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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$3,019,645 MILLION GRANT FOR HEAD START PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee announced today that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has notified him that the East Bay Community Action Program Head Start program will receive a \$3,019,645 grant from the Region I Office for Children and Families. The award will be used to help low-income, at-risk children with their cognitive, social, and physical development, in an effort to prepare them to enter kindergarten.

“The Head Start Program is an important instrument in providing disadvantaged children of Rhode Island with an education that will encourage them to be successful,” Senator Chafee said. “I am pleased that this money is being made available to ensure that this program will be a positive influence on the children and families of Rhode Island.” he continued.

The Head Start program provides comprehensive child development services to 406 children, ages 3-5, as well as 108 infants, toddlers, and pregnant women. The services include:

- Developmentally appropriate pre-school programs
- Full-day, year-round child care for infants, toddlers and pre-school children
- Health, nutrition and mental health services
- Comprehensive social services
- Home visits to families
- Adult education, employment and job training opportunities
- Parenting workshops

Services are provided to income-eligible families, specifically those living at or below the federal poverty guidelines or who are receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits. More than 10% of enrolled children have a diagnosed disability. Services are provided to families living in Newport County, Warren, Bristol, Barrington, and East Providence.

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