Agenda Item Number: 8

Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: LM

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date:	August 2, 2016
To:	Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From:	Heath Action
Subject:	Presentation by Sonoma County Health Action Cradle to Career Program on Universal Access to Quality Pre-School (Kellie Noe, Department of Health Services and Angie Dillon-Shore, First 5 Sonoma County Executive Director)
Recommendation:	That the City Council Receive the Informational Presentation
Funding:	Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No _XX__ N/A
	Net General Fund Cost: N/A

INTRODUCTION:
This item is to request the City Council receive the informational report from Kellie Noe, Sonoma County Department of Health Services, and Angie Dillon-Shore, First 5 Sonoma County Executive Director on the Sonoma County Health Action Cradle to Career Program on Universal Access to Quality Pre School.

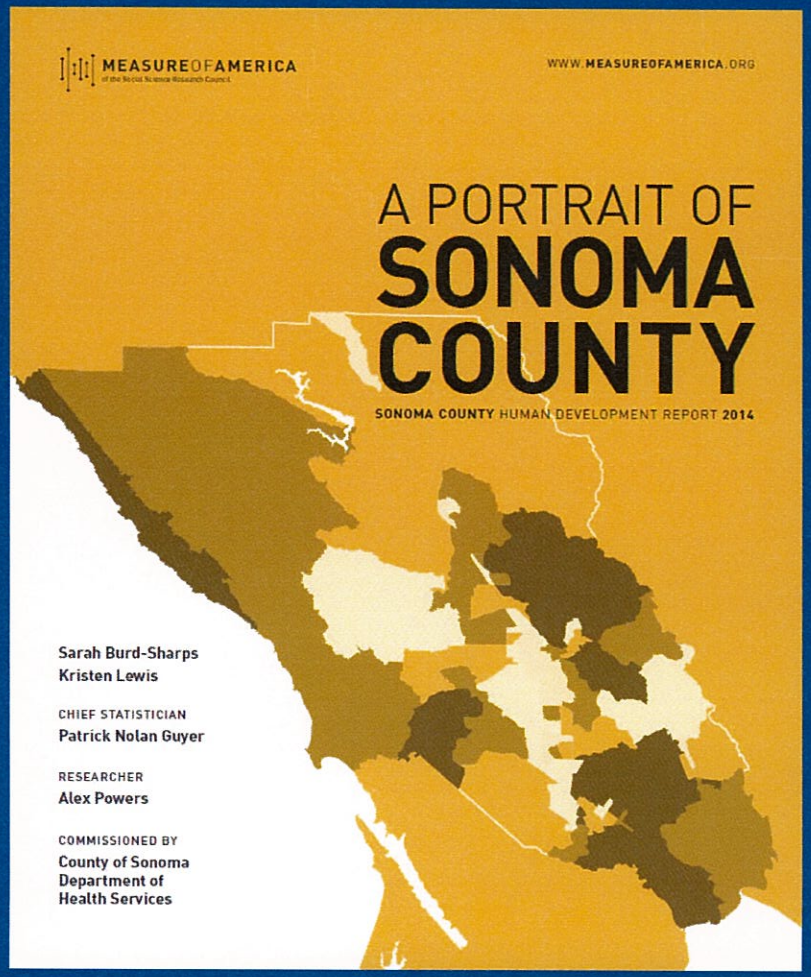
BACKGROUND:
Cradle to Career Sonoma County is a historic partnership that connects all segments of the educational continuum – early childhood, K-12, college/technical training, careers – with broad community support to improve the educational, economic, and health outcomes for all Sonoma County youth.

Cradle to Career Sonoma County engages community partners to coordinate and align the education efforts and resources in Sonoma County to ensure that all of our youth are prepared to succeed.

DISCUSSION:
Kellie Noe will be making a presentation to the City Council and public on this item.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the City Council receive the informational report.

