



# Kids who are ready for kindergarten do better in school and in life.

## Invest in Arizona's future.

90 percent of a child's brain develops by age 5, before they start kindergarten. Research demonstrates that access to high-quality early learning prepares children for success in kindergarten and beyond.

### Quality child care and preschool can cost as much as tuition at Arizona's universities.

More than one-quarter of Arizona's children under age 6 live in poverty. Only 1 in 3 attend preschool. The biggest factor impeding access to quality early learning is cost, especially for low-income families. A high-quality child care or preschool program can cost \$10,000 a year or more.

The Early Childhood Scholarship Fund at ACF provides access to quality early learning for more of Arizona's young children.



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# Quality early learning impacts a lifetime.



- Kindergarten readiness
- 3rd grade reading scores
- High school graduation rates
- Workforce readiness
- Long-term health and well-being



- Special education/remediation costs
- Dependence on social welfare
- Crime-related costs
- Incarceration rates

## You can be part of Arizona's investment in early learning.

The Early Childhood Scholarship Fund at ACF provides opportunities for community-based organizations, businesses and individuals to support access to high-quality early education for young children from low-income families in Arizona.

Contributions to the Early Childhood Scholarship Fund are tax deductible and are made through the Arizona Community Foundation.



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*"All children deserve a strong start to their education. By contributing to the Early Childhood Scholarship Fund, all Arizonans can be part of building a quality educational legacy for our kids and state."*

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