



**Please VOTE "NO" on  
HB 96 Utah School Readiness Initiative (Rep. G.Hughes)**

**You will spend more time watching this 2 minute video called "Play, not Pre-K" than this 3 year old spends sitting at his desk!**

We produced it for both SB42 & HB96 but the House Bill was not yet numbered or available. Please watch it at this YouTube site: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFJw-LQpTOg>  
Or go to YouTube and search **Play not Pre-k**

When "Headstart" began 48 years ago it was touted as a high quality solution to the expense of remediation! According to Times Magazine writer Joe Klein, in his article Time to Ax Public Programs that Don't Yield Results, "We spend more than \$7 billion providing Head Start to nearly 1 million children each year. And finally there is indisputable evidence about the program's effectiveness, provided by the Health & Human Services: Head Start simply does not work.

"According to the Head Start Impact Study, which was quite comprehensive, ***the positive effects of the program were minimal and vanished by the end of first grade!*** Head Start graduates performed about the same as students of similar income and social status who were not part of the program. These results were so shocking that the HHS team sat on them for several years, according to Russ Whitehurst of the Brookings Institution, who said, 'I guess they were trying to rerun the data to see if they could come up with anything positive. They couldn't.'"

Why are we trying yet another pre-school program after the dismal failure of Head Start?

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Universal Preschool is a national movement promoted by the Obama administration. On the White House website under Preschool for All it states:

"In his State of the Union address, President Obama called on Congress to expand access to high-quality preschool to every child in America. As part of that effort, the President will propose a series of new investments that will establish a continuum of high-quality early learning for a child – beginning at birth and continuing to age 5. By doing so, the President would invest critical resources where we know the return on our dollar is the highest: in our youngest children.

"The Preschool for All initiative will improve quality and expand access to preschool, through a

partnership with all 50 states, to provide all low- and moderate-income four-year-olds with high-quality preschool, while encouraging states to serve additional four-year-olds from middle-class families. The initiative also promotes access to full-day kindergarten and high-quality early education programs for children under age four.

“The U.S. Department of Education will allocate dollars to states based their share of four-year olds from low- and moderate-income families and funds would be distributed to local school districts and other partner providers to implement the program.”

See for yourself at this web address:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/education/early-childhood>

The #1 cause of remediation is a lack of vocabulary and reading skills. "Investing" in ***a comprehensive reading program for students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades would be far less expensive and far more effective.***

Problems with this bill include:

- This bill creates a special revenue fund is created with YOUR TAX DOLLARS (\$5 MILLION on-going), FEDERAL GRANTS, and private donations. Private investors contract with the state, but the bill is exceptionally vague about who these investors might be and what their role is in the program.
- The private investors must be paid back WITH INTEREST for each individual child who succeeds, meaning that the State must track every child! So to determine results, they need yet another database for keeping your tiny child's information.
- The bill requires Taxpayers to fund privately owned preschools. If this is a great plan, why don't we also have the taxpayers fund privately owned Elementary, Junior High & High Schools?

Does Utah really want to promote Obama's preschool education plan which is model for failure?