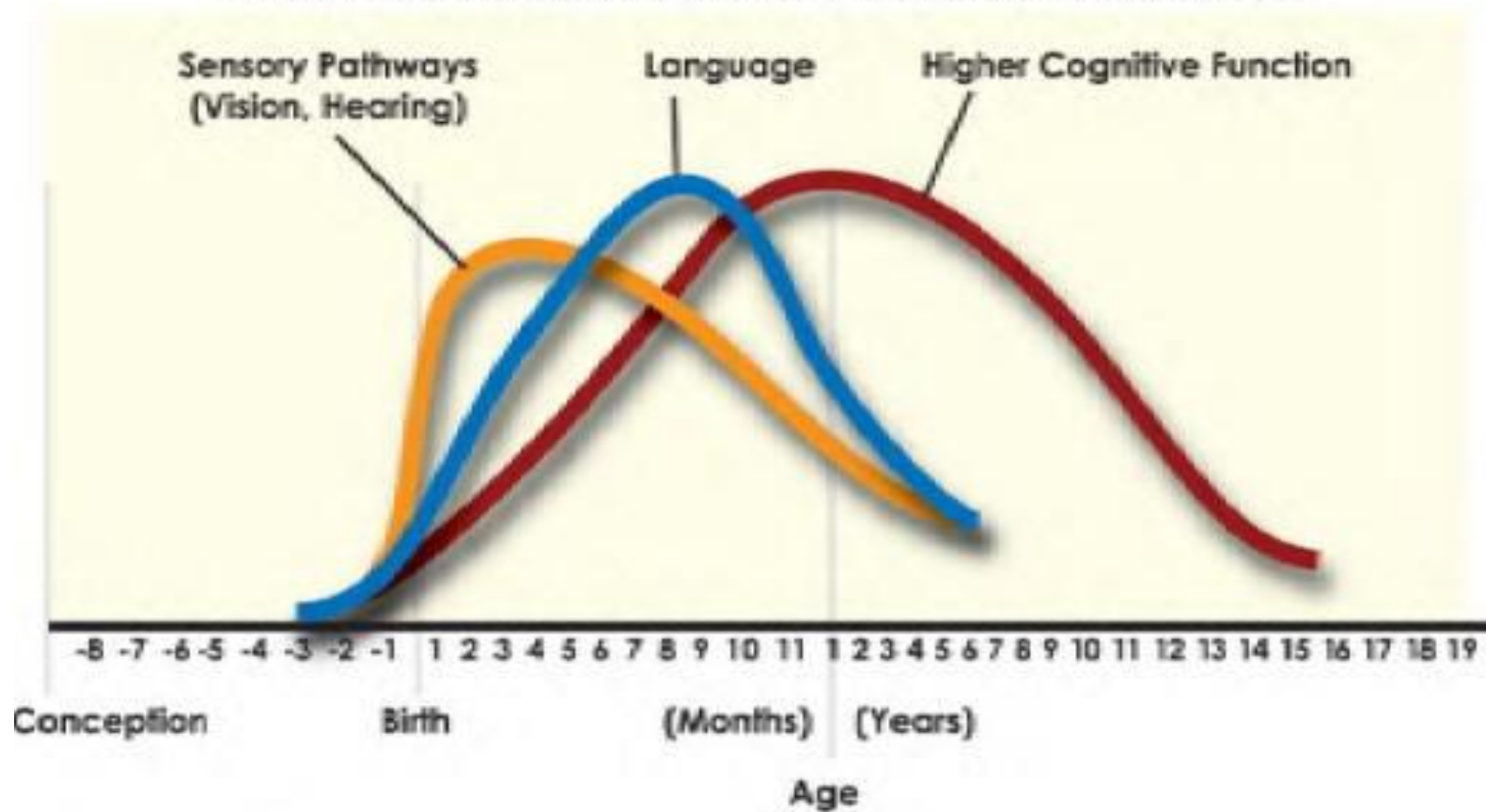


Six Reasons for Funding
QUALITYstarsNY this Year!!!

