

Investing in Hawaii's keiki



Executive Office on Early Learning & State Public Charter School Commission

Why support early childhood education?

The early years are the most crucial period of learning in a child's life.

"Development and learning in the early years is rapid and cumulative – and is the **foundation for lifelong progress.**"

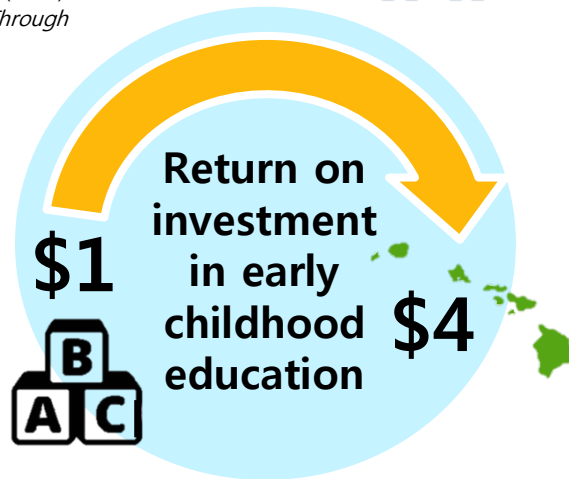
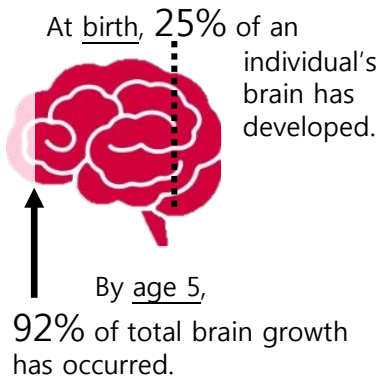
Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (2015). *Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8: A Unifying Foundation.*



Attending preschool is beneficial for all children.

"Quality preschool education can benefit middle-class children as well as disadvantaged children; typically developing children as well as children with special needs; and dual language learners as well as native speakers."

Yoshikawa et al. (2013). *Investing in Our Future: The Evidence Base on Preschool Education.*



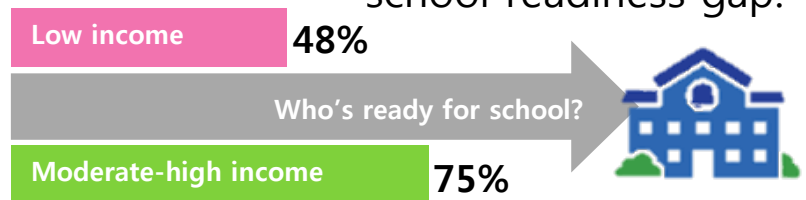
High-quality preschool can help to close the school readiness gap.

High-quality preschool helps prepare children for later success in school and life.



Long-term studies suggest that **preschool positively impacts important societal outcomes** such as high school graduation, completed years of education, earnings, and reduced crime and teen pregnancy.

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When compared against programs that address parenting behaviors and prenatal exposure to tobacco, other key influences on school readiness, **attending preschool at age 4 was the most effective means of increasing the school readiness of children in poverty at age 5.**

Brookings Institute Center on Children and Families (2012). *Starting School at a Disadvantage: The School Readiness of Poor Children.*