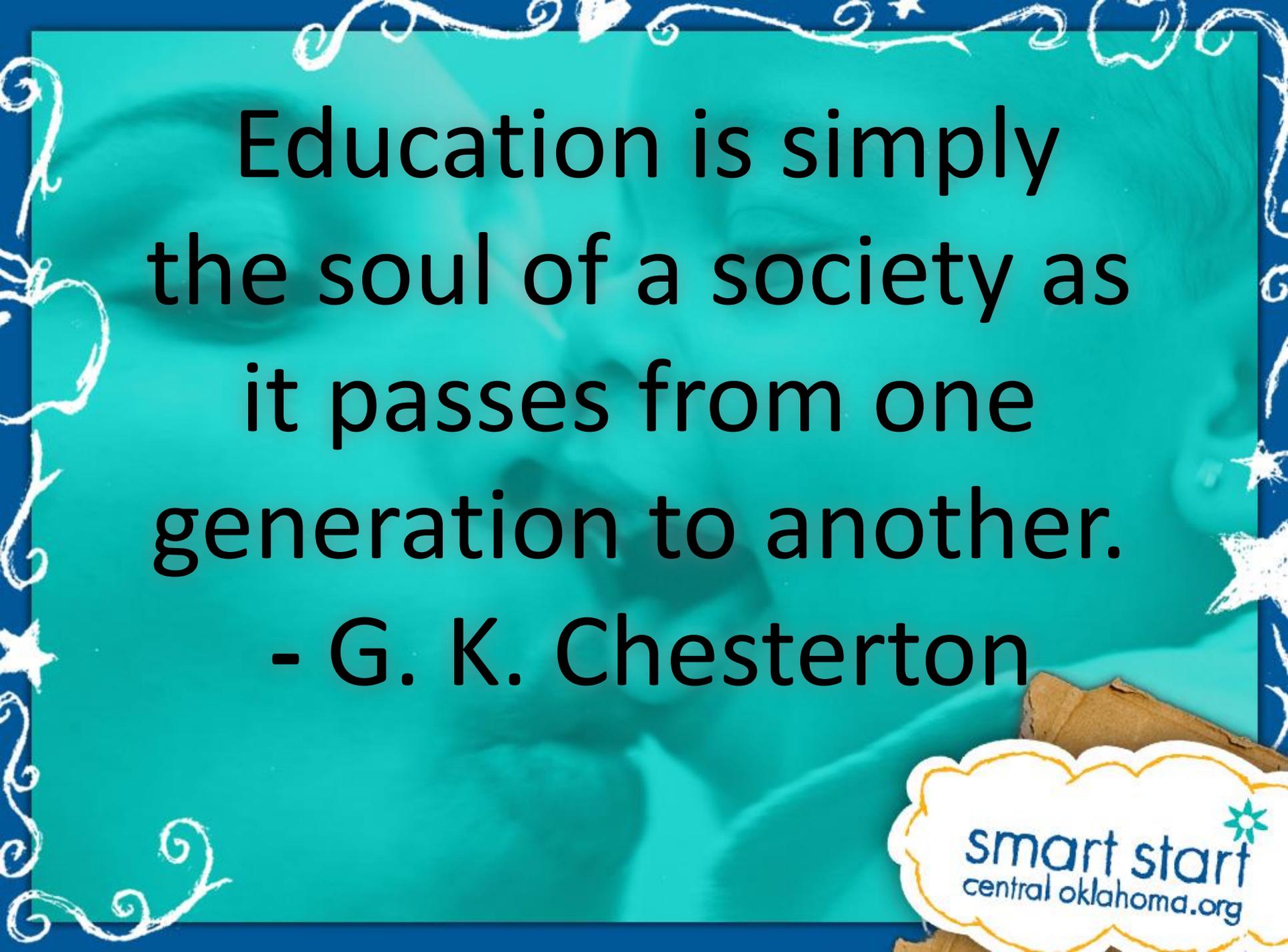




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Education is simply  
the soul of a society as  
it passes from one  
generation to another.

