

# Higher Education Summit

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# AGENDA

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# DCY TODAY

# OHIO DCY PRINCIPLES AND GOALS

The following principles provide a foundation by which we will be successful in achieving our goals as an agency:



## Transparency

*Will create transparency across programs utilizing cross-program data*



## Accountability

*Will create accountability to ensure children are receiving services when needed with the intended outcomes*



## Focus & Prioritization

*Continue prioritization of children from birth to age 21 both in policy and funding*



## Maintain Local Structure

*Foster collaboration to ensure strong child and family outcomes but local structure remains a local decision*

*In order to...*



## Children & Youth

*Help more children thrive in safe, healthy environments to reach their first birthday and beyond.*



## Communities

*Ensure **continuity of care** across the spectrum of ages, stages, and services to help children and youth succeed.*



## Families

*Support families with needed **resources** and supports proactively.*



# QUESTION NOT A CRISIS

## CENTRAL INTAKE EXPANSION

### DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING TOOL

Expand the Ages and Stages Questionnaire which provides a resource for parents experiencing concerns with their child to answer a few questions in the comfort of their homes and get any necessary referrals.

Created a one stop shop for parents of children birth to five when they have questions or concerns and need a service or support.

### EXPANSION OF SERVICES FOR 3-5 YEAR OLDS

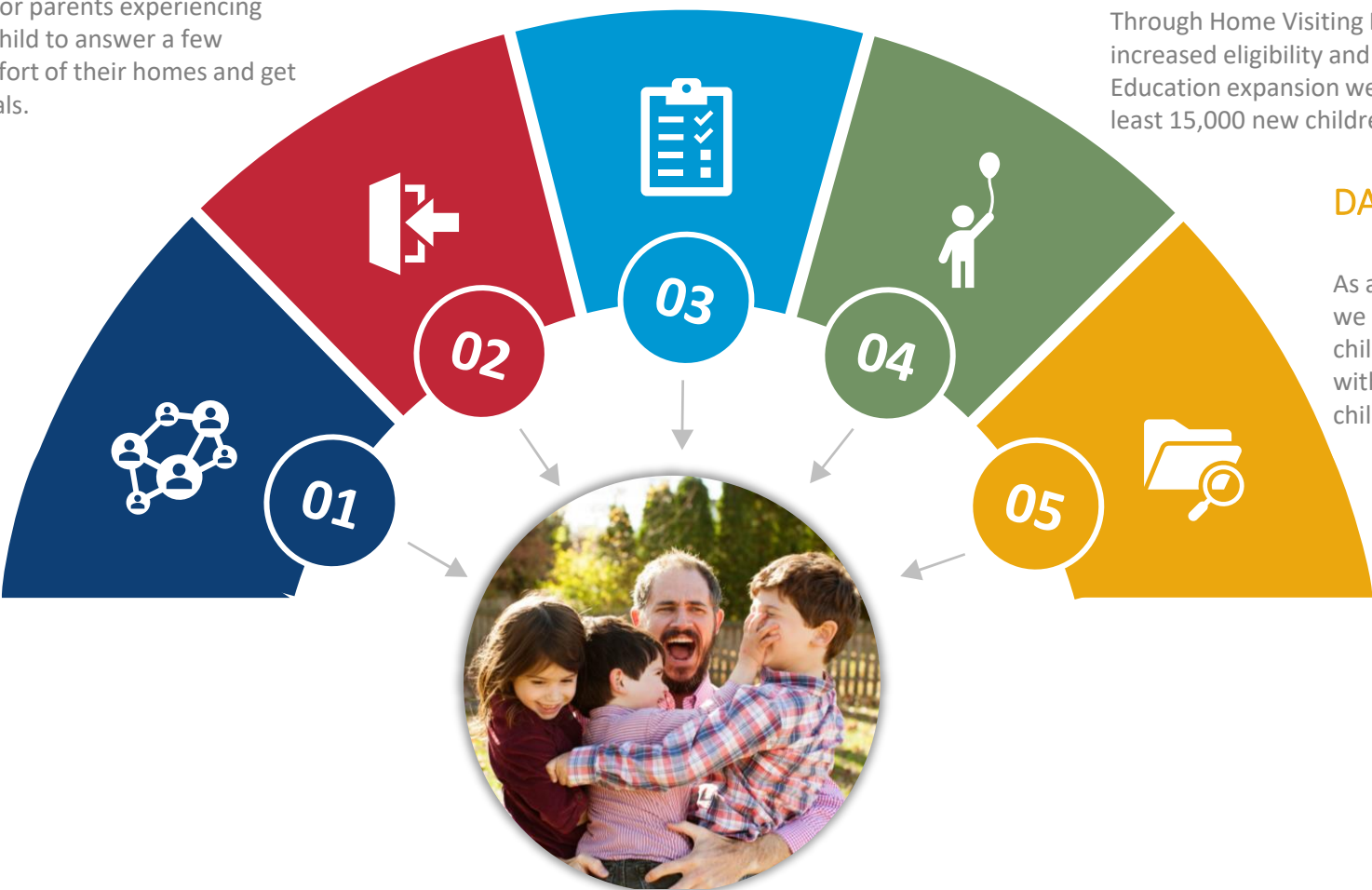
Through Home Visiting Expansion, Child Care increased eligibility and Early Childhood Education expansion we anticipate serving at least 15,000 new children.

