

Zeroing in on 0-3

Ohio Babies Carry the Biggest Burden



OHIO BABIES ENTER THE WORLD BEFORE THEY ARE FULLY DEVELOPED:

Premature birth is the leading cause of death for infants. It results in increased risk of disability, breathing problems, difficulty feeding, cerebral palsy, developmental delays, vision and hearing problems.

11.9% OF ALL OHIO BABIES are born premature.
(before 37 weeks gestational age)

1 in every 7 BLACK BABIES are born premature.
(compared to 1 in every 10 white babies.)

TOO MANY OHIO BABIES DON'T MAKE IT TO THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAY:

7.4 of every 1k OHIO BABIES die before their 1st birthday.

BLACK BABIES are dying at **3x** the rate of white babies.

A FIRST BIRTHDAY IS NOT ENOUGH FOR OHIO BABIES:

Every child deserves the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

This begins with access to high-quality early childhood education for our most at-risk infants and toddlers during the critical period of brain development, which occurs in the first few years of life. This is when gaps between them and their higher income peers begin.

26.4%
of **OHIO CHILDREN**
(0-5 year olds)
LIVE IN POVERTY.



30.3%
APPALACHIAN
0-5 year old children
LIVE IN POVERTY.



53.9%
AFRICAN AMERICAN
0-5 year old children
LIVE IN POVERTY.





STATE INVESTMENTS IN EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS EMPOWERING PARENTS & SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT DO NOT MATCH THE NEED OF OHIO'S AT-RISK BABIES:

One of the most effective interventions to reducing infant mortality and preparing young children for success is evidence-based home visiting, where eligible families elect to participate in a program and are visited regularly in their home (typically once per month) starting while the mother is still pregnant and continuing through the first few years of the child's life.

During this critical period of physical, emotional, and cognitive development for young children, parents receive support and guidance on how to create a safe, stimulating environment that promotes safety, growth and learning. Voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs empower motivated parents to learn how to succeed in their new role and provide children a healthy start with their first and most important teachers, their parents.

- Only a small number of Ohio families, however, have access to this proven intervention. **9,612 Ohio families statewide were served in FY17 through state and federally funded evidenced based home visiting.**
- An additional 8,970 Ohio moms and babies were served in Early Head Start in comparable evidence-based programming.

This equates to:

ONLY 14% OF OHIO BABIES served by Medicaid

Keep in mind, over half of all Ohio births are Medicaid births.

This equates to:

ONLY 6.3% OF OHIO 0-2 year olds at 130% FPL are served in Early Head Start

TOO FEW VULNERABLE YOUNG CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES:

ONLY 50.6% OF OHIO 0-4 YEAR OLDS living at or below 130% FPL HAVE ACCESS TO an early childhood experience

Including:

- Publicly funded child care (PFCC)
- Head Start
- Publicly funded preschool
- Special education preschool

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BABIES ARE BEING LEFT BEHIND:

When we examine **infants and toddlers** in child care, however:

ONLY 24% OF OHIO INFANTS & TODDLERS are accessing publicly funded child care (PFCC)



30.5% OF ALL OHIO CHILDREN who are age 0-5 years old

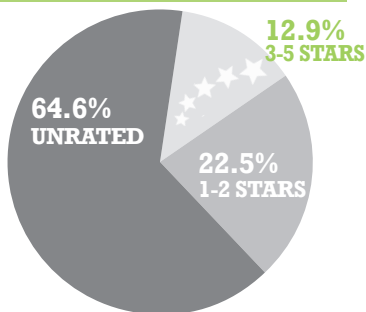
Even those infants and toddlers currently accessing child care are less likely to be in a quality program as compared to older children.