- G. K. Chesterton

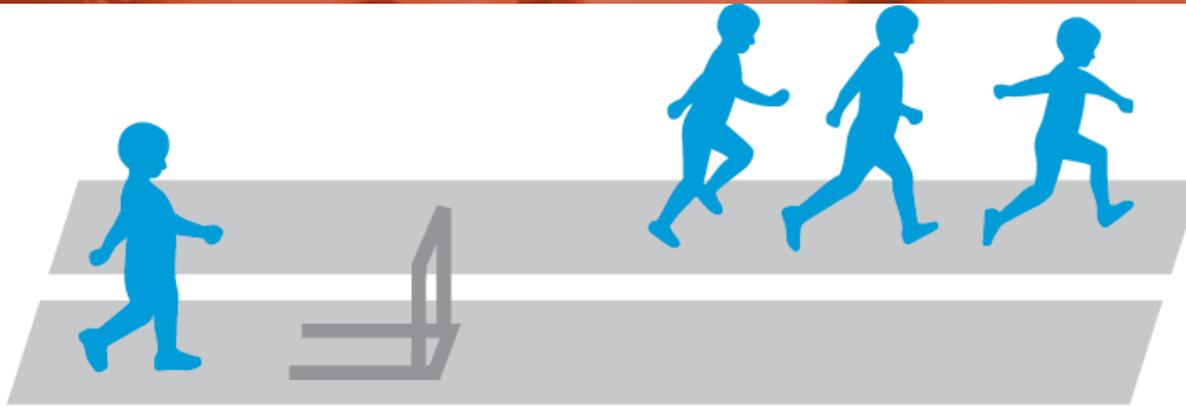


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Children under 6 years old	Number	% of State
In Oklahoma	316,500	100%
In Oklahoma County	65,696	20.77%
Race/Ethnicity Breakout of the 65,696 Children Under 6 Years in Oklahoma County (2012)	Percentage OK County	State Breakdown Under 5 Years
American Indian	6.2%	10%
Asian	3.4%	2%
Black	21.5%	8%
Hispanic	26.3%	18%
White	68.9%	53%

## Snapshot of Young Children in Oklahoma/Oklahoma County

What challenges must our young children overcome to successfully participate in and benefit from kindergarten and the entire educational experience?

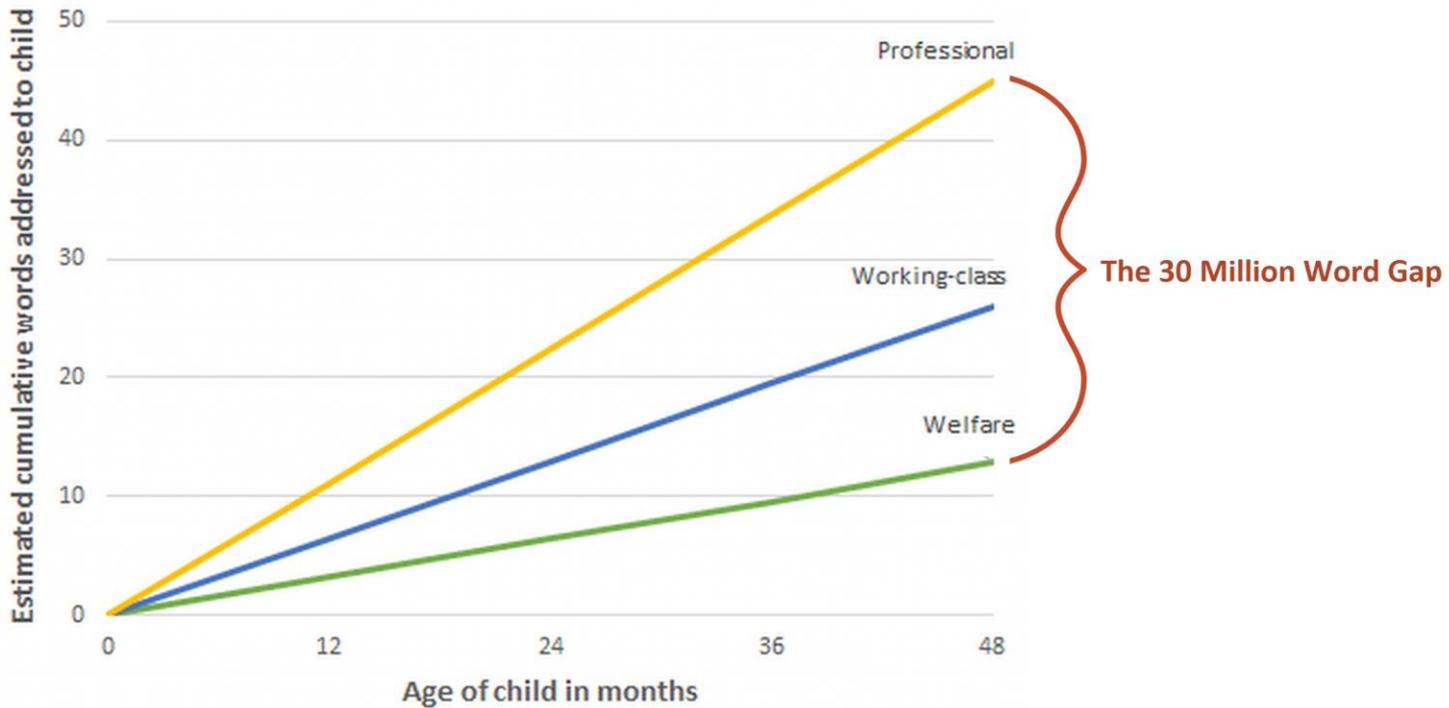


BY AGE 4, THE AVERAGE LOW-INCOME CHILD FACES SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS AND IS **18 MONTHS BEHIND** MORE AFFLUENT PEERS.

