



Save the Children
Action Network™

Investing in Kids – Investing in Our Future: Early Education

All Kids Deserve A Strong Start.

Investing in early childhood education is the most effective way to break the cycle of poverty. These investments lay the foundation for success later in school, career and life. The type of environment and the quality of interaction to which children are exposed in the first five years of life greatly influence the outcomes of their adult lives.

The Problem.

By age 5, a child's brain is already nearly completely developed, yet 2 out of 5 American children are not enrolled in preschool. Without access to high-quality early learning programs, children fall behind. Many never catch up. In fact, 4-year-olds from low-income families are 18 months behind other 4-year-olds developmentally.

The Solution.

Programs that start at birth and carry a child to kindergarten are the best investment for a strong future. High-quality early childhood education is an investment this country needs to make in order to give all kids a fair start in life.

We understand that funding is a large hurdle in the debate. That's why we are working to identify innovative and viable funding mechanisms to support expanded investment in early education nationwide.



The Strategy.

In addition to supporting the passage of comprehensive, national early childhood education legislation, we also support the efforts of the many governors, state legislatures and local officials proposing policies to improve and expand access to high-quality early learning programs.

What you can do.

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About Us.

Founded by Save the Children in 2014, Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) is the political voice for kids. We believe that every child deserves the best start in life. As the political advocacy arm of Save the Children, we're building bipartisan will and voter support to make sure every child in the U.S. has access to high-quality early learning and that no mother or child around the globe dies from a preventable disease or illness. By investing in kids and holding leaders accountable, we are helping kids from birth to age five survive and thrive.

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