

Investing Early: Building a Strong Foundation

*An update on our Community's
Early Childhood Initiative*



**A community partnership working to improve the lives of
Colchester's youngest citizens and their families.**



Who Do We Serve?

Families with Children Birth to age 8
(including pregnant women)

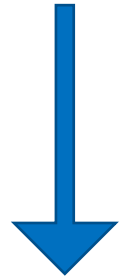
- Birth Rate of 129 projected for 2017
(NESDEC 11/29/2016)
- Children 0-5 years ~ 640
- Children in grades K- 3 (~600)
- **Total population
~ 1,240 children**





Why Do they Work?

Economics ~ Neuroscience ~ Education



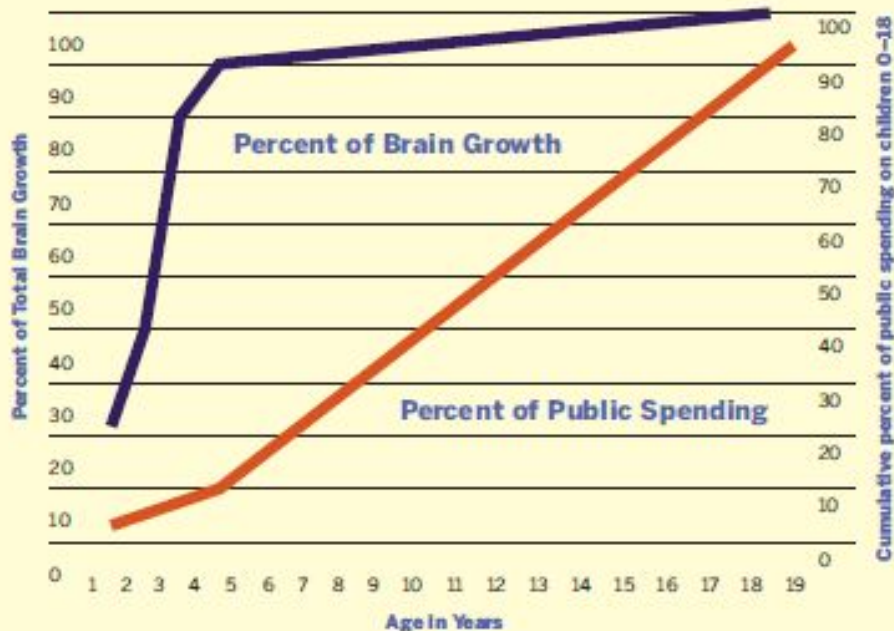
Invest in the Early Years



When to Invest in People?

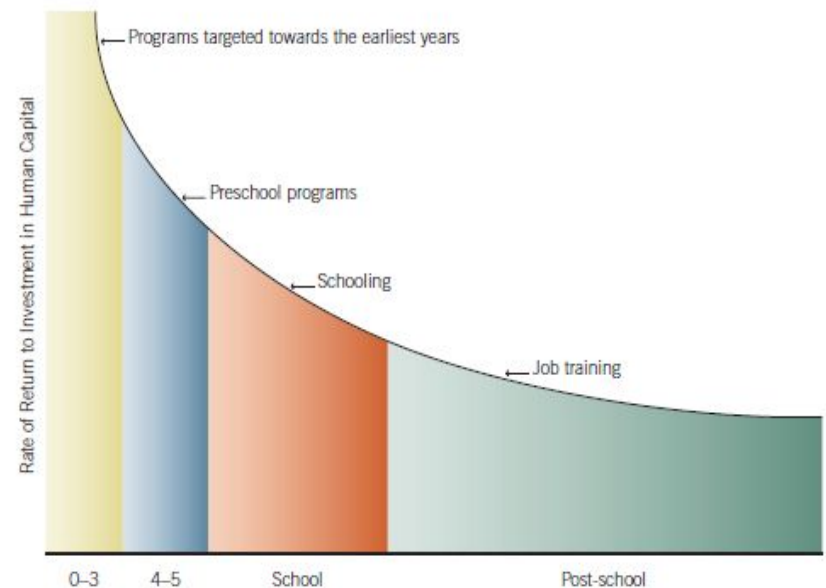
Typical Investment

Brain Growth versus Public Expenditures on Children Ages 0–18



Source: RAND Corporation

Return on Investments



Source: Heckman and LaFontaine (2007).



What Does Readiness Look Like?

Knowledge



Language

Ability to
Take
Directions

Phonemic
Awareness

Good
Physical
Health

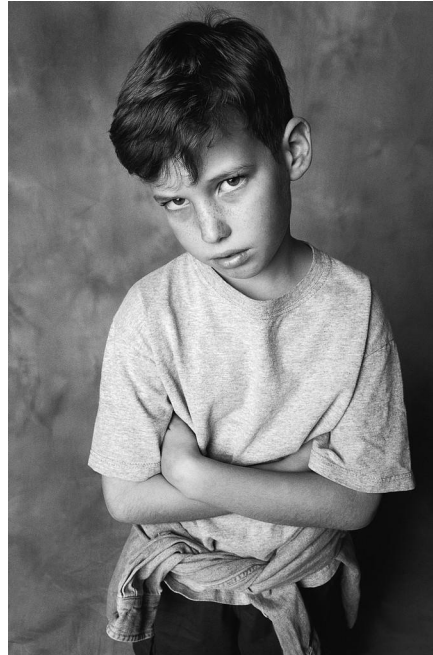
Ability to
Work with
Others

Ability to
Regulate
Behavior



And “Un-Readiness”...

