



Thrive By Five



Yolo County Leading the New Frontier

1. Recognize the early years as critical and unique, and the investment in prenatal to 5-years (0-5) as foundational.
2. Dedicate a funding stream from cannabis-related revenue.

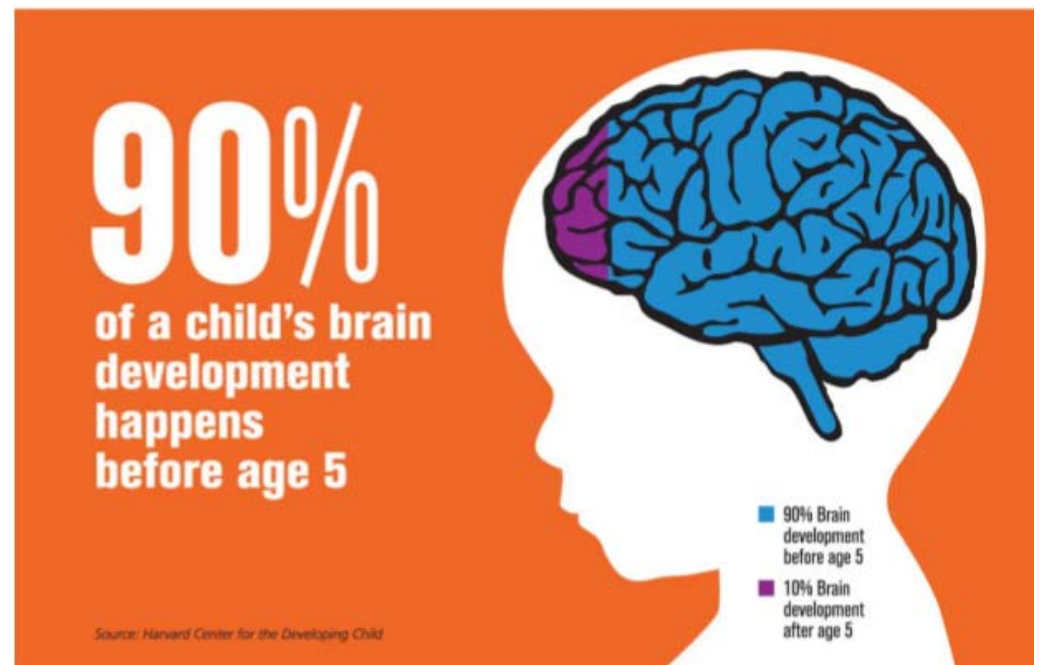
Invest the First Dollar 0-5



Why are the First 5 Years Important?

Early experiences affect how the brain develops, shaping how children learn, behave, and grow.

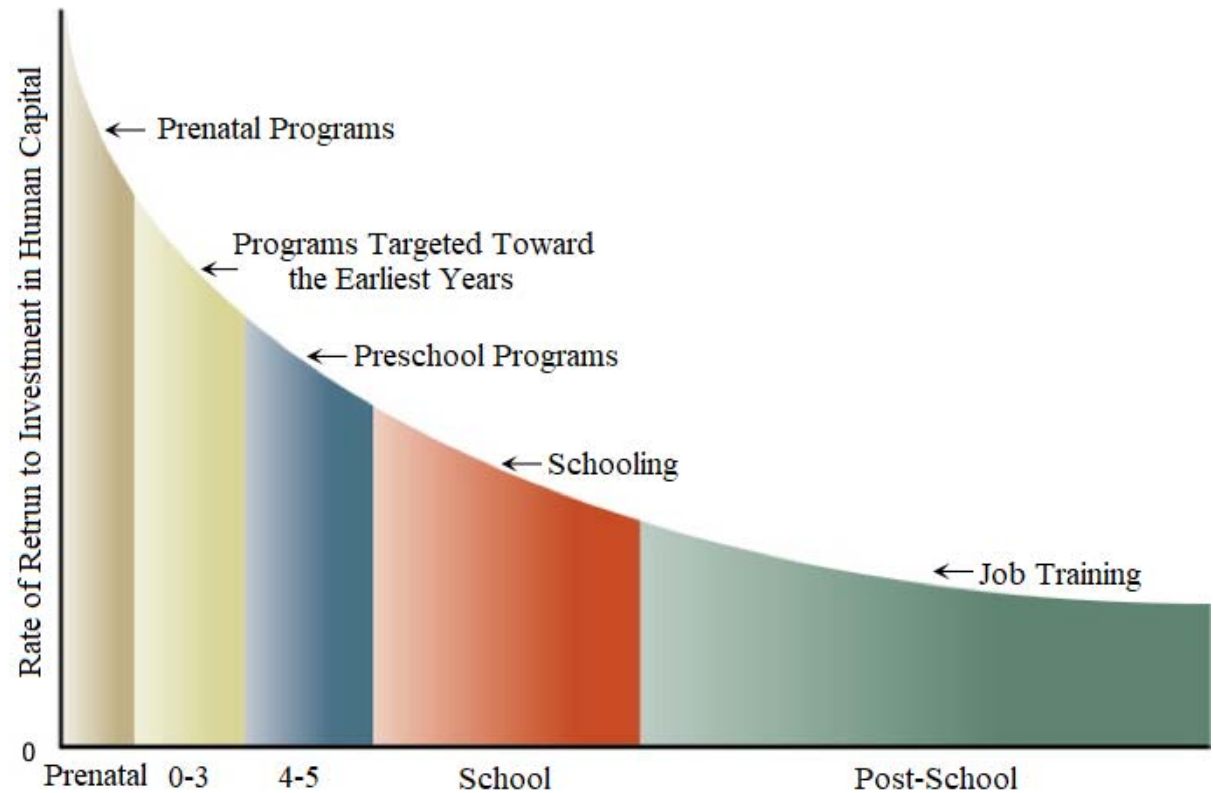
–The Center for the Developing Child at Harvard University



