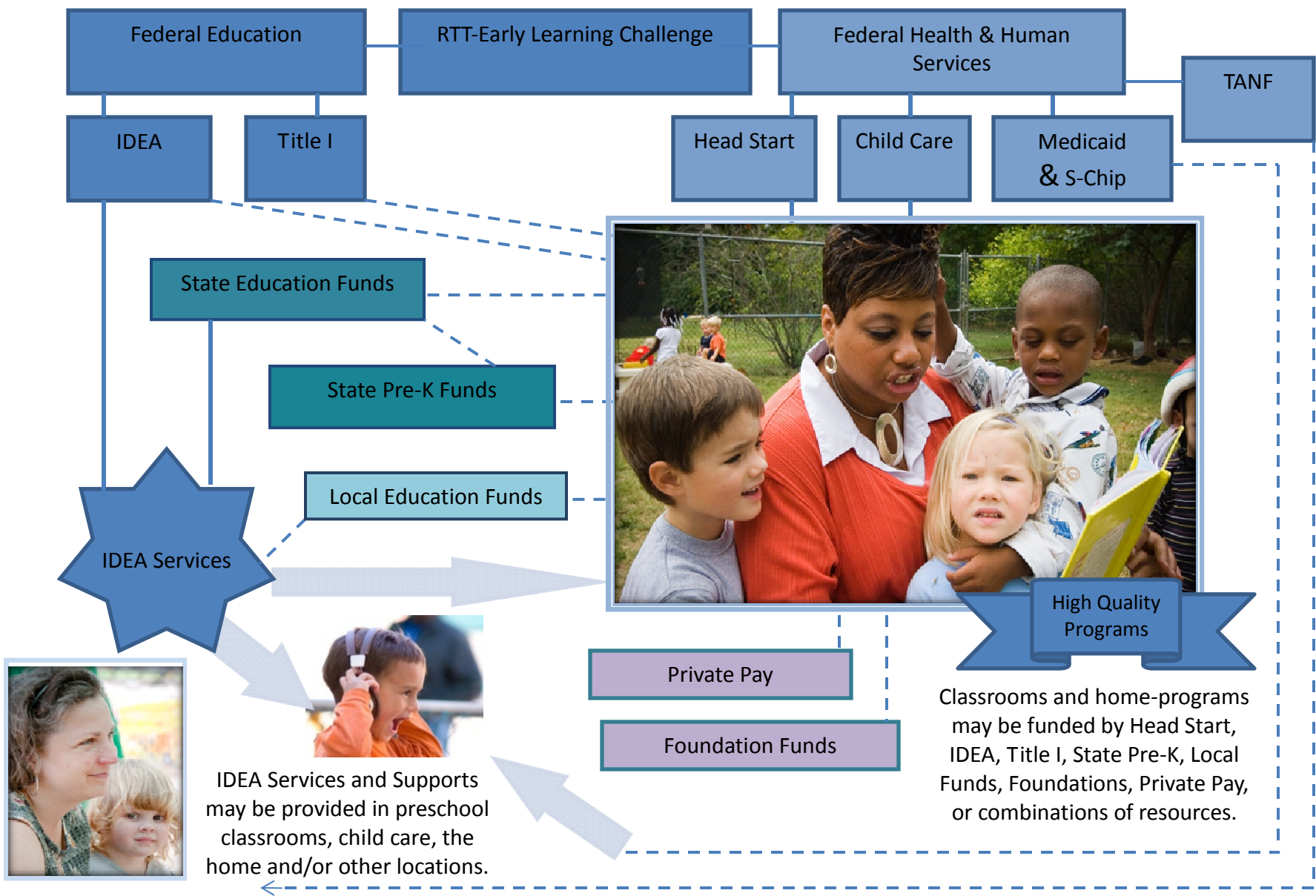


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KEY: Solid lines to direct funders; dotted lines to possible funders.
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The following table summarizes major Federal and State early care and education funding streams that may be used to support young children with disabilities.

Funding	Programs	Comments
Federal Education Funds	IDEA: Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities	The Preschool Grants Program is authorized under Section 619 of Part B of IDEA and administered by the Office of Special Education Programs, ED. It was established to provide grants to States to serve young children with disabilities, ages 3 through 5 years. http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html
	Title I Preschool	Many school districts support preschool programs with their Title I (Education for the Disadvantaged) funds. More than 50,000 public schools across the country use Title I funds to provide additional academic support and learning opportunities to help low-achieving children master challenging curricula and meet State standards in core academic subjects. http://www2.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/index.html
Federal Education & Health and Human Services Funds	Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge	U.S. Secretary of Education and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services announced plans to use approximately \$500 million of the FY11 Race to the Top funding in support of bold and comprehensive State plans for raising the quality of early learning programs. The Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC), will be jointly administered, and will call for States to take a comprehensive approach to developing integrated, high-quality early learning systems, which in turn will help ensure that more children, especially high-need children, enter school ready and able to succeed (May 2011). http://www.ed.gov/blog/2011/05/rtt-early-learning-challenge/
Federal Health and Human Services Funds	Head Start/Early Head Start	Head Start and Early Head Start programs are administered by the Office of Head Start, DHHS, and provide grants to local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies. They are child-focused programs that serve children from birth to age 5, pregnant women and their families, and have the overall goal of increasing the school readiness of young children from low-income families. www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/
	Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)	CCDF assists low-income families, families receiving temporary public assistance, and those transitioning from public assistance in obtaining child care so they can work or attend training/education. CCDF is administered by the office of Child Care, DHHS, and provides grant to States, Territories and Tribes to serves children younger than 13 years; however, some grantees may elect to serve children age 13 to 19 who are physically or mentally incapacitated or under court supervision. www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/ccdf/factsheet.htm
	Medicaid	Medicaid is a health insurance which pays for services for children, including preventive care, immunizations, screening and treatment of health conditions, doctor and hospital visits, and vision and dental care for families who are income eligible and/or children with disabilities. https://www.cms.gov/MedicaidEligibility/01_Overview.asp#TopOfPage
	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	TANF is administered by the Office of Family Assistance, DHSS, and provides grants to States, Territories, or Tribes to assist needy families with children so that children can be cared for in their own homes; reduce dependency by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage; reduce and prevent out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and to encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families. States may transfer TANF funds to CCDF or directly spend funds on child care. www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/
State and Local	State and Local Education Funds	States and local dollars are primary funding sources of public K-12 education (see individual state departments of education websites).
	State-Funded Prekindergarten	An early learning program funded by State general revenue funds to increase access and improve quality; it invests public resources in State-funded preschool education. The Funding often goes to local school districts for programming that emphasizes school readiness. http://nieer.org/yearbook/
Private	Private Pay	Funding sources (such as, parental payment or co-pay, scholarships, and/or gifts) may support programs and/or enrollment of children.
	Foundation Funds	May be utilized to support programs and/or enrollment of individuals.

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