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High-Quality Preschool

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.

High-Quality Preschool in Ohio

18,465 Ohio preschool slots in 2017 ⁱ



ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

- · More likely to demonstrate kindergarten readiness
- Less likely to be held back
- More likely to graduate from high school

LONG-TERM BENEFITS OF QUALITY PRESCHOOL

- More likely to find and hold living-wage jobs
- More likely to be in good health
- · Less likely to be involved in criminal behavior



\$9.20 ROI THROUGH AGE 40 FOR EVERY **\$1** INVESTED IN QUALITY PRESCHOOL **



Groundwork



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A Commitment to Quality Preschool

Local communities have embraced preschool and are working to supplement the state's funding with their own support of local programs to increase the number of slots available and the quality of programs.



PRE4CLE is a plan to ensure all 3- and 4-year-old children in Cleveland have access to a high-quality preschool by increasing the number of high-quality preschools in Cleveland, helping preschool providers PRE4CLE $\,$ improve their quality rating, and connecting families to quality preschool programs. $^{
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CINCINNATI PRESCHOOL PROMISE is made possible thanks to a significant investment from taxpayers who approved a 5-year Cincinnati Public Schools levy in 2016. The levy includes \$15 million a year to expand access to quality preschool. Cincinnati Preschool Promise utilizes the funds to expand the number of quality preschools and for tuition assistance for families who need it most. vi



MONTGOMERY COUNTY & DAYTON PRESCHOOL PROMISE was expanded to all of Dayton beginning in the 2017-18 school year after a majority of voters supported an investment in early childhood education. The Dayton promise seeks to educate the community about the power of preschool, expand the availability of high quality preschools, and assist families in finding and paying for preschool. vii

Ohio's Next Governor Should:

> Work to achieve quality preschool environments for all state-funded programs.



Expand programs to meet the needs of all at-risk kids.

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