

# READY, SET SOAR OHIO

Early Investments, A Lifetime of Success.

## The State of Infants & Toddlers



Mercer  
County



### 2,121

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 4

15%

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

Infants and toddlers receiving  
health coverage through  
Medicaid and Healthy Start

28%

Of  
the

39

96%

accessing publicly funded child care,  
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

25

12

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

This accounts for 26% of all kids in custody

0-3 year olds receiving  
Early Intervention services

160

Kindergartners entering the  
classroom ready to learn

48%

23%

Economically disadvantaged  
kindergartners entering the  
classroom ready to learn

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