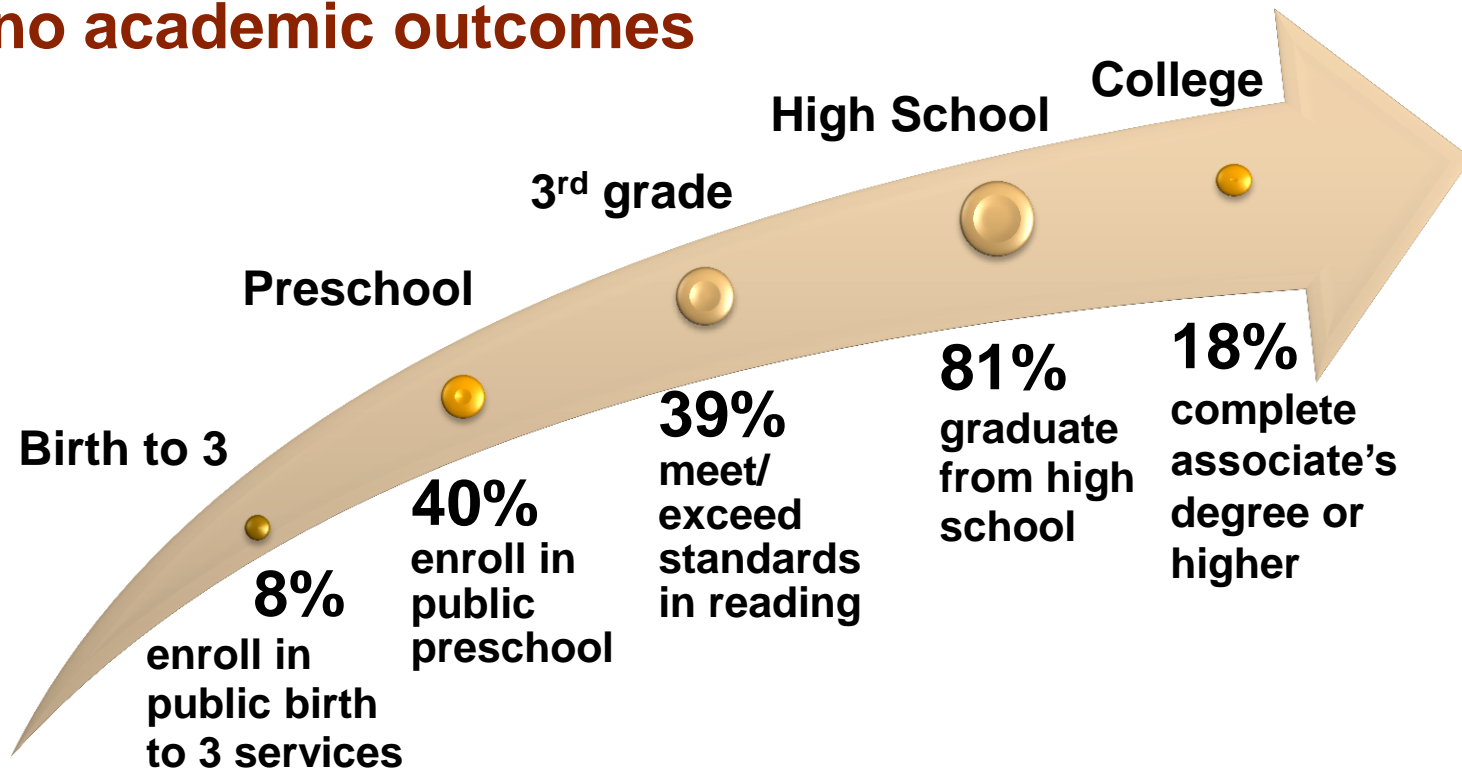




Our Vision: *All Latinos and English Learners (ELs) graduate high school college and career ready*