Universal Access to Quality Preschool in Sonoma County



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HEALTHACTION
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CRADLE TO CAREER SONOMA COUNTY

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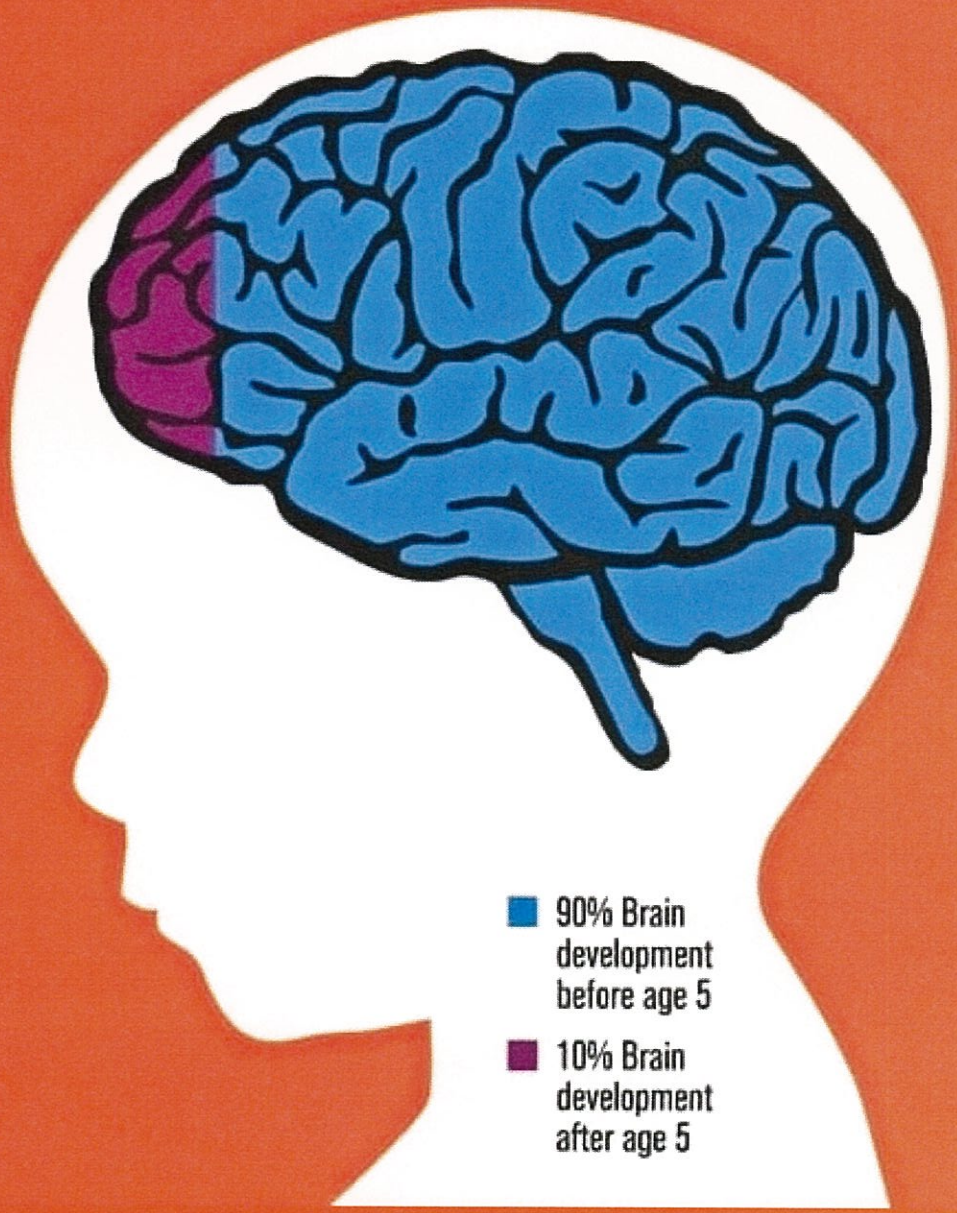
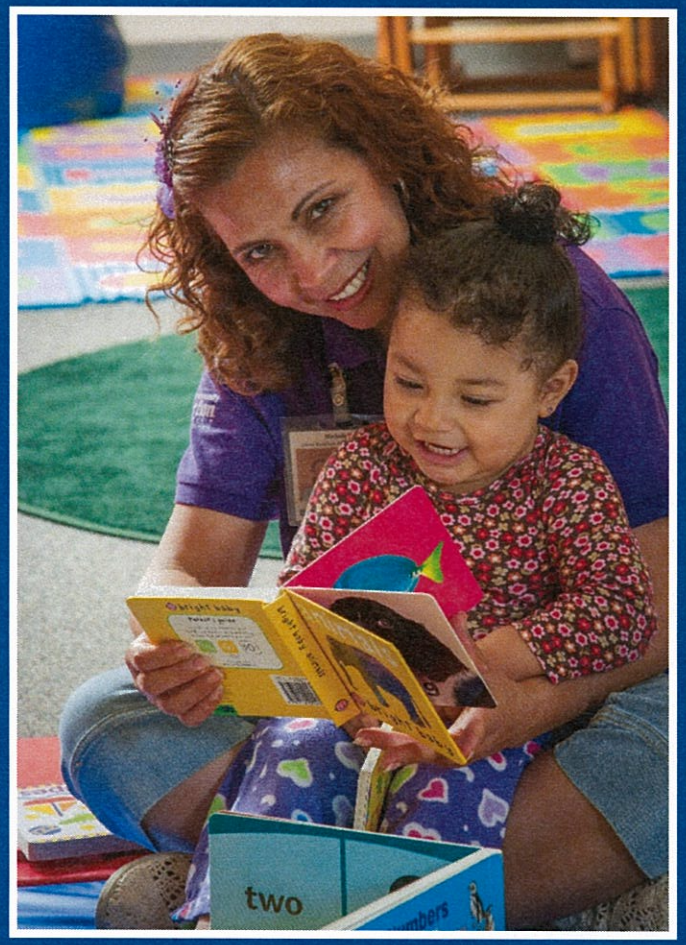
90%

