

VOTE for OHIO KIDS



Ohio's Quality Early Childhood Experiences

Ohio's quality early childhood experiences include high-quality child care, high-quality preschool, and voluntary evidence-based home visiting. Ohio has created a framework for a system of early childhood programs that have the potential to transform our state—but we still have a long way to go before this young system can reach its full potential.

High-Quality Child Care

FY 2017 PARTICIPANTS: 113,751 ¹

The vast majority of Ohio kids who receive publicly funded early childhood experiences do so through child care programs. Ohio offers child care to 0-4 year-old children of working parents living at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Level. Length of child care services is determined by the parents' work schedule, ranging from hourly care to over 60 hours per week. Child care provides a critical opportunity to affect kids during the most important period of development.

High-Quality Preschool

FY 2017 PARTICIPANTS: 18,465*²

Ohio offers quality school-based preschool opportunities to 4-year olds whose families are living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. State-funded preschool programming is offered for 12.5 hours each week throughout the school year and is often supplemented by additional child care services. These programs provide essential development of social, emotional, and cognitive skills for kids as they prepare to enter kindergarten.

**Preschool numbers are based on available slots in FY 2017*

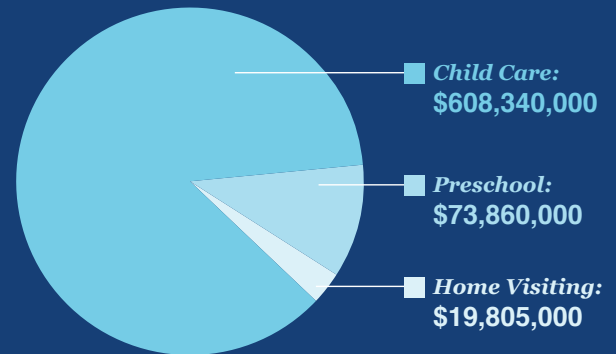
Voluntary Evidence-Based Home Visiting

FY 2017 PARTICIPANTS: 9,131 ³

Ohio's voluntary evidence-based home visiting program, *Help Me Grow*, offers in person, evidenced-based service that provides expectant parents and caregivers of infants and toddlers, particularly those considered at-risk, the necessary resources and skills to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn. The number and frequency of visits are determined by the distinct needs of each family.

Early Childhood Spending

FY 2017⁴



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.

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Child Care Budget

Department of Jobs and Family Services: GRF, Line #600535 "Early Care and Education"; DPF, 5KT0, Line #600696 "Early Childhood Education"; GRF, Line #600413 "Child Care State/Maintenance of Effort."
Mental Health and Addition 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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