

## We all benefit when local families succeed.

**Our community's quality of life will no doubt grow in proportion to the investment we make in our children.**

The future of any society depends on its ability to foster the health and well-being of the next generation. When we fail to provide children with what they need to build a strong foundation for healthy and productive lives, we put our future prosperity and security at risk. Significant research over the past 40 years supports the critical importance of equal access to quality preschool programs to reduce dropout rates, poverty and crime while, at the same time, improving job skills and the labor pool.

When we look at the root causes of our community's most pressing issues, we find that the greatest impact is to be made by investing in our youngest citizens, from the ages of birth to five.



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