WASHINGTON, D.C. During the White House Summit on Early Education, held in December of 2014, President Obama named Grand St. Settlement a leader in the field of early education, honoring the historic agency with a multi-million dollar opportunity to share its expertise with other education and care providers.

“We are thrilled to begin our Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership, an initiative that will strengthen the quality of available infant and toddler child care for families in Brooklyn that are facing steep barriers to economic stability,” says Willing Chin-Ma, Associate Executive Director. “This builds on over sixty years as a leading provider of early childhood care and education - and it is going to make a big difference.”

Part of a $1 Billion national effort to support a continuum of early learning opportunity from birth through kindergarten entry, the funding is aimed at building knowledge-sharing and best practices among child-care providers in Brooklyn neighborhoods facing high levels poverty; un- and under-employment of parents; immigrant issues; housing instability; and lack of basic child care, education, and healthcare.

Grand St. Settlement’s program will provide full-day child care, allowing parents to work and attain higher education, evidence-based early education, and individualized coaching and support for providers and parents alike.