



Every Child Will Demonstrate
Kindergarten Readiness by 2030

THE CASE FOR CHANGE

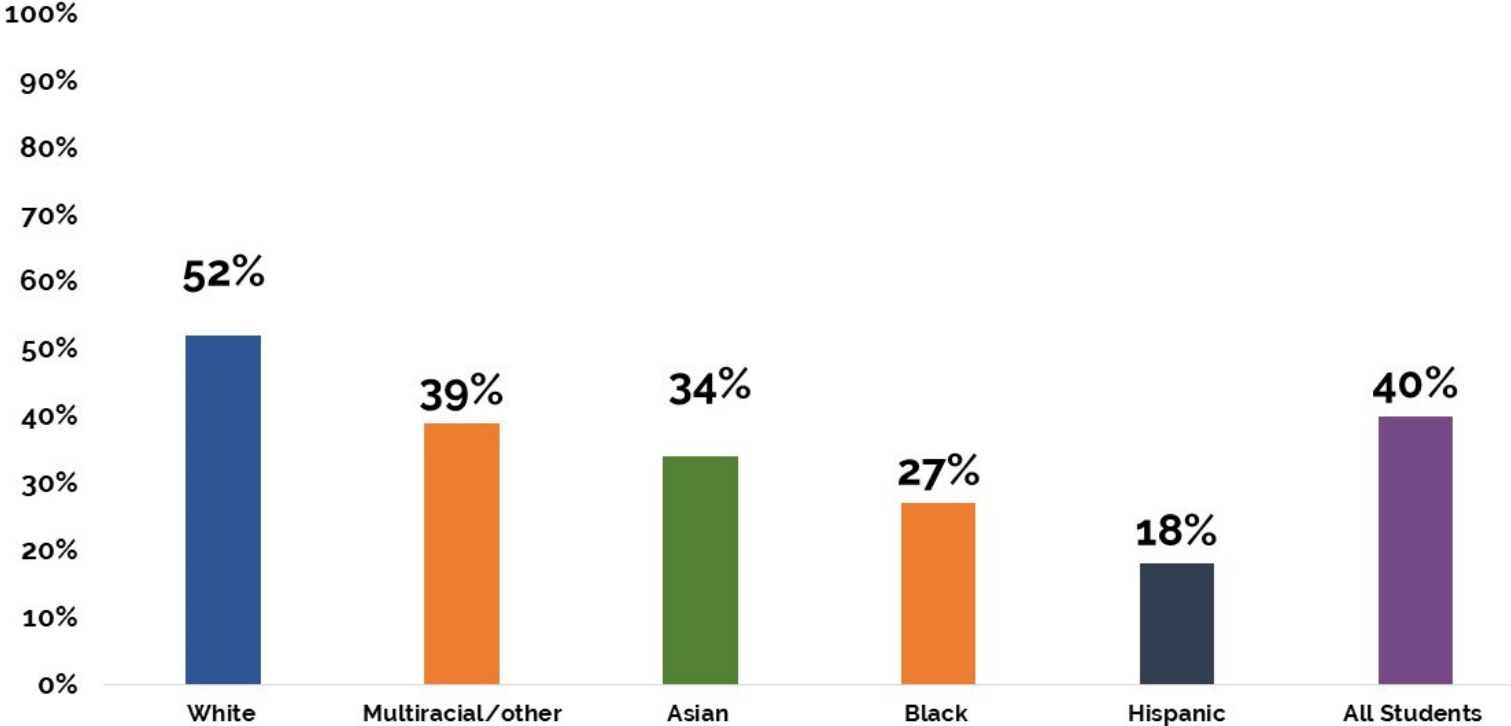
A Crisis in Franklin County



Only 40% of all children in Franklin County demonstrate kindergarten readiness.

There is **MORE** to the story.

