

## Education is the foundation of a community.

**85% of a child's capacity for learning is determined before age five, yet 95% of public investment occurs after age five.**

In today's world, knowledge is a valuable commodity. According to the Corporation for Enterprise Development (CFED), the state of Indiana currently ranks 39th in the nation in educational attainment of our citizens. Our ranking puts us at a competitive disadvantage for economic development and growth.

In states where investments have been made in early education, significant educational achievement and economic growth have occurred. Investing in children under the age of five from low-income families increases the likelihood that those children will stay in school, progress to college, become successful adults and, accordingly, enhance the economic vitality of our community.

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