

Drafting a New Blueprint *for* Success

A CALL TO ACTION

1. Gaps between children in poverty and their higher-income peers emerge much earlier than state and federal policy recognizes. These gaps persist long into adulthood.

2. Race and rural geography play a determinative role in these gaps.

3. The sheer volume of metrics in which these early gaps emerge should serve as a clarion call to policymakers that more must be done.

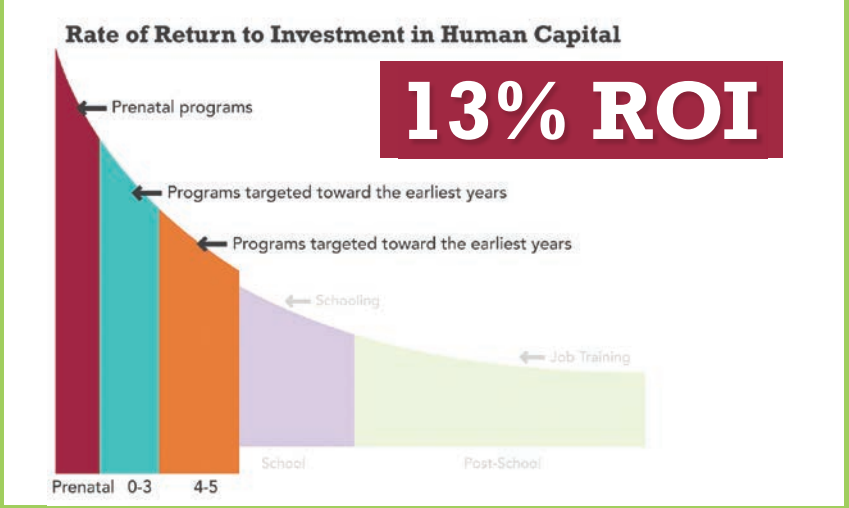
The solution is to close the gaps for Ohio's kids where they begin—early. To improve school outcomes and increase the lifelong success of children, Ohio needs greater investments in high-quality early childhood education for our most at-risk children.



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The return on public investment in high-quality, early childhood programs is upwards of 13%.

Providing high quality early childhood education for Ohio's most at-risk children, during the most critical period of their development, yields the greatest return on public investment.

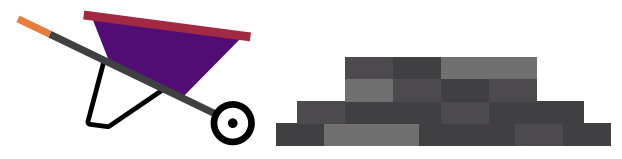


Data source: Dr. James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics

Experts conclude that when investments are made early, children are:

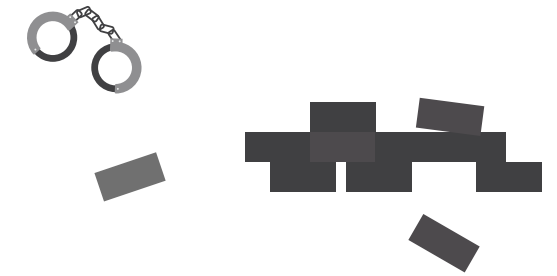
More likely to...

- Be kindergarten ready.
- Graduate high school.
- Have higher earnings and better health.



Less likely to...

- Be held back a grade.
- Be reliant on public assistance.
- Engage in criminal behavior.



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EARLY

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IS A POWERFUL PREVENTION POLICY FOR OHIO'S MOST AT-RISK KIDS.

OHIO CAN INVEST NOW OR WE WILL PAY SIGNIFICANTLY LATER.

Just Like...

We can pay a few cents for a parking meter... Or, pay for an expensive ticket later.

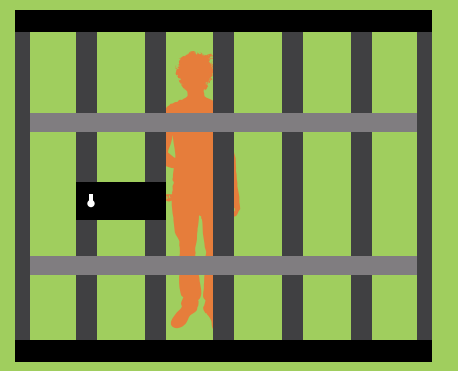
We can buy a low-cost smoke detector... Or, pay to rebuild a home after a tragic house fire.

SIMILARLY:

We can invest in quality early childhood education...



Or, pay later in the costly juvenile justice & adult corrections systems.



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SOURCES

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<https://heckmanequation.org>

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Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services: GRF, Line #336511 "Early Child Mental Health Counselors and Consultation."

Preschool Budget:

Ohio Department of Education: GRF, Line #200408 "Early Childhood Education"; GRF, Line #200442 "Childcare Licensing."

Home Visiting Budget:

Department of Health: GRF, Line #440459 "Help Me Grow."



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