Kindergarten Readiness by Ethnicity & Economic Status in Franklin County

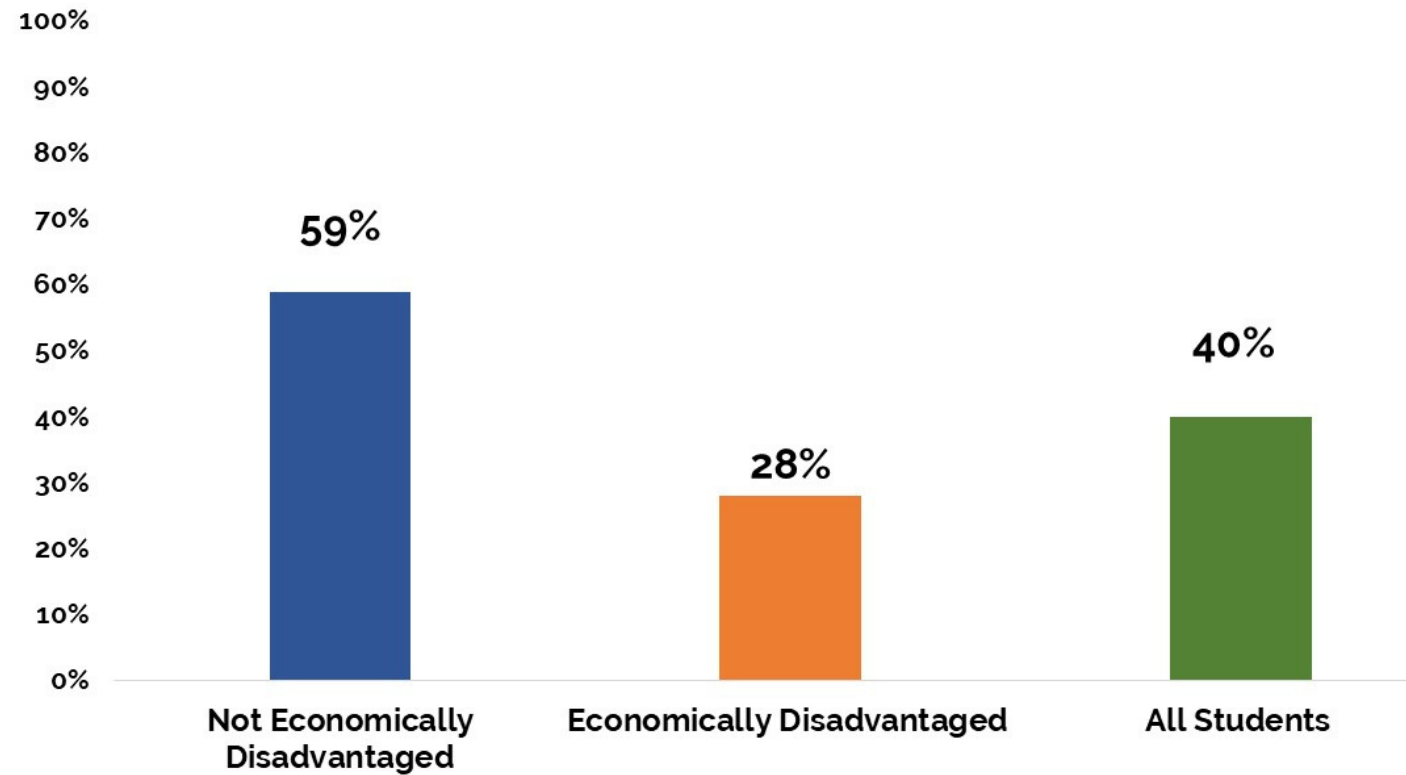


Racial and economic disparities are having a devastating impact on young children.

Source: ODE FY2017
Source: Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy (CCEC)

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Research has shown that Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment predicts students' performance on the 3rd Grade Reading Assessment.



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90% of the Child's Brain is Developed before Kindergarten

Early childhood is a critical period that determines a person's ability to reach his or her lifelong health, social, and economic potential.

Comprehensive early childhood well-being - which consists of physical and mental health, cognitive functioning, and social and emotional development - has strong links to long-term outcomes such as educational attainment, annual income, and mental health. Therefore, a comprehensive early childhood health and education system is a crucial component of determining our nation's future.

Source: McKinsey & Company, 2018

Kindergarten Readiness

NOT Ready for Kindergarten

- Higher rate of placement in special education
- Does not pass 3rd grade reading
- Poor performance on 8th grade math
- Increased rate for grade repetition
- Increased high school dropout rate
- Increased rate for teen pregnancy
- Increased arrests and time in juvenile justice system
- Low levels of post high school education
- Increased unemployment rate
- Lower earnings for those employed
- Increased arrests for violent crimes
- Increased time in jail
- Poor health outcomes

Source: RAND, Early Childhood Interventions, 2005

Children who start behind, stay behind.