FY17 STATEWIDE PFCC CHILDREN ENROLLED

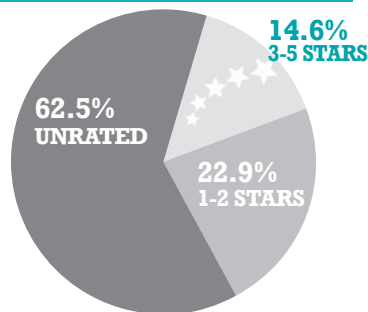
by Age & Quality Level

	# Children in Unrated Programs	# Children in 1-2 Star Programs	# Children in 3-5 Star Programs	Total # 0-4 Age Children in PFCC
Infants:	8,206	2,855	1,639	12,700
Toddlers:	13,096	4,807	3,061	20,964
Pre-school:	23,638	8,835	6,539	39,012
ALL 0-4 AGE:	44,940	16,497	11,239	72,676

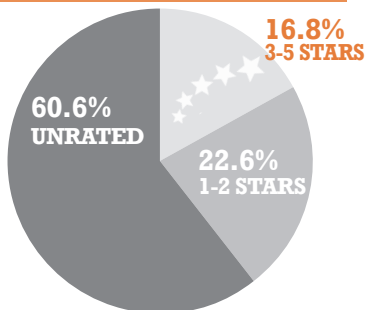
Ohio Infants



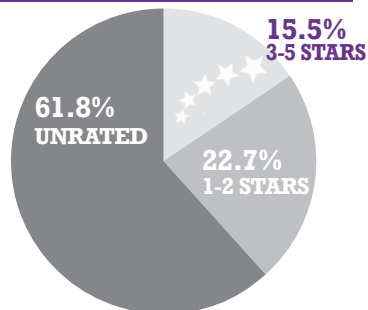
Ohio Toddlers



Ohio Pre-schoolers



ALL 0-4 Ohio Children



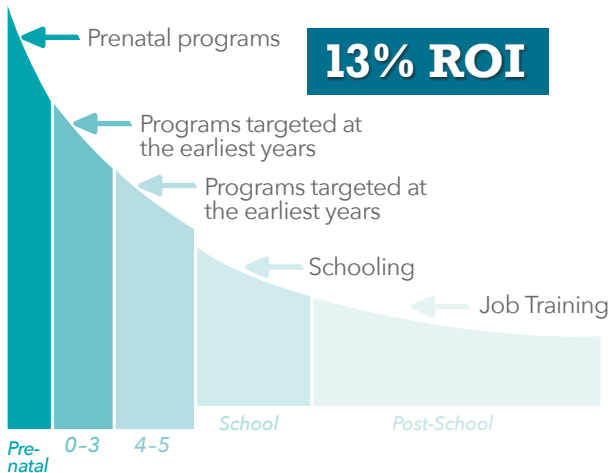


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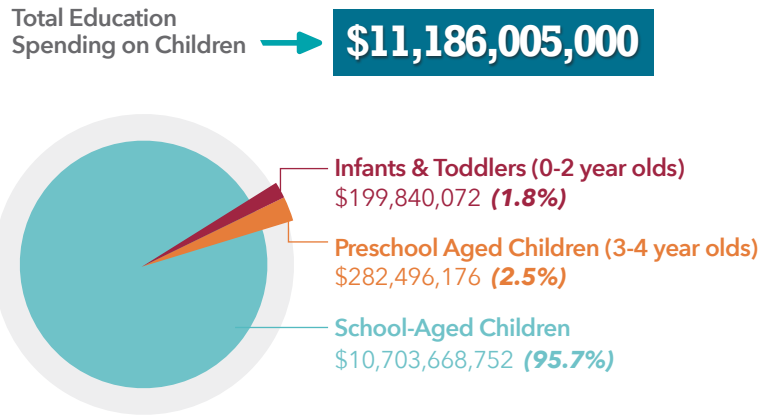
Drafting a New Blueprint for Success

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

RATE OF RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN HUMAN CAPITAL



FY 2017 OHIO EDUCATION ONLY SPENDING ON CHILDREN BY AGE



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