

VOTE for OHIO KIDS

Who We Are

Vote for Ohio Kids is a statewide effort dedicated to ensuring Ohio's next Governor will make early care and education a top priority. This initiative is led jointly by Groundwork Ohio and the Ohio Children's Hospital Association in partnership with business, healthcare, and early education leaders as well as child advocates from around the state.

Only 40% of Ohio's kids come to kindergarten ready for success, so it's no surprise that only 43% of Ohio's workforce has a degree or a credential for AVAILABLE jobs. And yet, 65% of jobs in 2020 will require MORE THAN a high school diploma. Access to health care coverage from birth through childhood directly impacts educational outcomes and leads to improvements in overall health during adulthood—including lower rates of high blood pressure, diabetes after age 18, heart disease or heart attack, and obesity.

Our Agenda

Vote for Ohio Kids is driving a powerful agenda that puts Ohio kids front and center. Ohio's next governor must invest in proven, high-quality early childhood experiences for all Ohio kids to ensure school and career success and support access to the essential health care services for all Ohio kids that are vital to successful development.

Early Childhood Education Priorities

- High-Quality Child Care
- High-Quality Preschool
- Voluntary, Evidence-based Home Visiting

Health Care Priorities

- High-Quality Health Care
- Pediatric Mental Health
- Prevention & Wellness Programs



Ohio's Next Governor Should:

Take steps to increase the accessibility to and quality of Ohio's child care, preschool, and voluntary evidence-based home visiting, in order to improve school outcomes, increase the life-long success of Ohio's children, and lay a strong foundation for economic prosperity in our state.

Improve access to quality health care coverage from birth through early childhood in order to improve educational outcomes and overall health during adulthood.

Join Us

VOTE for OHIO KIDS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Mark your calendar for the *Vote for Ohio Kids Leadership Forum on September 27, 2018 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center*. The Forum will bring together a coalition of business, healthcare, and education leaders as well as child advocates from across the state to dialogue with the gubernatorial nominees and seek a commitment to our kid-focused agenda. More details coming soon. Visit VoteforOhioKids.org for more information.

The Founders



Groundwork Ohio is a committed, nonpartisan advocacy organization formed in 2004 that believes quality early learning and development is the most transformative strategy to improve school outcomes, increase the life-long success of Ohio's children, and lay a strong foundation for economic prosperity in the state of Ohio.

Learn more at www.GroundworkOhio.org. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook @GroundworkOhio



Ohio Children's Hospital Association

The **Ohio Children's Hospital Association** is the voice of Ohio's youngest patients, their families and health care providers. Our six member hospitals and their nearly 40,000 employees are dedicated to saving, protecting and enhancing children's lives. Sustaining and growing Ohio's investment in saving, protecting and enhancing the lives of children is both good medicine and sound public policy.

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