

Every Child Will Demonstrate  
Kindergarten Readiness by 2030

**Your Input Matters...**

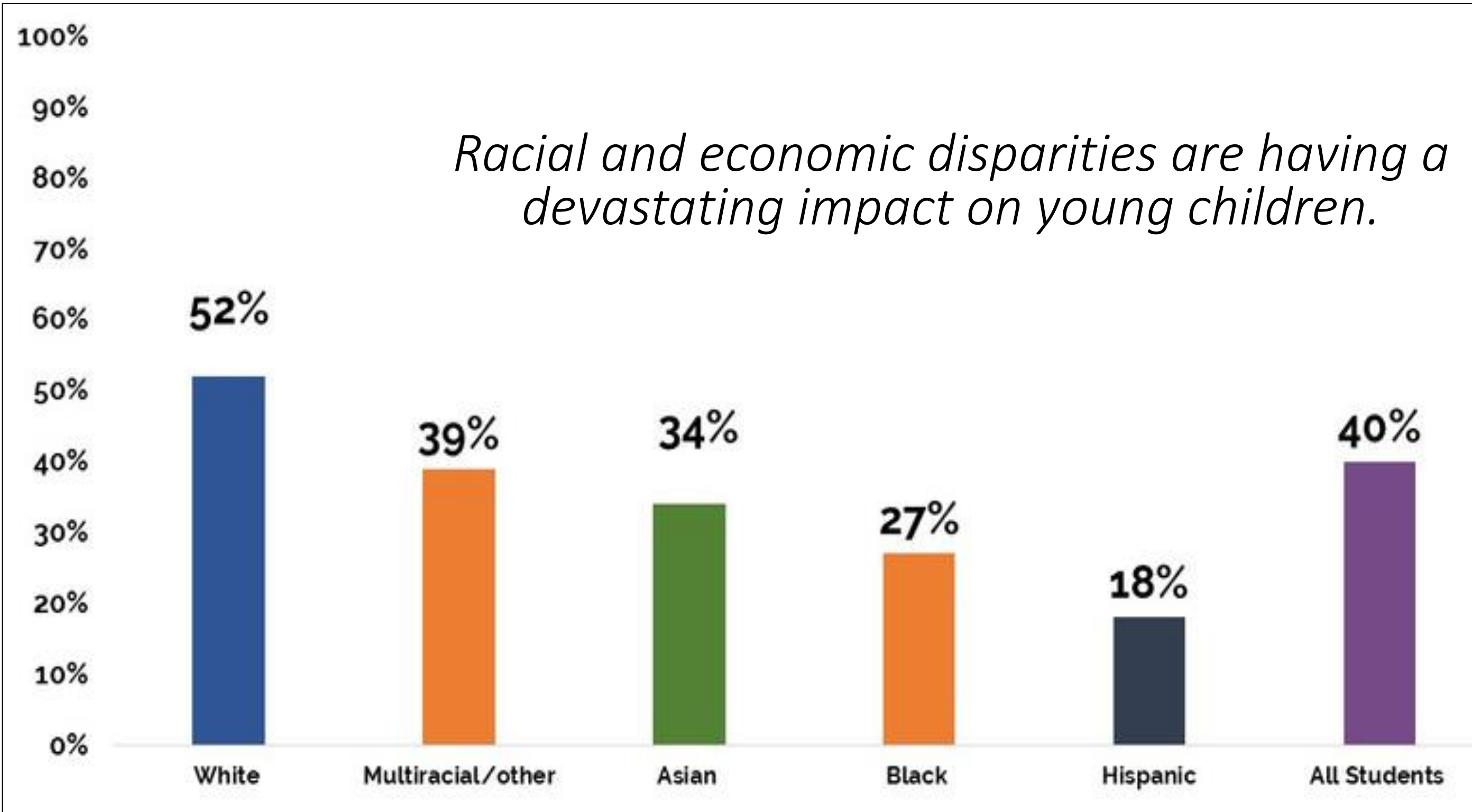
# A Crisis in Franklin County



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

There is **MORE** to the story.

