



Center for  
Transforming Lives  
From Poverty to Prosperity. Together.

# Early Childhood Education



Education is the single most effective tool for breaking the generational hold of poverty – especially early childhood education (ECE).

However, only 58% of homeless children and 66% of all children entering Fort Worth ISD are kindergarten ready.

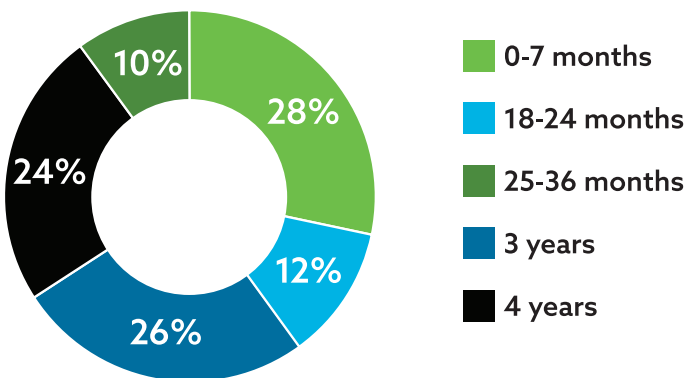
Center for Transforming Lives provides affordable, year-round, literacy-rich education at our eleven child development centers, including seven partner sites, throughout Tarrant County. In addition to traditional childcare, Center for Transforming Lives offers **Early Head Start** and **Head Start**.



Our Early Head Start program educates children newborn through 36 months providing classrooms with low child-to-teacher ratios, individualized care, healthy daily meals, ample outdoor time and social strengthening activities. Wrap-around services include health care navigation, mental health supports and parenting education.

Our Head Start program includes the services offered above with a focus on developing the social-emotional, cognitive, physical and language skills children need for a successful transition to kindergarten. Because young children need nurturing, low-stress environments filled with language, learning, physical activity and positive social interactions, all ECE classrooms are child-centered, with one-on-one attention and support for each child.

## AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN SERVED IN FY2023



## 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

9%

OF CHILDREN EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS

94%

OF CHILDREN MET OR EXCEEDED DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS AND ARE ON TRACK TO BE READY FOR SCHOOL

30%

OF PARENTS REPORTED A POSITIVE CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

610

CHILDREN EDUCATED

\$11,954,500

BUDGET

\$460,543

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