



Every kid deserves a strong start in life. **We can help by renewing Best Starts for Kids**—maintaining and expanding programs that support kids as they grow, with high quality childcare, homelessness prevention, and social and emotional youth development programs.

**We know that prevention and early engagement is the most effective, and least expensive way, to ensure positive outcomes for our kids and community.** We also must support children and youth of color to overcome racial injustice and have the best opportunity to thrive.

That's why voters adopted the Best Starts for Kids Levy in 2015, to invest in healthy pregnancies, positive development for children and youth, assistance for at-risk youth, and school and community-based programs to support kids as they grow into adulthood.

**Now it's time to renew these proven investments in King County's kids.**

## WHAT IS BEST STARTS FOR KIDS?

YES on KC Prop. 1, the renewal of the Best Starts for Kids Levy, will allow us to maintain and expand effective programs that put our children and youth on a path toward lifelong success. Investments include Prenatal-5 family support, preventing youth and family homelessness, and community-driven partnerships through Communities of Opportunity that address emotional growth, early engagement with youth, and racial and social equity priorities.

KC Prop. 1 also allows us to build on our success and invest in the critical infrastructure of child care.

## RENEW Best Starts for KIDS YES on KC Prop 1

### BSK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Preventing Homelessness

BSK served 10,200 youth and families at risk of losing their housing.

96% of those completing the program remained housed one year later.

#### Promoting Healthy Development

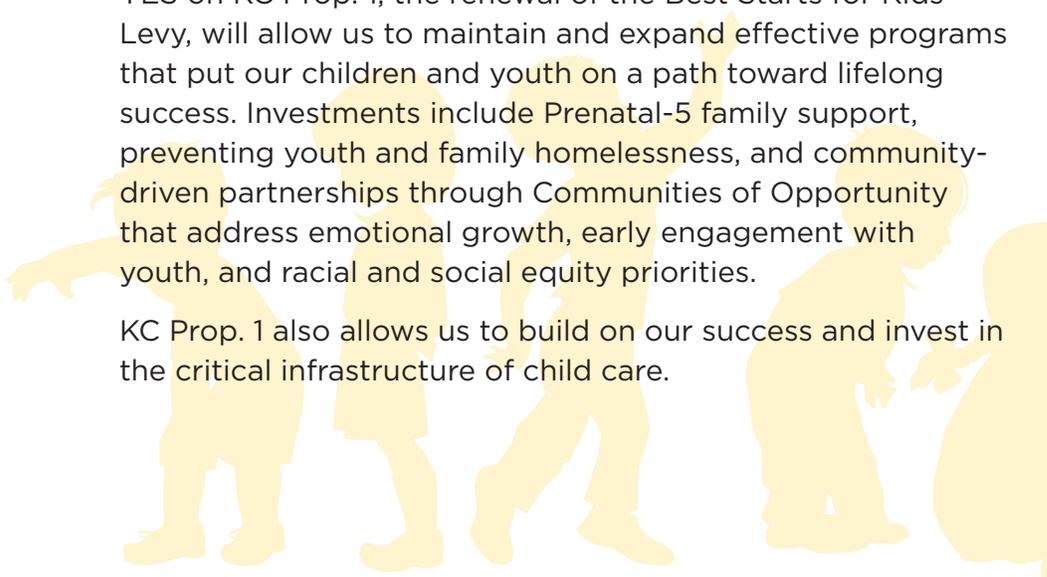
The families of nearly 15,000 kids under age 3 received developmental support.

Over 70% of those kids make important progress in key developmental areas.

#### Supporting a Child's Earliest Years

212,000 home visits occurred setting new parents up for success.

Kids whose families received home visits showed a 57% improvement in Kindergarten readiness.





The Best Starts for Kids Levy renewal invests in out-of-school time programs for ages 5-12, transitions to adulthood for teens 14-24, and builds up to four school-based health centers across the county. It also creates a new child care subsidy to make child care more affordable for more than 3,000 low-income families and ensures that child care workers, through a Wage Project, earn a living wage for their essential work.

### WHO SUPPORTS YES ON KC PROP. 1?

A unanimous vote of the nine member King County Council placed Best Starts for Kids, KC Prop. 1 on the ballot. They join a growing list of child development experts, service providers, childcare workers, and parents across King County have joined in support. To add your name to the list, please visit [BestStartsForKids.org](http://BestStartsForKids.org).

### HOW MUCH DOES KC PROP. 1 COST?

For an increase from 14 cents per \$1,000 assessed value to 19 cents—an additional \$28/year for the average homeowner, we can continue to maintain these important investments, build on success, and provide essential childcare for families across our county.

**Vote YES on KC Prop. 1 to renew the Best Starts for Kids Levy and promote happy, healthy, safe, and thriving kids, families, and communities.**

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### Meeting Basic Needs

89,000 kids and families received nearly 6.5 million essential items like food, diapers and car seats.

96% of families reported eating more fruits and vegetables as a result.

### Partnering With Schools

Students made over 16,000 visits to Best Starts-funded school-based health centers.

Best Starts partners also worked with over 11,000 youth, parents, teachers, caregivers, and school staff to create safe environments for students facing trauma or adversity.

### Increasing Opportunities to Grow

Over 11,000 young people received 133,500 hours of additional learning time outside of school.

93% of those students improved their academic skills and grew in their social and emotional skills.

### Launching Our Kids

2,700 young people participated in education and employment programs, increasing enrollment by 71%.

73% of students who completed the Work Training Education program stayed in school, graduated, or enrolled in post-secondary education.

### Strengthening Our Communities

Best Starts funding to Communities of Opportunity created 241 new community partnerships and increased the skills and capacity of 2,500 people serving in leadership positions.