What happens as a child... shapes the adult... and the rest of society

The Earlier the Investment, the Higher the Return

- Efforts should focus on the first years for the greatest efficiency and effectiveness.



Source: James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics

ACEs = ADVERSE
CHILDHOOD
EXPERIENCES

The three types of ACEs include

ABUSE



Physical



Emotional



Sexual

NEGLECT



Physical



Emotional

FAMILY INSTABILITY



Mental Illness



Family Violence



Divorce



Incarcerated
Relative



Substance Abuse

Adverse Childhood Experiences
Increase the Risk for:

- Developmental delays
- Behavioral problems
- Low educational attainment
- Child welfare involvement
- Lower wages in adulthood
- Poor health outcomes
- Justice system involvement
- Homelessness

Children are in Need...

1. Nearly one in five children under age five is living in extreme poverty and only 52% of all families in Yolo County can afford basic living expenses.
2. Nearly 20% of all mothers in Yolo County do *not* receive early prenatal care, and among subgroups, that number rises to nearly 30%.
3. The rate of substantiated allegations of child maltreatment is more than double for children under age three (16.7 per 1,000 children) compared to all children (8.2 per 1,000) in Yolo County.
4. 58% of children in Yolo County are *not* reading at grade level by 3rd grade.
5. Statewide, 70% of children with developmental delays go undetected until kindergarten.
6. A Recent CA study finds half of young adult homeless had an early report to CWS, with this number rising to nearly 60% among young female adult homeless.
7. New predictive risk models indicate that for the highest risk children (4 to 5% of the births in Yolo per year), 53% will experience a report to CWS before age 5.

****There are proven programs that provide prevention-oriented support and achieve meaningful outcomes.****

Breakthrough Opportunities

High Risk Families:

- Family strengthening/healthy child programs (e.g., home visiting and wrap-around intensive services) help families manage challenges such as:
 - Single parenthood
 - Low income
 - Child history of abuse
 - Substance abuse
 - Domestic Violence
- Meaningful outcomes include:
 - Timely prenatal, postpartum, & newborn care
 - Improving parenting skills
 - Developmental screening
 - Avoidance into the child welfare system
 - Improved immunization rates
- With funding, such programs could be scaled up and improve identification of those in need.

Breakthrough Opportunities

Broader Population:

- Evidence-based parent education programs (e.g. Triple P, Nurturing Parent) are differentiated to family need, ranging from lighter touch (media and materials) to higher intensity (parent groups).
- Other counties have demonstrated success with countywide parent education programs.



Possible Mechanisms for a Dedicated Funding Stream for Early Childhood Prevention and Intervention:

General Tax with Thrive by Five Fund established by BOS in parallel action

- Santa Cruz County Model
- Santa Cruz City Model
- Humboldt Model

Specific Tax with dedicated funding stream included in ballot language

- San Joaquin Model

Development Agreements

- Dedicated funding stream proposed by County
- Dedicated funding stream proposed by industry

Others?