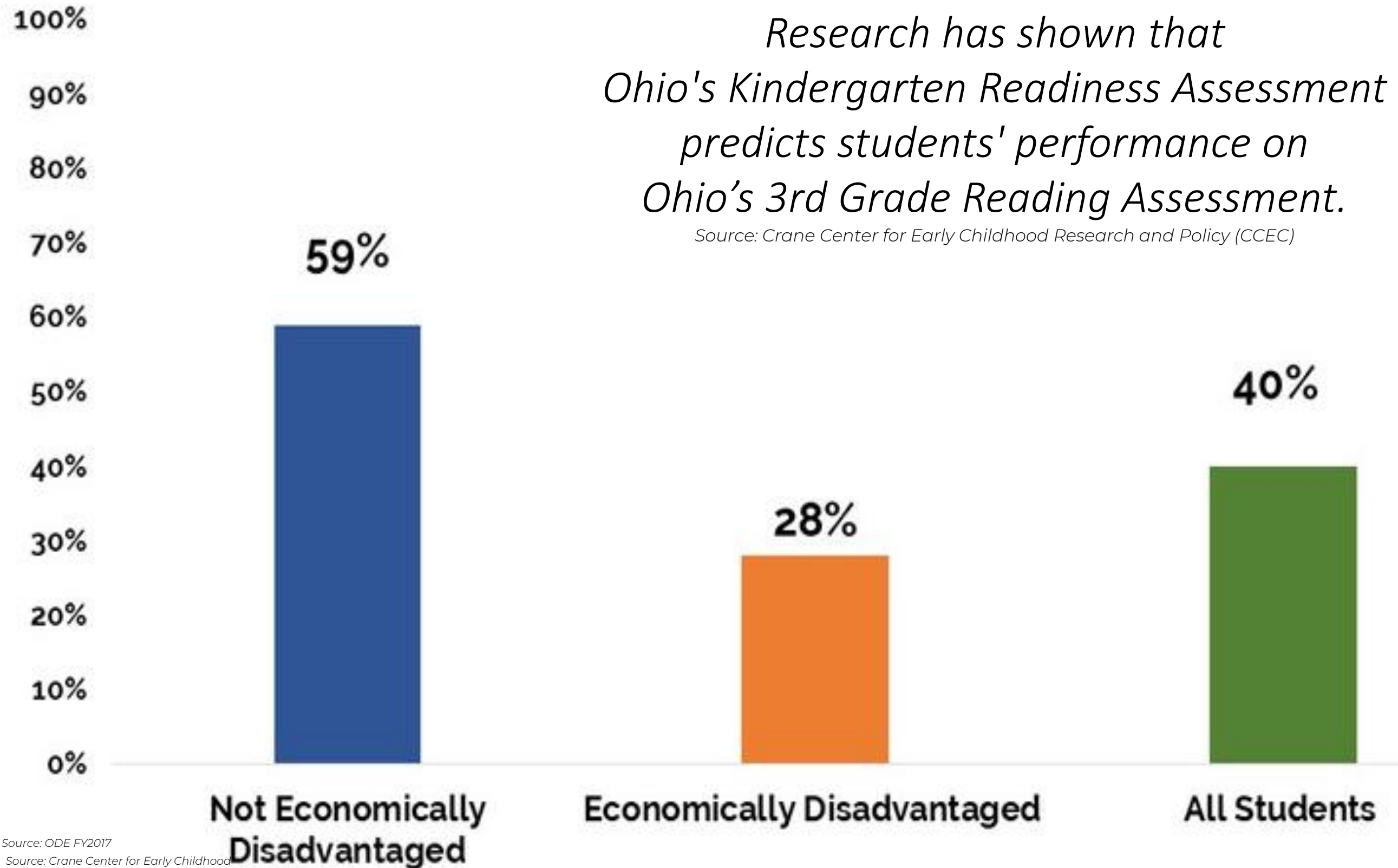
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# 90% of the Child's Brain is Developed before Kindergarten

## *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

**The Goal**  
**Every Child Will Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness by 2030**

## Drivers



**Education and Development Supports**



**Health and Behavioral Health**



**Families and Communities**



**Public and Private Infrastructure**

## Strategies

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 broad band access that are addressing basic needs for families.

- 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.

## Outcomes



**An Aligned Equitable PN-5 System That Ensures Every Child Is Kindergarten Ready.**

### **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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