



2020-21 State Budget Policy Progress Report

Progress Made to Improve the Well-being of Children

Wrap-Around Services	\$675 million dedicated for wrap-around services to K-12 students , including mental health counseling, mentoring, and after school programs.
High Quality Child Care	Significant federal resources, plus a \$10 million investment in Quality Infrastructure Grants that will help to improve the quality of child care in Ohio.
Child Protection	Ohio's investment in children's services was doubled in the budget. \$125 million will be used to support child safety and well-being .
Lead Exposure	\$25 million allocated to make Ohio homes lead-safe , offer a lead abatement tax credit, demolish lead-blighted homes, and increase the number of lead hazard control workers.
Food Insecurity	Additional \$60 million in federal funds to improve the nutrition and health of Ohio's children by expanding School Lunch, School Breakfast, and other programs.
Evidence-Based Home Visiting	\$69.6 million invested in Help Me Grow will increase home visiting services for at-risk, expectant mothers to reduce infant mortality.
Children's Health	\$200 million in funding for Medicaid to maintain coverage of children currently enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Prorities Left Out of the Budget

Paid Family Leave	A Family Medical Leave Insurance fund would provide parents the support to balance the demands of work and home .
Earned Income Tax Credit	Making the EITC refundable would ensure working families can build assets and be more financially secure .
Child Care: Access & Affordability	Extending access to affordable child care for families living at or below 200% of povert would benefit working families and Ohio's economy .
Census 2020	No funding was appropriated to prevent the undercount of children and hard-to-count communities in Ohio.