### DATA SHARING/REFERRALS

As a result of being under one Department we have been able to better connect children in foster and kinship placements with early childhood education (~1,000 children will receive referrals.)

### PARENT RESOURCES

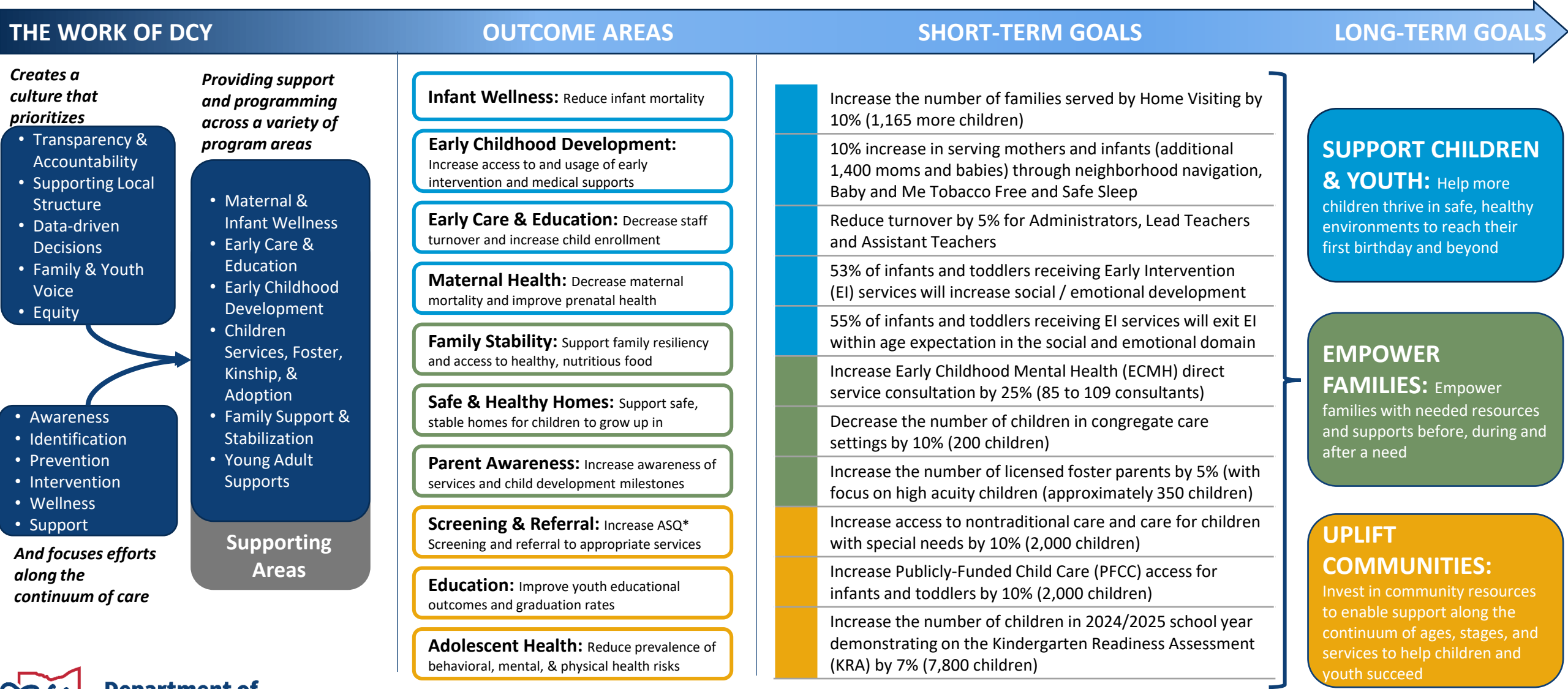
Launched DCY **Parent and Youth Ambassadors** program, hosting **family listening sessions**, and planning recurring **Parent Cafes** to ensure ongoing engagement and a judge free resource for parents. Additionally, expanding telehealth to increase access to care for families.





