The State of Infants & Toddlers

Defiance County

1,622 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 fund care: 18%
- Infants and toddlers receiving health coverage through Medicaid and Healthy Start: 52%
- Of the 83% accessing publicly funded child care, 37% 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: 23%
- 0-3 year olds receiving Early Intervention services: 91%
- 5 infants and toddlers age three and under are in state custody...
- This accounts for 22% of all kids in custody
- Kindergartners entering the classroom ready to learn: 26%
- Eonomically disadvantaged kindergartners entering the classroom ready to learn: 16%

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