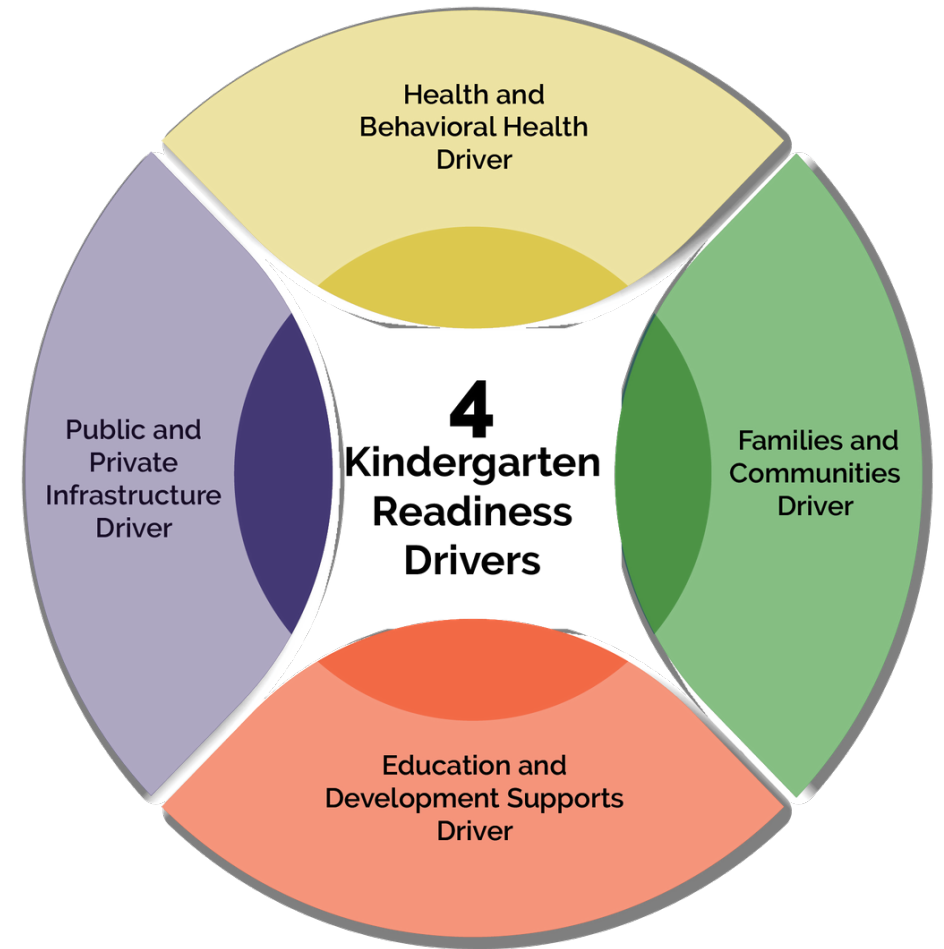
Our Solution

Future Ready Columbus has assembled a team of Central Ohio partners to develop an equitable, action-oriented kindergarten readiness plan named Future Ready by 5.

Research demonstrates that 4 Kindergarten Readiness Drivers have a critical impact on a child's ability to be ready for kindergarten.

Future Ready by 5 uses a collective impact approach across all 4 drivers to create the systematic change needed to make certain every child is kindergarten ready in Franklin County by 2030.

Future Ready by 5 is being vetted throughout the community to gather feedback from families and stakeholders to ensure all voices from all walks of life are included in its development.



Future Ready By 5 Plan

The Goal
Every Child Will Demonstrate Kindergarten Readiness by 2030

Drivers



Education and Development Supports



Health and Behavioral Health



Families and Communities



Public and Private Infrastructure

Strategies

- Increase access to and utilization of high-quality early care and education opportunities for every child.
- Develop an aligned professional development system that is based on identified community needs and ensuring that professionals have trainings in implicit bias, cultural competence, and professional content.

- Create an aligned culturally appropriate health, development, trauma and behavioral health screening system.
- Create an aligned, culturally appropriate health and behavioral health services system.
- Transform Franklin County into a Trauma-to-Resilience county.
- Support CelebrateOne to reduce infant mortality.

- Implement a comprehensive system of resources, mobile supports and neighborhood hubs to help families prepare their children for kindergarten.
- Strengthen family awareness of, and engagement with, early learning and development programs and services.
- Create a coordinated system of fatherhood programs.
- Integrate family input and leadership to inform FRC's work.
- Support the leadership and strategies associated with the collective impact organizations for housing, food, child safety, transportation and broad band access that are addressing basic needs for families.

- Create a multi-faceted, integrated data-sharing infrastructure.
- Execute a public education and awareness campaign.
- Create an Administrative Services Organization.
- Develop current and long-term funding strategies.
- Convene a think-tank group to germinate and grow big ideas.
- Initiate an Anti-Racism Policy and Implementation Team.

Outcomes



An Aligned Equitable PN-5 System That Ensures Every Child Is Kindergarten Ready.

System Component 1:
Children have the supports they need to be ready for kindergarten.

System Component 2:
Families and community members are active, engaged, and focused on kindergarten readiness.

System Component 3:
Franklin County is a Trauma-to-Resilience community.

System Component 4:
Anti-racism approaches are used to create equity for all children and people who touch a child's life.

Kindergarten Readiness Comparison

Location	K Readiness
Austin	71%
Minneapolis	51%
Cincinnati	40%
Kansas City	33%
Cleveland	22%

Austin
71%

Franklin County
40%

Take Action Now!

Stand with our community and rally to change the trajectory of our children's future.



Request for Insights
Virtual Public Briefing and Launch

9:15 a.m. February 5, 2021

<https://www.mjstream.tv/frcpublicbriefing>

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