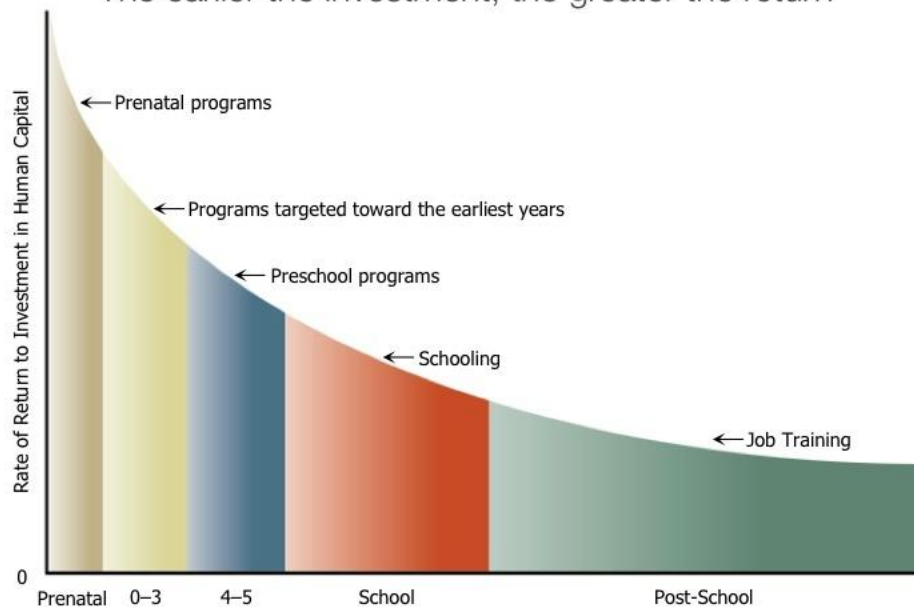
Latino academic outcomes



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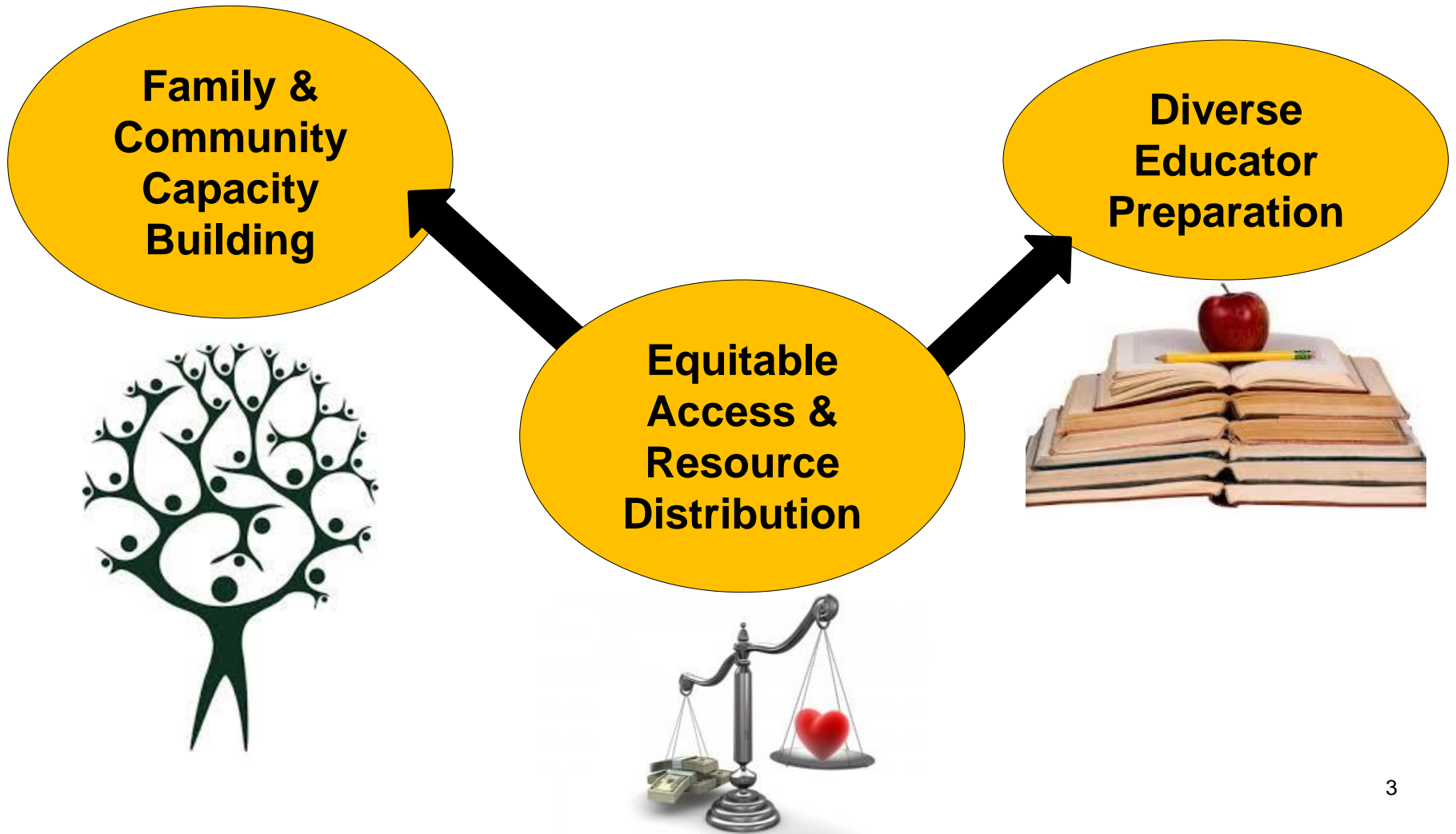
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IS A SMART INVESTMENT