Chronic
Health
Conditions



Lower
paying jobs

Retention/
Remediation

Increased
Social
Services

Special
Education

Juvenile
Delinquency

Increased
Jail Time



What we are doing

Family Systems Approach



Early Care and Education

Family Empowerment

Health



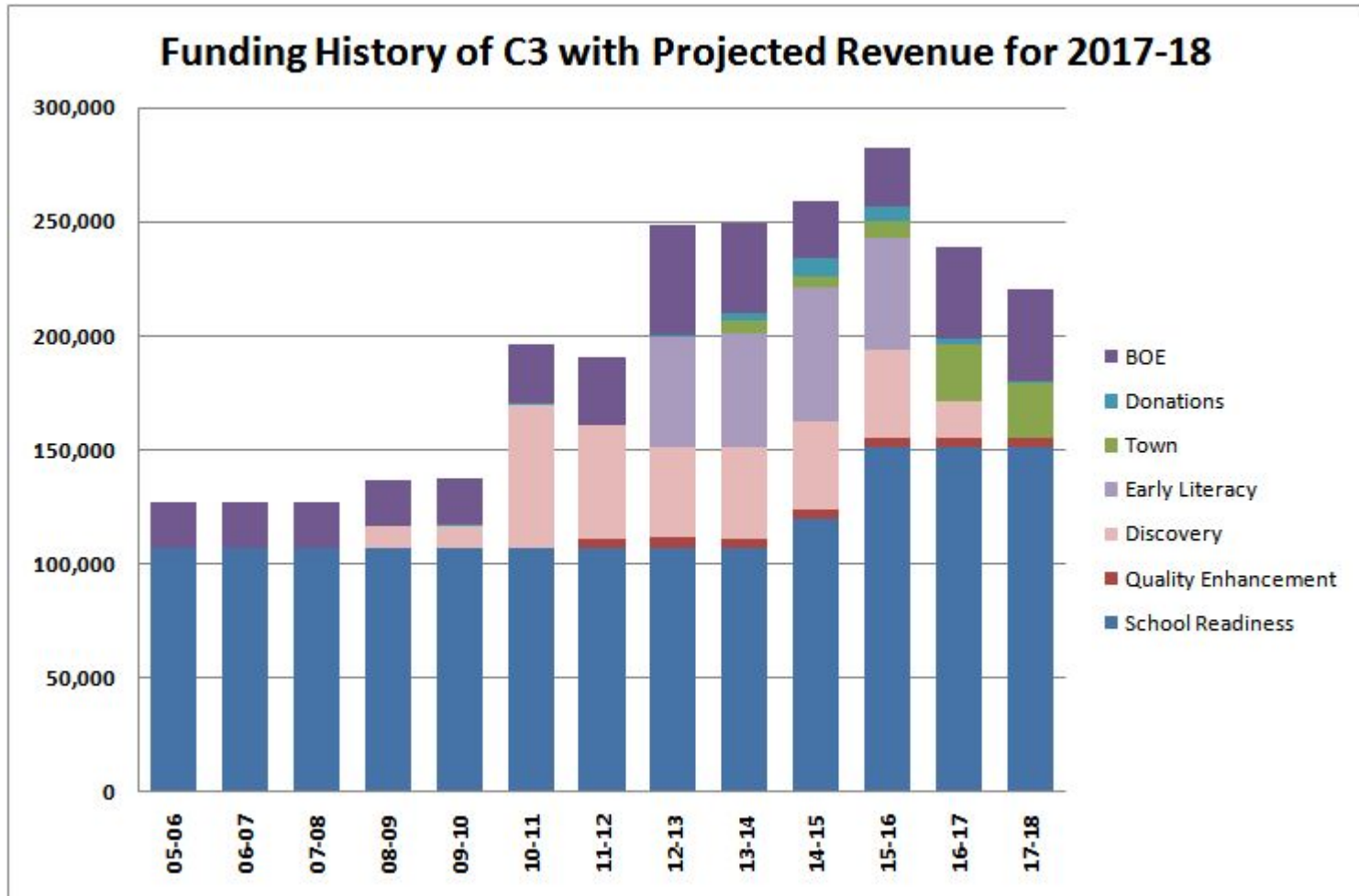
What is Our Reach?

Last Year 2016-2017

- 233 adults and children participate in
 - 6 Parent workshops
 - 1 People Empowering People (PEP) group (12 weeks)
 - 1 Circle of Security group (6 weeks)
 - 127 Play and Learn Groups sessions
 - 5 class types across 3 seasons
- Expanded our reach from:
 - 54 families in 2015-16
 - 105 families in 2016-17



Financial Picture





Budget for 2017-18

| Revenue | \$217,091 |
|---------------------|------------------|
| School Readiness | 151,200 |
| Quality Enhancement | 3,881 |
| BOS Support | 25,000 |
| BOE Support | 35,000 |
| Grants | 2,010 |

| Expenses | 220,591 |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Payroll | 58,935 |
| Contracted Services | 2,399 |
| PD/Training | 1,631 |
| Tuition | 144,000 |
| Programs/ Strategies | 12,750 |
| Travel | 402 |
| Supplies | 474 |



What Do Families Say?

I can't say enough about this class.

Anyone would benefit, grow & enjoy this time!

- PEP Parent Workshop

*I believe this class (Joyful Noises) has really prepared them
both for preschool. Thank You!*

- Play & Learn Group

More sessions! There is so much more to learn.

- Parent Workshop on Emotions

I'd love to take PEP again if there is space.

- Parent Email

MORE PROGRAMMING!



Questions or comments?

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