



# School Readiness

## Goal

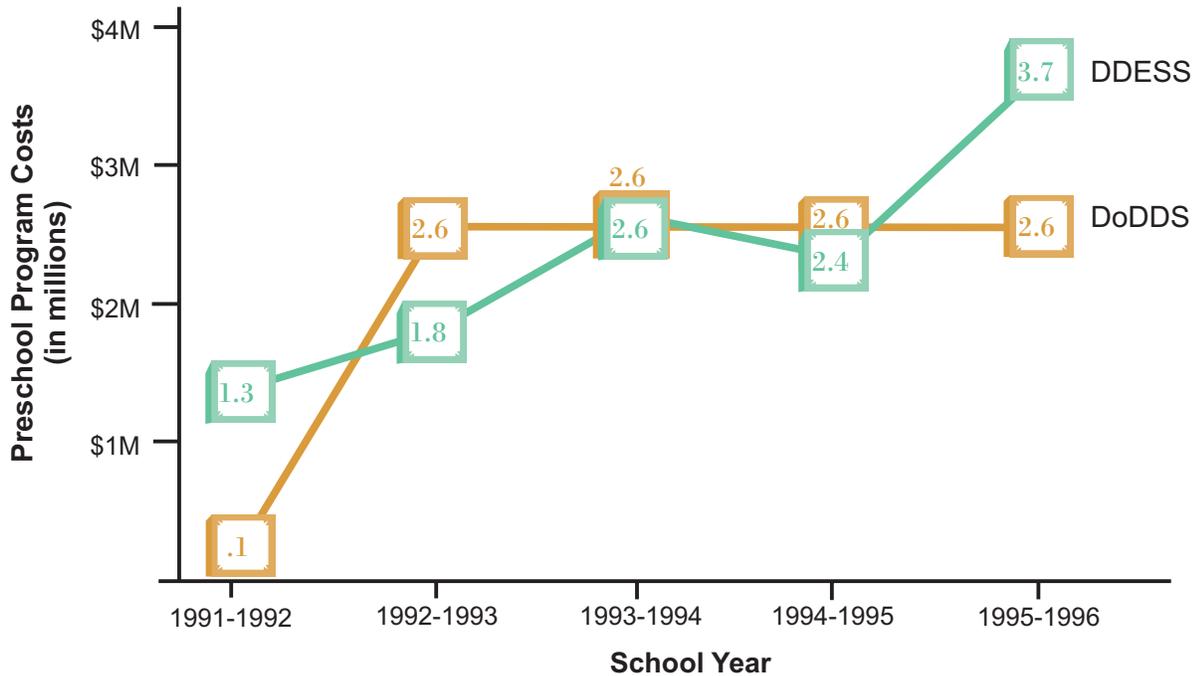
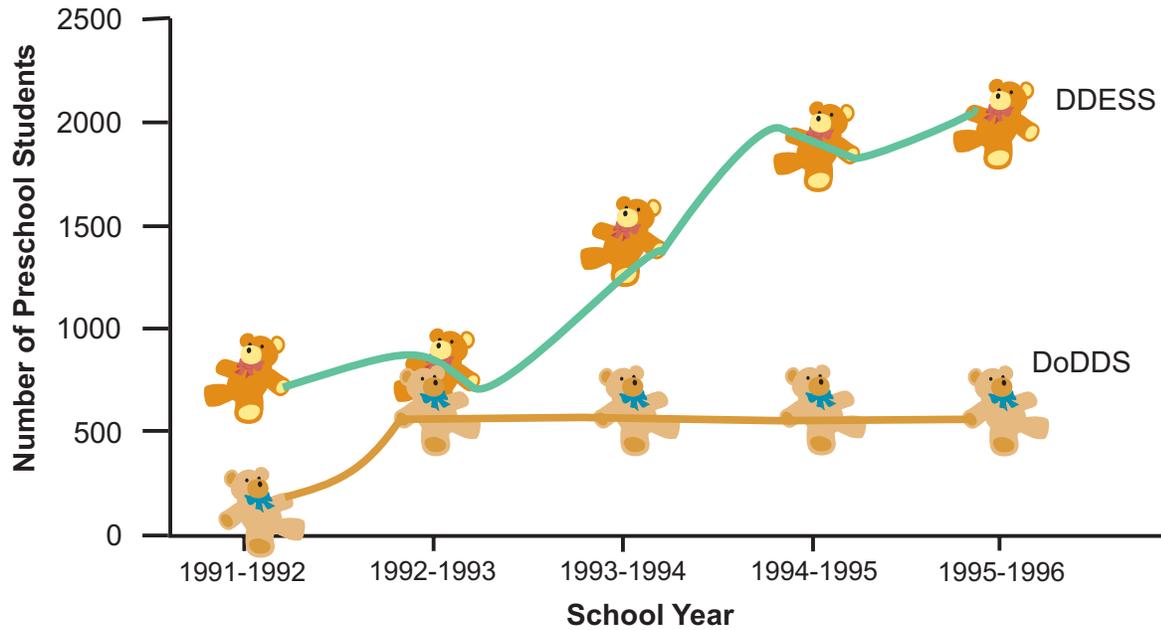
**By the year 2000, all children in America will start school ready to learn.**

*DoDEA's vision for early childhood education is that, by the year 2000, all of our learning environments, teacher training programs, equipment and facilities, will be available and suited to receive all of our preschool age children.*

## Highlights

- Designed developmentally appropriate content curriculum standards for prekindergarten through grade 2.
- Identified and piloted a developmentally appropriate assessment tool for preschool through grade 3.
- Sought and obtained authorization to fund the increased delivery of preschool services.
- Expanded the developmentally appropriate preschool program in DDESS to include all schools.
- Designed and implemented a developmentally appropriate preschool program in authorized DoDDS schools.
- Increased opportunities for children with disabilities to participate in mainstream preschool learning environments.

## DoDEA Preschool Program Development



The above charts exclude data for preschool children with disabilities. Program costs for DoDDS and DDESS include teacher salaries with benefits, supplies and training. Differences in cost between DoDDS and DDESS are due primarily to variations in the average teacher salaries. DoDDS teacher salaries are inclusive of overseas living allowances and transportation costs. Other factors influencing differences in costs include pupil-teacher ratio and start up costs.