**Vision:** Each Ohioan is able to live up to their full potential and have the opportunity to live their version of the American dream.

**Mission:** Promote positive, lifelong outcomes for all Ohio youth.



\*ASQ = Ages and Stages Questionnaire

# LONG TERM GOAL #1: SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUTH

Help more children thrive in safe, healthy environments to reach their first birthday and beyond

## OUTCOME AREAS

### Infant Wellness:

Reduce infant mortality

### Early Childhood Development:

Increase access to and usage of early intervention and medical supports

### Early Care & Education:

Decrease staff turnover and increase child enrollment

### Maternal Health:

Decrease maternal mortality and improve prenatal health

## SHORT-TERM GOALS



Increase the number of families served by Home Visiting by 10% (1,165 more children)



10% increase in serving mothers and infants (additional 1,400 moms and babies) through neighborhood navigation, Baby and Me Tobacco Free and Safe Sleep



Reduce turnover by 5% for Administrators, Lead Teachers and Assistant Teachers



53% of infants and toddlers receiving Early Intervention (EI) services will increase social / emotional development



55% of infants and toddlers receiving EI services will exit EI within age expectation in the social and emotional domain



# LONG TERM GOAL #2: EMPOWER FAMILIES

Empower families with needed resources and supports before, during and after a need

## OUTCOME AREAS

### Family Stability:

Support family resiliency and access to healthy, nutritious food

### Safe & Healthy Homes

Support safe, stable homes for children to grow up in

### Parent Awareness:

Increase awareness of services and child development milestones

## SHORT-TERM GOALS



Increase Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) direct service consultation by 25% (85 to 109 consultants)



Decrease the number of children in congregate care settings by 10% (200 children)



Increase the number of licensed foster parents by 5% (with focus on high acuity children (approximately 350 children))

# LONG TERM GOAL #3: UPLIFT COMMUNITIES

Invest in community resources to enable support along the continuum of ages, stages, and services to help children and youth succeed

## OUTCOME AREAS

### Screening & Referral:

Increase ASQ\* Screening and referral to appropriate services

### Education:

Improve youth educational outcomes and graduation rates

### Adolescent Health:

Reduce prevalence of behavioral, mental, & physical health risks

*\*ASQ = Ages and Stages Questionnaire*

## SHORT-TERM GOALS



Increase access to nontraditional care and care for children with special needs by 10% (2,000 children)



