

Whole Child Budget Agenda Fact Sheet

Which version(s) of the Ohio budget better support children, families, and communities?

Budget Issue	Which version(s)?	Why?
Expands Broadband Infrastructure	House 	The House invests \$190 million in broadband expansion – a superdeterminant of health, education, & economic stability. The Senate removed all funding.
Fully and Fairly Funds Ohio's Schools	House 	The House included the Fair School Funding Plan which was developed with school funding experts over a three year period and effectively addresses Ohio's unconstitutional school funding system.
Protects Children from Lead with Renovation, Repair, & Paint (RRP) Rule	Executive House 	The Senate budget removed language and funding for RRP. RRP funding rewards lead-safe business practices and keeps children safe.
Invests in Evidence-Based Home Visiting for Families	Executive House 	The Executive Budget supports comprehensive services to more children and their families through home visits by increasing eligibility up to age 5.
Preserves Step Up to Quality in Early Care & Education	Executive House 	All children – regardless of income – should have access to quality child care. The Senate version effectively derails Ohio's 5-star quality rating and improvement system.
Expands Publicly Funded Child Care Access to 142% FPL	Senate 	The Senate increased initial eligibility for publicly funded child care to 142% of the Federal Poverty Level – an increase from the Governor's and House's proposal of 138%.
Extends 12 month Postpartum Coverage for New Moms	Senate 	The Senate made a critical investment in maternal and infant health by extending postpartum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to one year.
Protect Access to Affordable Housing	Executive House 	At a time of increased housing insecurity, the Senate version taxes affordable housing developers in a way that undermines projects serving our most vulnerable Ohio families.
Protects Access to Public Benefits, Such as SNAP & Medicaid	Executive House 	Unfortunately, the Senate version includes costly, administrative barriers from Senate Bill 17 that increase hunger, discourage work, and limit access to public benefits.
Helps Children with Complex Needs Access Care via OhioRISE	Executive House 	The Senate dismantled years of work on managed care procurement, jeopardizing improved access to health care, particularly for multi-system youth.