

HEAD START CHANGES LIVES

INVEST NOW OR SPEND LATER



Return on Investment

- Research shows that for each dollar invested in Head Start, there is return on investment of **\$7-\$9** in economic gain.(1)
- Participation reduces special education placement by **8.1%** and increases high school graduation rates by **11.4%.**(2)
- **12%** of Ohio's Head Start children have identified delays and disabilities.(3) Programs ensure children with disabilities receive timely and appropriate services, saving the cost of future intervention (\$13,000/year) and/or grade retention (\$8,000/year)(4)



Success in School and Life

- Head Start children have better social skills, impulse control, and approaches to learning. Head Start children have less aggression and hyperactivity.(5)
- Head Start children are **2.7%** more likely to finish high school, **8.5%** more likely to enroll in college, and **39%** more likely to finish college.(6)
- Head Start graduates were more self-sufficient, less likely to live in poverty as adults, less likely to receive public assistance, and less likely to be arrested or charged with a crime. They are also more likely to be healthier, reducing health costs.(6)
- Children of former Head Start students have positive impacts on cognitive and socioemotional development driven largely by differences in family resources and home learning environments.(7)
- Head Start children are less hyperactive, withdrawn, and aggressive, and participation in Head Start increases their self-control and self-esteem



Supporting Working Families

- Over **21,000** Ohio Head Start parents are employed, in school, or in a job training program.(3)
- Head Start provides a safe environment where children are thriving, so parents are able to provide for their families and contribute to the workforce.
- Head Start's safety protections include background checks, staff training, active supervision, ongoing monitoring, mandatory corrective actions, and strict reporting requirements

LOCAL CONTROL

In Ohio, Head Start serves over **27,000** children in all **88** counties, filling a significant gap for rural families and communities

Head Start funding, which is targeted directly at local organizations across the country, empowers decision-making at the community level to assess and address the unique needs of children and families while supplementing the strengths and resources of each community.

WORKFORCE IMPACT

With over **8,000** employees, Head Start ranks among Ohio's largest **50** employers. Over 70% of Head Start parents are employed and depend on Head Start. We all win when parents can confidently show up to work each day, knowing that their children are in a safe place where they will learn and develop.

Head Start also develops and hires parents - over **25%** of staff in Ohio programs are former Head Start parents.

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