Early experiences last a lifetime.
Idyllic scene animates on. Clouds drift across sky.
We all want those experiences to be great ones for every child.

A camera click sounds and the view pans out to reveal a wall of keepsakes, including a framed flower from the first screen.
But too many of Ohio’s children start off behind.

Elements wobble and drop off screen.
They come to school without the necessary skills that will School animates on.
prepare them to
Path begins to animate on, view pans right.
Problem solve.
make friends
Nearly 75 percent of children
Pie chart swivels around, revealing arrow on back.

with high needs in Ohio
enter school not ready for kindergarten.

View pans out as graphic drops off screen and begins bouncing off bottom of frame; knocking over the “K”
Catching up is a real challenge.
Other balls bounce past the slowly rolling blue graphic. Type animates on.
Many who start behind
Graphic animates on, with several lanes behind others.
will end up dropping out.
Lanes 3 & 4 drop off screen.
But it does not have to be that way. Lanes animate back on, even with others.
early learning challenge grant
will help close the gap
Object animates in.
...Between where some kids are

Pieces fall into frame.
And where all need to be.....
Pieces drop into corresponding slots.
It will do that by improving the early childhood system.
for the kids with the greatest needs

View pans up; type animates on.
It starts with better learning standards for young children.
A roadmap that early childhood educators can use

Map animates on
to make sure kids are headed in the right direction.
Compass animates on, path animates along map’s path.
The standards focus on more than just learning. Such as…
Getting along with others
Objects slide horizontally into screen, wiggle into place.
and coping with new situations

Objects slide horizontally into screen, wiggle into place.
And physical well being

Objects slide horizontally into screen, wiggle into place. Juice sloshes in glass.
and motor development skills
Objects slide horizontally into screen.
Higher expectations are also being set for how early childhood programs operate.
New tools will give parents crucial information
Laptop animates on with map.
about the programs near them
Markers animate on.
Ohio will expand the proven Step Up To Quality rating and improvement system
So that parents can pick the very best programs for the most important people in their lives.
Starts animate to form rating; community building animates on.
early learning
development programs will also get more help
With more professional development
Objects animate on.
and expanded scholarships to help teachers prepare.
Thomas
Caring & Qualified
Professional

Plus assistance from caring and qualified professionals
Thomas
Caring & Qualified Professional

who know what children need to develop their growing brains and bodies.
by working together
Parents
House builds on.
House slides over as community building animates on. Clouds begin to appear in sky and drift across screen.
And the community
Community builds into scene. More background begins to animate in.
Can make sure that the early experiences of all Ohio’s young children

View pans out and sky darkens. Stars and moon appear; light flicker on in building windows.
Are great ones
A camera click sounds and the view pans out to reveal snapshot.
that they will cherish for a lifetime

View pans further out to reveal wall of keepsakes from video beginning.
For more information on Ohio’s Early Learning Challenge Grant initiatives go to
Type animates on.
www.earlychildhoodohio.org
What’s New?
- Provide Feedback for Type A Step Up To Quality Draft Program Standards
  - Introduction and Draft Standards
  - Overview presentation
  - Career Pathways
  - Complete the survey
- State Board of Education adopts new Early Learning and Development Standards (Birth to K Entry)

Stay Informed...
This site has been designed to provide early childhood professionals with the latest resources and updates to promote school readiness for the children in Ohio.

Get Connected...
Early childhood professionals are key to supporting young children in achieving their potential.
- Expand your skills
- Transform your practice
- Network with other professionals
- Participate in professional development opportunities

Early Learning Challenge Grant
Ohio was awarded $59.9 million to support early learning and development to dramatically improve our existing network of state-funded early childhood development.
(Music)
Logo animates on.