Every Child Will Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness by 2030

Your Input Matters...
A Crisis in Franklin County

Only 40% of all children in Franklin County demonstrate kindergarten readiness.

There is MORE to the story.
Kindergarten Readiness by Ethnicity & Economic Status in Franklin County

Racial and economic disparities are having a devastating impact on young children.

Source: ODE FY2017
Source: Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy (CCEC)
Research has shown that Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment predicts students' performance on Ohio’s 3rd Grade Reading Assessment.

Source: Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy (CCEC)
90% of the Child's Brain is Developed before Kindergarten

Children **NOT** Ready for Kindergarten

- Higher rate of special education placement
- Does not pass 3rd grade reading
- Poor performance on 8th grade math
- Increased rate grade repetition
- Increased high school dropout rate
- Increased rate teen pregnancy
- Increased arrests/time in juvenile justice system
- Low levels of post high school education
- Increased unemployment rate
- Lower earnings for those employed
- Increased arrests for violent crimes
- Increased time in jail
- Poor health outcomes

Source: RAND, Early Childhood Interventions, 2005

Children who start behind, stay behind.
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**Future Ready By 5 Plan**

### Drivers

- **Education and Development Supports**
  - Increase access to and utilization of high-quality early care and education opportunities for every child.
  - Develop an aligned professional development system that is based on identified community needs and ensuring that professionals have trainings in implicit bias, cultural competence, and professional content.

- **Health and Behavioral Health**
  - Create an aligned culturally appropriate health, development, trauma and behavioral health screening system.
  - Create an aligned, culturally appropriate health and behavioral health services system.
  - Transform Franklin County into a Trauma-to-Resilience county.
  - Support CelebrateOne to reduce infant mortality.

- **Families and Communities**
  - Implement a comprehensive system of resources, mobile supports and neighborhood hubs to help families prepare their children for kindergarten.
  - Strengthen family awareness of, and engagement with, early learning and development programs and services.
  - Create a coordinated system of fatherhood programs.
  - Integrate family input and leadership to inform FRC’s work.
  - Support the leadership and strategies associated with the collective impact organizations for housing, food, child safety, transportation and broadband access that are addressing basic needs for families.

- **Public and Private Infrastructure**
  - Create a multi-faceted, integrated data-sharing infrastructure.
  - Execute a public education and awareness campaign.
  - Create an Administrative Services Organization.
  - Develop current and long-term funding strategies.
  - Convene a think-tank group to germinate and grow big ideas.
  - Initiate an Anti-Racism Policy and Implementation Team.

### Strategies

- **Outcomes**
    - **System Component 1:** Children have the supports they need to be ready for kindergarten.
    - **System Component 2:** Families and community members are active, engaged, and focused on kindergarten readiness.
    - **System Component 3:** Franklin County is a Trauma-to-Resilience community.
    - **System Component 4:** Anti-racism approaches are used to create equity for all children and people who touch a child’s life.
Make your voice heard in the Future Ready by 5 Plan!

- Respond to the Future Ready by 5 Questions on our website
- Participate in or host a virtual or in-person community conversation
- Share the Future Ready by 5 website to rally everyone to participate

in this important collection of ideas and feedback

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