The State of Infants & Toddlers

Belmont County

2,587 children three years old or younger

Infants and toddlers living in poverty (defined as living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines—an annual household income of $51,500 for a family of 4) — 1 in 2

Eligible infants and toddlers living at 130% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines accessing publicly funded child care — 8%

Infants and toddlers receiving health coverage through Medicaid and Healthy Start — 47%

Of the 69% accessing publicly funded child care, 8% are in high-quality programs (rated a 3- to 5-star in Ohio's quality rating and improvement system, Step Up to Quality)

Families with infants and toddlers receiving evidence-based home visiting services through the state funded Help Me Grow program — 31

24 infants and toddlers age three and under are in state custody...

This accounts for 35% of all kids in custody

0-3 year olds receiving Early Intervention services — 145

Kindergartners entering the classroom ready to learn — 43%

Economically disadvantaged kindergartners entering the classroom ready to learn — 29%

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