What is Equity?

When a child faces challenges throughout their life, the strength of their foundation is what matters the most.

But, every child has unique assets and barriers to healthy development, and builds their foundation in different environments.

If, however, we gave every child what they need to succeed and built their foundation up in their earliest years, they would all be better prepared to withstand the storm.

This is equity.

SOME CHILDREN ARE MORE OFTEN LEFT BEHIND THAN OTHERS.

When a child’s health & educational achievement gaps are predictable by race, class, geography or other social factors we call them inequities.

The mental and physical health, social skills and cognitive capacities laid in a child’s earliest years are all critically important for success in school, the workplace and the larger community.

FOR EXAMPLE: In Ohio, only 40% of kindergartners come to the classroom ready to learn.

IT'S NO SURPRISE THEN, THAT ONLY 43% OF THE ADULT WORKFORCE HAS A POSTSECONDARY DEGREE OR CREDENTIAL LEADING TO A JOB AVAILABLE IN OHIO TODAY.

Achieving equitable outcomes for all children requires:

INVESTING IN THOSE WHO ARE MORE OFTEN LEFT BEHIND, & GIVING THEM WHAT THEY NEED TO BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG SUCCESS.