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Risk for Poor School Readiness	Oklahoma County	Oklahoma	National
Hispanic Ethnicity	<b>26.6%</b>	16.5%	28.6%
English Language Learners	<b>22.0%</b>	10.6%	16%
Low Maternal Education	<b>25%</b>	21.5%	21.7%
Migrant Children	<b>0.0%</b>	0.01%	0.4%
Children in Poverty*	<b>29.5%</b>	26.9%	22.9%
Children with Single Parents	<b>35.1%</b>	30.9%	28.6%
Young Maternal Age (<20 years)	<b>10.4%</b>	11.4%	8.9%
American Indian Race	<b>3.5%</b>	8.6%	1.0%
Abuse and Neglect	<b>2.1%</b>	1.7%	1.3%
Foster Care	<b>3.1%</b>	2.4%	0.6%

## Number of Words Heard by Children Differs Across Income Groups



Hart & Risley, 1995

What would you do if your child was behind?

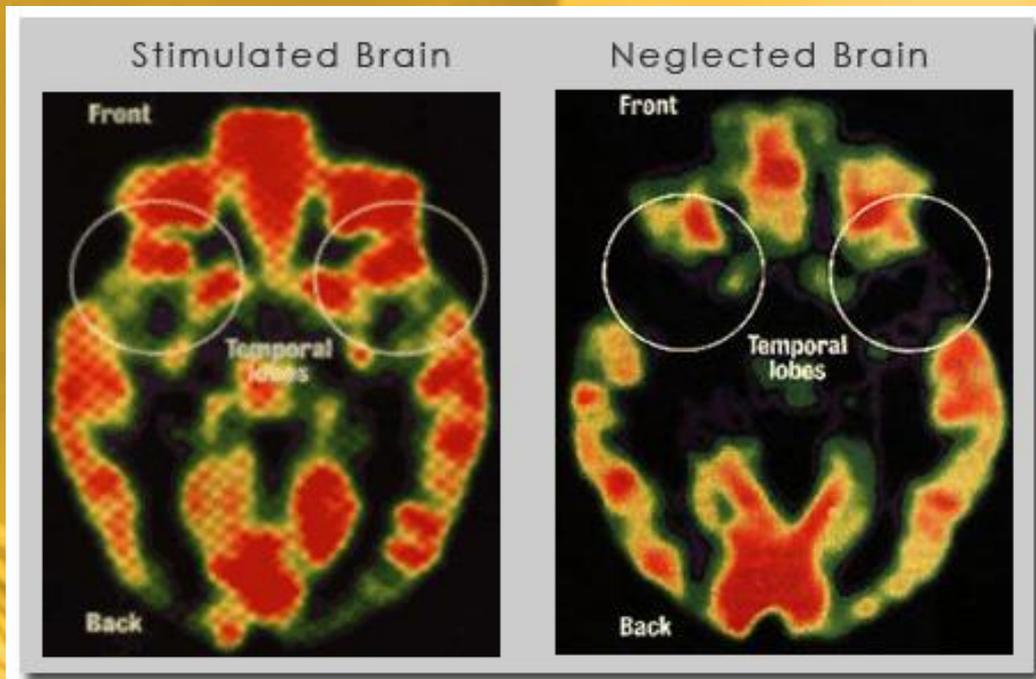
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# What do our young children need to fully participate in and benefit from school?

- Good Health
- Strong Families
- Quality early learning and school experiences to promote child development
- Support and reinforcement at each grade level through 12<sup>th</sup> grade



# Positive early childhood experiences create a strong brain.



<http://www.pfcfmc.org/early-education-information>

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Reach of School Readiness Supports	Oklahoma County	Oklahoma
Percent of Eligible Children Enrolled in Early Head Start	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
Percent of Eligible Children Enrolled in Head Start	<b>41.5%</b>	<b>57.1%</b>
Percent of Eligible Children Enrolled in Head Start/Early Head Start Combined	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>
Percent of Eligible 4-Year-Olds Enrolled in Universal Pre-K	<b>67.0%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>
Percent of Full-Day Universal Pre-K	<b>50.9%</b>	<b>70.9%</b>

OKCPS Risk Level Scores on EasyCBM	Total Kindergarten Tested	Percent Attending Pre-K	Did Not Attend Pre-K	Did Attend OKCPS Pre-K
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>4,251</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>2,551</b>
Low Risk			<b>38%</b>	<b>58%</b>
Some Risk			<b>38%</b>	<b>33%</b>
High Risk			<b>24%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>1,636</b>	<b>2,670</b>
Low Risk			<b>46%</b>	<b>66%</b>
Some Risk			<b>28%</b>	<b>25%</b>
High Risk			<b>26%</b>	<b>9%</b>



Reach of School Readiness Supports for Children Under 6	Oklahoma County	Oklahoma
Licensed Child Care Facilities Available in Relation to Need	<b>83.9%</b>	<b>72.8%</b>
2- and 3-Star* Child Care Facilities Available in Relation to Need	<b>58.2%</b>	<b>47.6%</b>
Children with Child Care Subsidies Enrolled in 2- or 3-Star Child Care Centers	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
Percentage Served by Oklahoma Parents as Teachers Home Visiting Program	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>



# Comprehensive approach to support young children and their families:

- Understand the issues facing young children and families
- Integrate data across health, education & family support





There can be no keener  
revelation of a society's  
soul than the way in which  
it treats its children.  
- Nelson Mandela



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