The State of Infants & Toddlers

8,129 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: 24%

- Infants and toddlers receiving health coverage through Medicaid and Healthy Start: 45%

- Families with infants and toddlers receiving evidence-based home visiting services through the state funded Help Me Grow program: 38%

- Of the 499 infants accessing publicly funded child care, 18% are in high-quality programs (rated a 3- to 5-star in Ohio’s quality rating and improvement system, Step Up To Quality): 499

- 0-3 year olds receiving Early Intervention services: 337

- 164 infants and toddlers age three and under are in state custody: 164

- This accounts for 31% of all kids in custody

- Kindergartners entering the classroom ready to learn: 46%

- Economically disadvantaged kindergartners entering the classroom ready to learn: 32%

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