The earlier the investment, the greater the return



Source: James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics

Education Areas of Work



Education Goals

**Family
Capacity
Building**

All Latino and immigrant families have the knowledge and skills to support their child's early education as the foundation for college and career readiness.

**Equitable
Access &
Resources**

All Latino children and English Learners (ELs) have access to high quality education that is linguistically and culturally responsive.

**Diverse
Educator
Preparation**

All Illinois teachers are prepared to meet the needs of students' language, cultural and racial diversity.



Education strategies and tactics

INFORM

Provide issue education and outreach on Latino and immigrant community issues

Conduct analysis and produce reports regarding the Latino community and English Learners

Create and facilitate trainings and workshops for:

- Community leaders
- Educators
- Educational leaders
- Parents
- Providers

INFLUENCE

Administrative advocacy

- Active participation on over 30 state and local committees/councils
- Build and leverage relationships with policy actors
- Respond to call for public comments from governing bodies

Legislative advocacy

- Monitor state budget and substantive legislation
- Prepare and deliver testimony for state public hearings
- Presence in Springfield
- Promote and host annual Early Childhood Education Advocacy Day

LEAD

Expand discourse to promote:

- Inclusion
- Parity
- Quality

Convene coalitions to inform policy agenda

- Community leaders
- Educational leaders
- Practitioners
- Substantive experts

Organize actions

- Community hearings
- Press conferences

Education work products

Conduct analysis and produce reports

- Preparing all Teachers Brief Series
- Statistics on Latinos (SOL) Series
- Building Blocks of Early Care and Education in Illinois



Pursue administrative and legislative advocacy

- Appointments on: IL Advisory Council on Bilingual Education; IL Early Learning Council; Chicago Consortium on School Research; Chicago Public Schools Latino Advisory Committee
- Prepare and deliver testimony
- Annual ECE Advocacy Day



Create and facilitate trainings

- Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors
- Common Core Math Workshops
- Understanding and Leading State Budget Advocacy





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