A Message from Invest in Children

Invest in Children, administered by the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners, is a community-wide public/private partnership of individuals, organizations and agencies, including government agencies, community-based providers, faith-based organizations, medical institutions and philanthropic and private organizations—all working together to help increase the development, funding, visibility, and impact of early childhood services in Cuyahoga County. The common goal of all of these partners is to make sure all children have available to them quality services that assist them in their earliest developmental years and ensure they enter kindergarten healthy, happy and ready to learn.

Advances in the psychological and neural sciences in the last decade underscore the importance of early childhood education to long-term education performance. In recent years, government, civic and business leaders have come to understand that investments in early childhood education make good economic development sense.

Invest in Children is looking to partner with the cities and villages of Cuyahoga County to make a big difference by building a stronger future for our community. To give you an idea of how young children and their families are faring in Lakewood, and the services they already receive from Invest in Children’s partner agencies, we have compiled the following statistics. We hope you find these data useful.

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Source of additional population statistics: http://neocando.case.edu/cando/eprofiles

Population — These figures give a picture of the overall population of families with children under age six in Lakewood and come from the U.S. Census conducted every 10 years.

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<th>Population</th>
<th>1990</th>
<th>2000</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Population</td>
<td>59,718</td>
<td>56,646</td>
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<td>Child Population under age 6</td>
<td>4,727</td>
<td>3,946</td>
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<td>Percent of Total Population under age 6</td>
<td>7.9%</td>
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<td>Family type (percent)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Married couple</td>
<td>86.6%</td>
<td>77.9%</td>
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<td>Single parent, female</td>
<td>10.7%</td>
<td>16.1%</td>
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<td>Single parent, male</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
<td>6.0%</td>
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<td>Parent's Employment Status (percent)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Household w/ no parent employed</td>
<td>6.0%</td>
<td>7.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single parent household w/ 1 parent employed</td>
<td>12.4%</td>
<td>20.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Married couple household w/ 1 parent employed</td>
<td>38.8%</td>
<td>36.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Married couple household w/ 2 parents employed</td>
<td>42.8%</td>
<td>36.5%</td>
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<td>Type of Housing (percent)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Own</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>54.4%</td>
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<td>Rent</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>45.6%</td>
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Child & Family Well Being Indicators – These figures highlight key social & health indicators for families with children up to age six in Lakewood and give a county wide comparison. They illustrate the potential need for services in the community.

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<td>Births</td>
<td>670</td>
<td>16,340</td>
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<td>Teen Births, mother’s age 10 – 14 (rate)</td>
<td>0 (0)</td>
<td>41 (0.8)</td>
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<td>Teen Births, mother’s age 15 – 19 (rate)</td>
<td>49 (32.3)</td>
<td>1,823 (39.2)</td>
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<td>% of Mothers without H.S. diploma</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
<td>17.7%</td>
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<td>% Low Birth Weight</td>
<td>7.6%</td>
<td>10.0%</td>
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<td>% Premature Low Weight Births</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>6.9%</td>
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<td>% Mothers w/ adequate prenatal care</td>
<td>85.3%</td>
<td>76.6%</td>
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<td>% Mothers w/out prenatal care</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
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<td>% Healthy Births</td>
<td>72%</td>
<td>66.6%</td>
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<td>Infant Deaths</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>165</td>
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<td># (% of children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels (10μg/dl)**</td>
<td>47 (5.7%)</td>
<td>1306 (6%)</td>
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<td># (% Children &lt; 6 in Poverty in 2000 (100% FPL)*</td>
<td>507 (12.6%)</td>
<td>23,900 (22.2%)</td>
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<td># (% Children with a substantiated report of abuse/neglect**</td>
<td>38 (0.9%)</td>
<td>1,158 (1.2%)</td>
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<td># (% Children referred to ongoing services with Child &amp; Family Services**</td>
<td>124 (3.0%)</td>
<td>3,387 (3.5%)</td>
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<td># (% Children in households receiving Food Stamps***</td>
<td>1,122 (26.9%)</td>
<td>44,947 (45.6%)</td>
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<td># (% Children in households receiving Cash Assistance***</td>
<td>257 (6.2%)</td>
<td>13,379 (13.6%)</td>
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N/A data suppressed or unavailable,  * 2000 data,  ** 2006 data,  *** 2007 data

Services to Young Children & Their Families – Each of Invest in Children’s goals is pursued through a number of service strategies for children and families, prenatal to the start of kindergarten. These strategies focus on better preparing our children to enter school ready to learn, and in good mental and physical health. Each of the programs is administered by lead agencies and implemented through partnerships with community-based organizations. The figures below show the number of young children and families served in Lakewood, and how that compares with the entire county.

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<th>Services to Young Children &amp; Their Families</th>
<th>Lakewood (2007)</th>
<th>Cuyahoga County (2007)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Prenatal Home Visit: Parenting &amp; Health Education for Expectant Parents (families served)</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>859</td>
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<td>Newborn Home Visit: A Single In-home Visit by a Registered Nurse to first time parents of any age &amp; all parents up through age 25 (families served)</td>
<td>336</td>
<td>7,440</td>
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<td>Ongoing Home Visiting: Parenting Education &amp; Developmental Screenings (families served)</td>
<td>213</td>
<td>7,378</td>
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<td>Early Intervention: Service coordination for children with delays or disabilities (families served)</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>3,230</td>
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<td>Healthy Start/Medicaid Health Insurance to Children of Low-income &amp; Working Families (children covered)</td>
<td>1,781</td>
<td>59,788</td>
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<td>Number of regulated child care centers</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>597</td>
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<td>Number of centers enrolled in Step Up To Quality star rating system</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>156</td>
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<td>Number of regulated family child care homes</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>1,146</td>
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<td>Number of regulated child care slots</td>
<td>1,347</td>
<td>55,077</td>
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<td>Number of children enrolled in regulated child care</td>
<td>1,026</td>
<td>38,506</td>
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<td>Number of children enrolled in Head Start</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>2,841</td>
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<td>Number of children in child care receiving a subsidy</td>
<td>718</td>
<td>32,545</td>
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