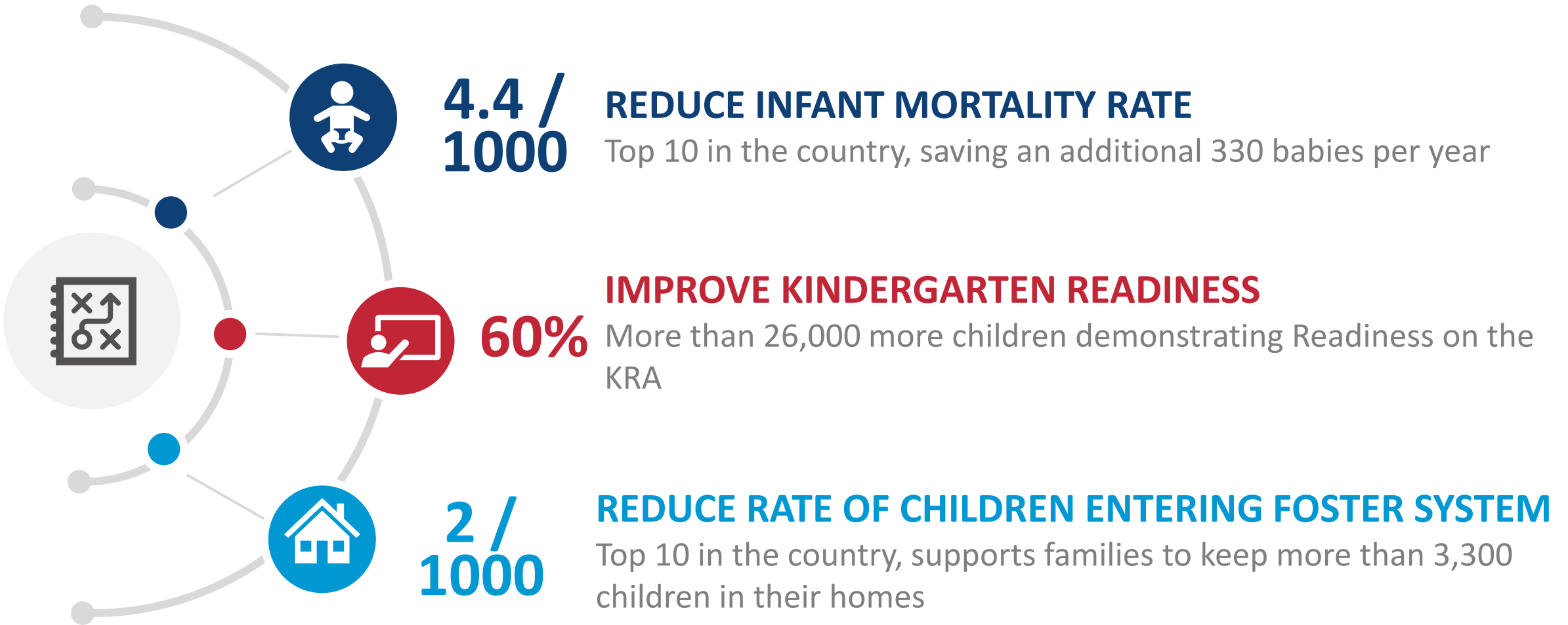
Increase Publicly-Funded Child Care (PFCC) access for infants and toddlers by 10% (2,000 children)



Increase the number of children in 2024/2025 school year demonstrating on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) by 7% (7,800 children)

# DCY TOMORROW – GOALS & PROGRESS

# BIG GOALS OVERVIEW



# WORKFORCE

## Ohio's Early Childhood Professionals



**24,163 Lead Teachers**

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**23,655 Assistant Teachers**

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**32,114 Other Professionals**

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## Key Takeaways:

- Ohio has a pool of 79,932 Early Childhood Professionals
- Consider how to best support and prepare these professionals

**DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR KIDS.**

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**What gap can you fill?**

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**Where can you and your system help?**





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