Reason # 1: 80 percent of brain development occurs before age 3 and 90 percent occurs before age 5

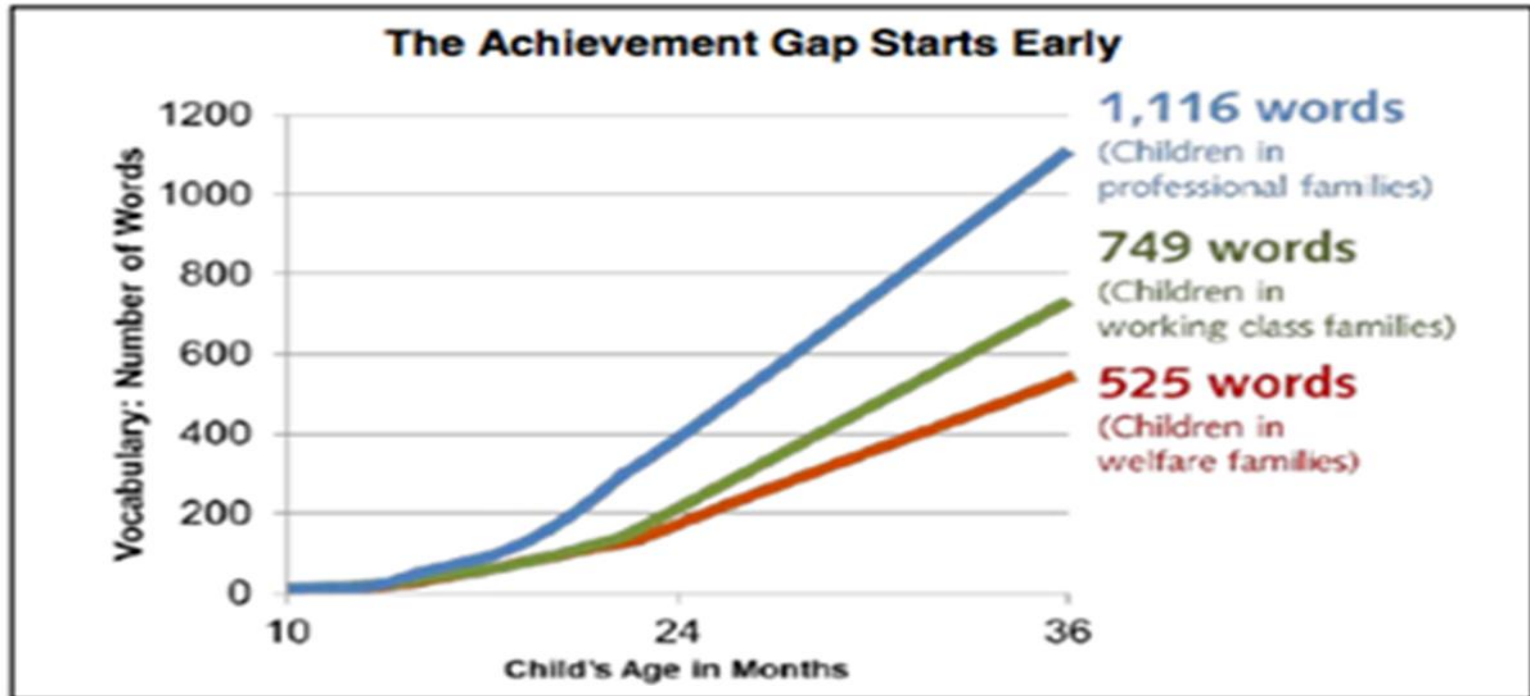
Human Brain Development

Synapse Formation Dependent on Early Experiences



Source: Nelson (2000)

Reason #2: The gap in language development begins in the first three years of life



