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Dayton nonprofit nets \$18.5M federal grant, plans 20 new jobs

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A major federal grant could pay the way for 20 new jobs at a local education group.

Miami Valley Child Development Centers Inc. has been informed from the U.S. Administration for Children and Families that it is receiving a 54-month early head start education and family services grant, which will provide about \$4.1 million a year to provide services in a five-county area. That could mean about \$18.5 million over four and a half years.

With the grant, the organization will add 20 new staff as it boosts the number of children and families it serves with its early head start education programs.

"This will allow us to provide Early Head Start services to 688 Miami Valley children, which represents a 600 percent increase during the past five years," said [Mary Burns](#), CEO of the nonprofit, in a release. "Quality preschool education is proven to give children the advantage they need to succeed in school and beyond."

The nonprofit says it will use the funds to expand preschool education and family services. It expects 300 more toddlers under 36 months will be able to apply for early head start services, and 250 youth will be served in Clark, Madison and Montgomery counties.