I believe that we cannot pay anyone to love and inculcate values into pre school children. The tax payers funds would be well invested if each family was paid at least \$5000-\$10000 per year per child from birth until the child enters school. This would help parents care for their own children. It is well known that essential key character building occurs between 0 and 5 years. Such funding would provide generally stable home life with parents being able to introduce solid values to small children. It used to be called good breeding. American research shows at for very dollar spent on young children society ends up saving \$7 in the long run because there is a much better change of rearing generous well adjusted young people who get jobs don't do crime pay taxes etc.

There is considerable public benefits in rearing children well who become good citizens in adult life. Formal child care has provided children with demonstrate poorer health outcomes. If we must spend millions on child care give it to the parents and encourage them to care for their own children. And four year olds are much better being home playing than being put to the class room too early.

Families that choose to care for their children at home should get a per captia share per child of any government child care funding.

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