of a child's brain development happens before age 5



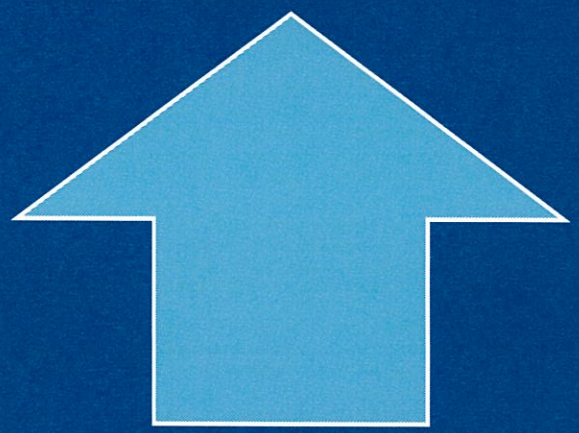
Source: Harvard Center for the Developing Child

Studies show high-quality preschool can:

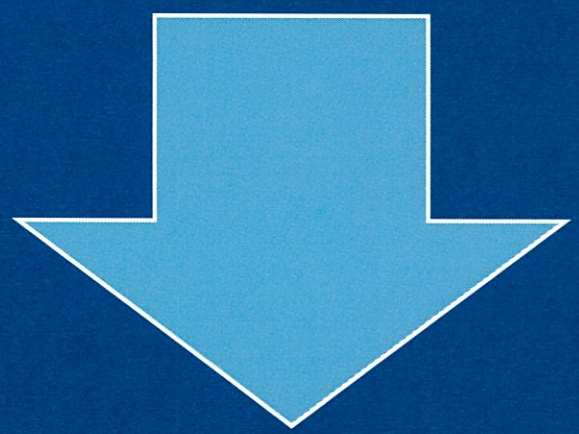


- Erase achievement gaps for most at-risk children
- Increase overall academic achievement for all kids
- Increase graduation rates
- More than double the odds of enrollment in a 4-year college

For every $1 spent on Preschool there is a $8 return



Increased: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, SKILLED LABOR FORCE, PRODUCTIVITY, EARNINGS, and WEALTH



Reduced: CRIME, POVERTY, WELFARE USE, and EDUCATION COSTS

Source: Heckman

Preschool Needs in Sonoma County

- Over 2000+ low-income 3-4 year olds are currently on a waiting list for preschool (an estimated 23 in Sebastopol)
- **65%** of White 3-4 year old children enrolled in public or private school, compared to **38%** of Latino children (52% overall)
- **38%** of Sebastopol Union White third graders read proficiently at 3rd grade, compared to **24%** of Latino students (32% overall)

High Cost of Preschool in Sonoma County

Average annual cost of center-based preschool per year for one child in Sonoma County:

$13,143

*This amount accounts for increased costs due to quality enhancements and competitive teacher wages.

Median Sonoma County Earnings

Community Recommendations

- Provide high quality preschool for all 3 and 4 year old children with a phase-in period that starts with preschool for the children <300% FPL
- Provide an 8-hour day, full-year preschool to families with the option for parents to pay for before and after care.
- Include support for 0-3 in future planning (infant/toddler care, mental health, home visiting)

Join the Conversation

- Host a City Council Study Session
- Provide long-term leases for quality preschool facilities
- Assist with outreach to families
- Work towards a dedicated children's funding stream in 2018 (sales tax, soda tax)

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