

2019 Budget Advocacy Impact Report

Early Learning & Healthy Development in Ohio's FY 20-21 State Operating Budget

The 2019 state budget process had an unprecedented focus on investing in Ohio's youngest children. With strong bipartisan support in both the House and Senate and close cooperation between the Administration and General Assembly, the FY 20-21 includes a number of new investments to support quality early learning and healthy development for 0-5 year olds in Ohio.

Celebrating Wins for our Youngest Ohioans

Child Care

Invests the additional \$198 million from the federal Child Care Development Block Grant in increased rates for publicly funded child care providers, invests \$10 million new state GRF for Quality Infrastructure Grants in FY 20 to support efforts to meet the 2020 and 2025 Step Up to Quality mandates, and includes a "hold harmless" ensuring no child care provider would experience a rate cut when reimbursement rates were updated effective July 1, 2019 and protects providers from 13 rural counties who would have seen a rate cut.

Home Visiting

Invests an additional \$30 million state GRF in Help Me Grow (bringing the total biennial investment to \$70 million) to support Governor DeWine's goal of tripling the number of families served by evidence-based home visiting programs.

Healthcare

Creates an enhanced primary care model (CPC for Kids) that supports improved health outcomes for children, a new care model that provides treatment to women with opiate use disorder and babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome in the same place at the same time, and extends Medicaid coverage for 12 months after delivery for new mothers.

Early Literacy

Invests \$5 million to create the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library, which will support child literacy efforts in the state.

Housing

Invests \$5 million over the biennium in stable housing, including recovery housing, for youth and pregnant women.

Part C Early Intervention

Invests nearly \$25 million additional state funds over the biennium in Part C Early Intervention, much of which will support the new automatic eligibility for children who have tested positive for lead and babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome (effective July 1, 2019).

Lead Abatement

Leverages \$10 million in State Child Health Insurance Program dollars to fund investigations and abatement, creates a lead abatement tax credit and earmarks \$2 million of TANF funding over the biennium for the Lead-Safe Home Fund pilot program to support abatement efforts that prevent lead poisoning, which can be especially harmful to children during their early years of development.

Children Services

Increases support for children services including the Governor's and House's increased appropriations for county children services agencies and the Senate-restored set-aside for the kinship caregiver program to support children in PCSA custody, about 39% of which are under age 5.

Census

Develops a Complete Count Commission to be coordinated by the Ohio Development Services Agency and assist in the administration of the 2020 Census.

Early Learning Pilot Program

Invests \$2 million over the biennium in a pilot program targeted in rural communities to increase quality child care and enhance early learning.

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Impact Recap by the Numbers:



49

SEPARATE TESTIMONIES

in support of early learning & health initiatives were provided by Groundwork staff & stakeholders.



3458

POSTCARDS SENT

to Ohio Senators, Representatives, Governor DeWine & Lieutenant Governor Husted—all from child advocates across Ohio.



112

LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

were held with Groundwork staff and legislative offices during the budget process.

+ 103

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

with nearly 300 stakeholders at legislative offices were held during the 2019 Laying the Groundwork Summit.

+ 46

LEGISLATIVE STAFF

members participated in our spring early childhood issue briefing.



7

ARTICLES PUBLISHED

covering Groundwork's budget advocacy.

GONGWER

Providers Say More Help Needed In Budget To Meet Child Care Quality Standards

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Rural Child Care Providers Ask Senate To Block Coming Rate Cuts

+ 2

PUBLISHED PIECES

were also released by Ohio stakeholders.

The Columbus Dispatch

Column: Increase eligibility for publicly funded child care

THE BLADE

To the editor: Raise rates for child care in Ohio

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