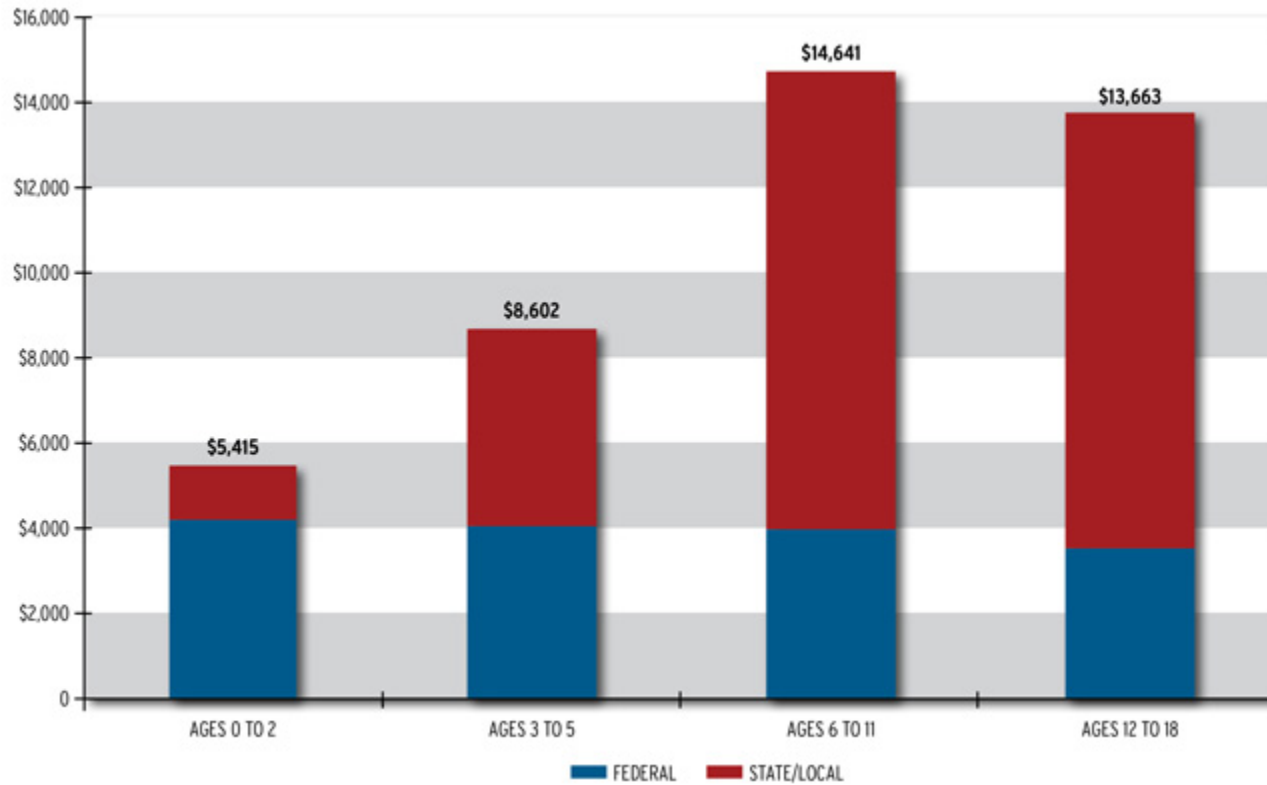
By 3 years of age, there is a 30 million word gap between children from the wealthiest and poorest families. (Fernald, Marchman, & Weisleder 2013)

Reason #3: The return on investment is greatest for programs focused on the early years



Reason #4: Per Capita Federal,
State, and Local Spending on
Children is less on Young Children

