



2024 SYMPOSIUM ON CHILDREN
Strengthening the Early Childhood Workforce

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WHO WE ARE

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We are a multidisciplinary center in The Ohio State University's College of Education and Human Ecology. We pursue scientific discoveries through rigorous methods, and then work to translate that knowledge off the page and into real-world ideas and actions to enhance children's learning, development, and well-being.

We are co-located with the Schoenbaum Family Center, which provides direct services to children and families throughout Franklin County.

Together, we build equitable opportunities for all young children to learn and thrive through policy, practice, research, and evaluation.

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ENHANCING PRACTICE WITH CURRICULUM SUPPLEMENTS

Read It Again! Social-Emotional

- Extension of *Read It Again!* newly updated supplement that scaffolds shared storybook reading
- Focused on building children's social-emotional skills

Sit Together and Read (STAR-4)

- In partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital
- 2023-2028 funding from National Institutes of Health
- Serving 320 caregivers and children with disabilities

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CONTRIBUTING TO BEST PRACTICES



How to foster early literacy experiences for infants/toddlers

- Chapter authored by one of our teachers for the new book published by NAEYC

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BLUEPRINT FOR BETTER ASSESSMENT

Kindergarten Screening Assessment

- A. Sophie Rogers School for Early Learning + Center on Education and Training for Employment developed and piloted measure that is relatable for parents
- Covers five domains:
 - social and emotional development
 - physical well-being and motor development
 - language and literacy development
 - cognition and general knowledge (mathematics)
 - approaches toward learning



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CONTINUUM OF CARE & WORKFORCE SUPPORT



Early Head Start Partnership Program expands services

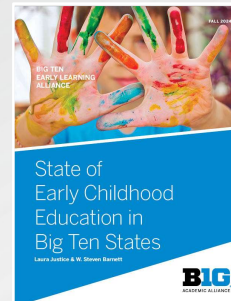
- 5-year, \$23 million federal grant
- Adds 189 Head Start slots to the program, more than 70% increase in children served
- Expands continuum of care from prenatal to kindergarten entry

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RESEARCH TO INFORM PRACTICE & POLICY



Big Ten Early Learning Alliance

- Crane co-chairs newly formed alliance
- Early childhood experts from the Big Ten's 14 universities in 11 states
- 26% of US children under age 5 live in member states (nearly 6 million children)
- First brief just published

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CURRENT CRANE PROJECTS



Impact on policy, including understanding the early childhood workforce

- Needs assessment of Ohio's Preschool Development Grant
- Cost of quality project in Colorado

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TWO NEW FEDERAL AWARDS

Analyzing Impacts of Changes to QRIS Policy and Subsidy Rates on Family Access, Provider Quality and Burden, and School Outcomes

- 5-year, \$2 million grant



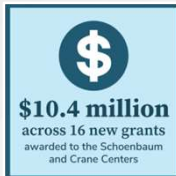
Understanding Factors that Determine ECE Teachers' Turnover Decisions

- 18-month, \$100,000 grant

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ONGOING COMMITMENT

A glimpse at last year's impact by the numbers



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Thank you for being here with us today!