

How Can You Respond?



Support children and families through the development of a comprehensive early childhood system that defines and coordinates leadership, recruits and engages stakeholders, finances strategically, enhances and aligns services, ensures accountability, and implements continuous improvement.



Increase access to and improve the quality of early childhood education in Ohio. This requires rates for quality-rated providers to align with federal guidance that recommends publicly funded providers be reimbursed at the 75th percentile of the most-recent market rate—to provide sufficient access for publicly funded children to quality care. This also requires incrementally expanding the eligibility criteria from 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 200% of the FPL to serve more at-risk children in a quality rated program that positions them for success early and drives outcomes throughout the lifespan.



Empower parents and improve outcomes for Ohio's at-risk infants and toddlers by tripling the number of children and families served by voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services that reduce infant mortality, prevent abuse and neglect, promote healthy development and increase school readiness.



Promote young children's healthy development and elevate the importance of social and emotional development through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) by improving access and quality of physical and behavioral health services through Medicaid levers including: 1) eligibility and enrollment; 2) quality improvement; 3) benefits; and 4) payment and/or delivery systems.



Follow the science, and act early to improve the lives of children at risk, or living in the toxic stress of severe poverty. DeWine has made such efforts a leading priority. The task now is ensuring that the first state budget of his tenure includes the necessary commitment.”

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