Paving a Path Forward for Ohio’s Children: The Equity Imperative
Our Mission

Groundwork Ohio champions high-quality early learning and healthy development strategies from the prenatal period to age five, that lay a strong foundation for Ohio kids, families and communities.
Advancing early childhood equity in Ohio by looking upstream for solutions
WHO KEEPS CHUCKING THESE KIDS IN THE RIVER?
Upstream vs. Downstream

DOWNSTREAM
Focuses on programs that provide equitable access to care and services to mitigate the negative impacts of disadvantage on health.

UPSTREAM
Focuses on transforming systems to improve fundamental social and economic structures in order to decrease barriers and improve supports to reduce infant mortality.
How are kids faring in Ohio?
Poverty of Young Children in Ohio

26.4% of Ohio children ages 0-5 are living in poverty.
Poverty of Young Children in Ohio

30.3% of children age 0-5 in the Appalachian region are living in poverty.
Poverty of Young Children in Ohio

53.9% of Black Children Ages 0-5 Are Living in Poverty
How are kids faring in Montgomery County?
Poverty in Montgomery County

33.6% of children age 0-5 in Montgomery County are living in poverty
Poverty in Montgomery County

61.9% of Black children age 0-5 in Montgomery County are living in poverty.
Poverty is a persistent factor in kids’ learning and development.
Kids who start behind often stay behind.
Poverty doesn’t tell the whole story. Race plays a determinative role in kids’ outcomes.
FY 17% of Students PROFICIENT & ABOVE on Eighth Grade Math By Race & Ethnicity in Montgomery County

- **Black**: 24.7%
- **White**: 54.5%
- **Asian**: 69%
- **Multiracial or Other**: 36.4%
- **Hispanic**: 40.7%

**29.8 point gap**
Third Grade Reading

FY 17% of Students PROFICIENT & ABOVE on Third Grade Reading By Race & Ethnicity in Montgomery County

- BLACK: 39.2%
- WHITE: 69.8%
- ASIAN: 80.8%
- MULTIRACIAL OR OTHER: 61%
- HISPANIC: 53.5%

30.6 point gap
Kindergarten Readiness

FY 17% of Students DEMONSTRATING READINESS for Kindergarten by Race & Ethnicity in Montgomery County

![Graph showing Kindergarten Readiness by Race & Ethnicity]

- **BLACK**: 19%
- **WHITE**: 42%
- **Asian**: 43%
- **Multiracial or Other**: 32%
- **Hispanic**: 22%
- **ALL STUDENTS**: 34%

23 point gap
Access to quality publicly funded child care

Montgomery County

Percentages of PFCC CHILDREN by PROGRAM QUALITY and Race & Ethnicity: unrated | 1-2 stars | 3-5 stars

Data Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, FY 2017
2016 Preterm Birth Rates by Race & Ethnicity in Montgomery County

**Preterm Birth**

- **Black**: 15%
- **White**: 10%
- **Asian**: N/A
- **Unknown or Other**: 4%
- **Hispanic**: 0.4%

5 point gap
Access to Prenatal Care

2017 (Q1) Statewide Percentage of Medicaid Mothers Receiving Timely Prenatal Care by Race

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3 point gap
What does upstream policy look like from a public health perspective?
How can we pivot our work to support upstream, system-level change?
What issues upstream are causing people to need my program in the first place?
Am I more focused on my program outcomes or our population outcomes?
How can we break down silos to create effective upstream strategies?
How can we effectively remove barriers and reach families earlier?
THANK YOU!

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