PER CAPITA FEDERAL AND STATE/LOCAL SPENDING ON CHILDREN IN 2008, BY AGE

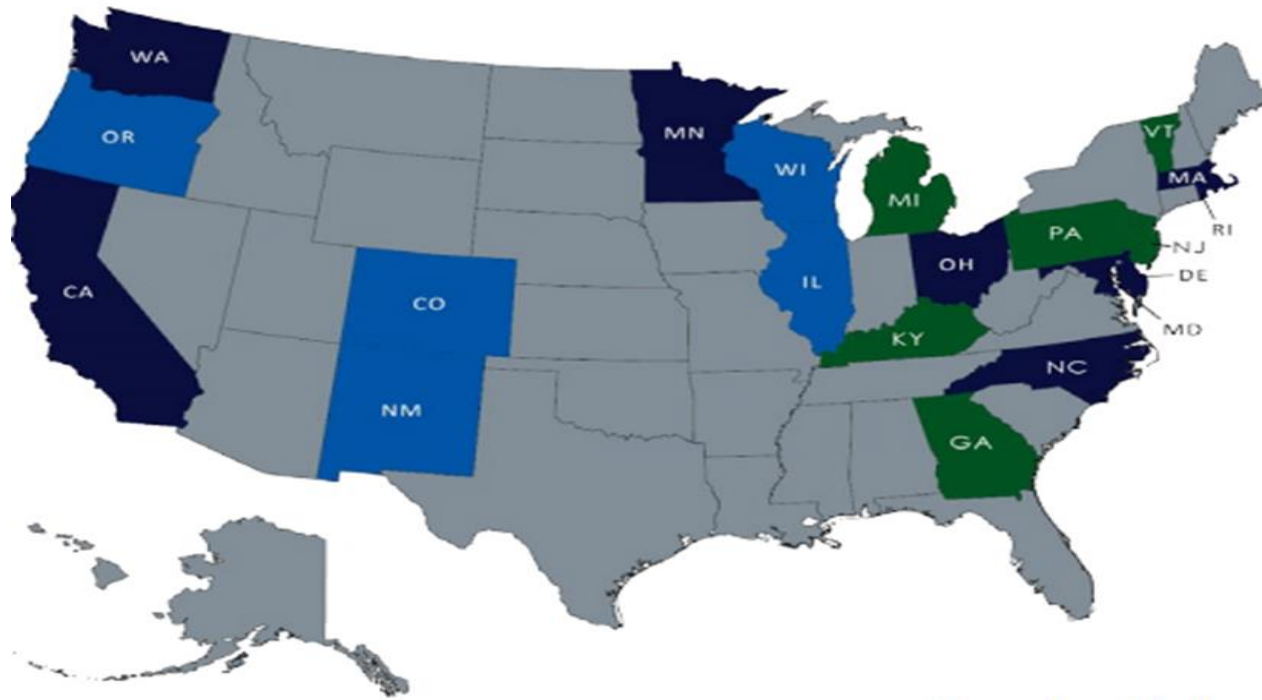


Reason #5: Recent Federal Grant Opportunities Require a State QRIS

Early Learning Challenge Grant Round 1 - \$100 million

Early Learning Challenge Grant Round 2 - \$75 million

Preschool Expansion Grant - \$100 million



Phase 1 — 2011

Phase 2 — 2012

Phase 3 — 2013

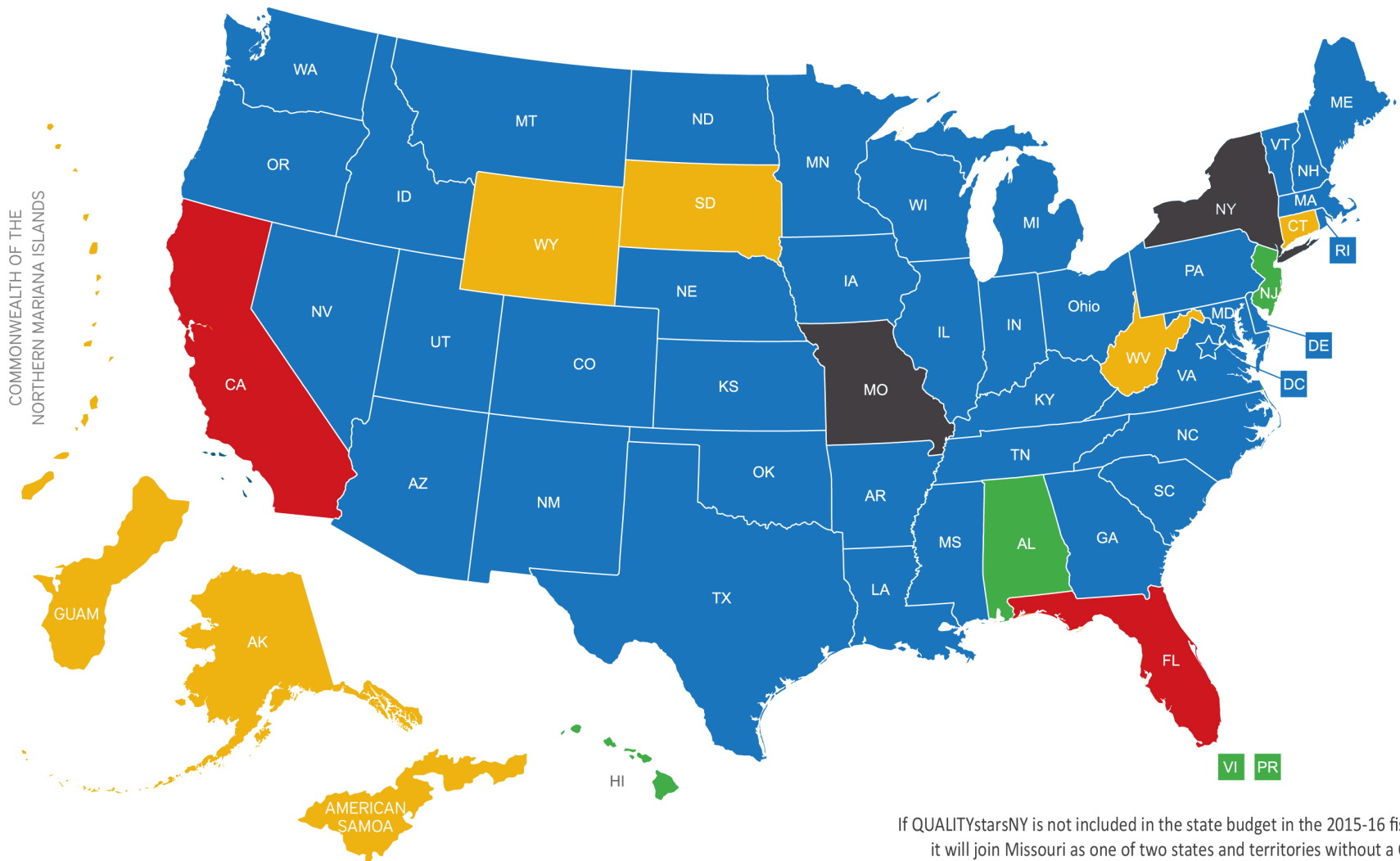
States the were awarded Early Learning Challenge Grants:

- **Increased by 73 percent the number of programs in their Quality Rating and Improvement Systems;**
- **Achieved 175 percent increase in the number of children in high-quality programs (top tiers of QRIS);**
- **Expanded the availability of high-quality professional development opportunities for the early childhood education workforce and tied those opportunities to core competencies;**
- **Developed Kindergarten Entry Assessments to gather essential data on child readiness for school.**

Reason #6: If QUALITYstarsNY is not funded in this year's budget New York may become one of only two states/territories without a QRIS

Current Status of QRIS in States

August 2014



If QUALITYstarsNY is not included in the state budget in the 2015-16 fiscal year, it will join Missouri as one of two states and territories without a QRIS.

- Statewide QRIS launched
- Pilot QRIS launched and/or completed
- Regional QRIS launched
- Planning for a QRIS
- Requires legislative action to implement a QRIS