



# ZERO TO FIVE

*for our children, for our future*

Zero to Five provides support for Montanans working to make lasting differences through local and statewide action with the goal of giving children a great start in life and a promising future.

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**THANK YOU FOR SHARING OUR FINDINGS!**

**HERE ARE A FEW WAYS WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO CITE US:**

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# Montana Supports Preschool

Through findings of a recent poll among likely Montana voters, support for publicly funded preschool in our state became clear. This confirms what we've known...

*A public preschool option for Montana's children provides them with a strong start in life, and Montana with a strong workforce for tomorrow.*

Preschool provides Montana's children with a nurturing environment which supports healthy development, improves educational outcomes, and boosts future academic success.



## MONTANANS AGREE...

**81%**

Montanans agree... quality early educational experiences are a good investment in our children and grandchildren.

A majority of Montanans are concerned about our children not having access to learning opportunities and not being prepared for kindergarten.

**66%**

**57%**

A majority of Montanans are in favor of expanding public school to include 4-year-old children.

## GETTING MONTANA BACK TO WORK

When 4-year-old children have access to preschool, their parents are able to better support Montana's economy by:

- ➔ INCREASING AVAILABLE WORK HOURS
- ➔ RE-ENTERING IN THE WORKFORCE
- ➔ STAYING IN THE WORKFORCE

**53%**

A majority of Montanans are in favor of publicly funded preschool...

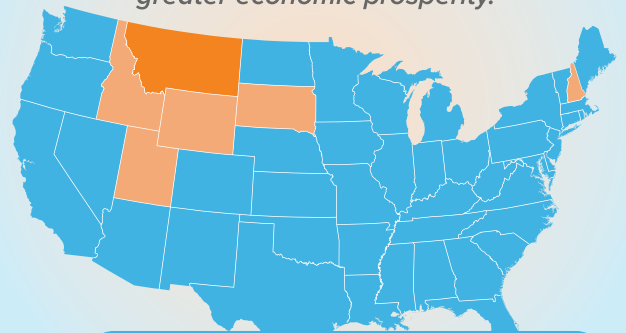
...when told Montana is 1 of 6 states without publicly funded preschool, the majority grew to...

**59%**

## 1 OF 6 WITHOUT

**MONTANA** is 1 of only 6 states without voluntary publicly funded preschool...

*...a solution which not only has support from Montana residents, but also creates greater economic prosperity.*



By the end of the survey, after being informed, favor for publicly funded preschool grew from 53% to...

**61%**



# Montana Supports Child Care



State support for affordable and accessible quality child care provides Montana's children with a nurturing environment which supports healthy development, improves educational outcomes, and boosts future academic success.

Investment in quality child care today creates a strong economy tomorrow.

## MONTANANS AGREE...

**81%**

Montanans agree... quality early educational experiences are a good investment in our children and grandchildren.

A majority of Montanans are concerned at the thought of parents being unable to work due to a lack of access to quality childcare.

**75%**

## GETTING MONTANA BACK TO WORK

When parents have access to quality child care for their young children, they are able to better support Montana's economy by:

- INCREASING AVAILABLE WORK HOURS
- RE-ENTERING IN THE WORKFORCE
- STAYING IN THE WORKFORCE

**73%**

Montanans value a strong early start to help our kids do well in school, get good paying Montana jobs, and remain in state.

A majority of Montanans see a role for our state government in providing quality child care for working parents.

**54%**

## MONTANA'S \$\$\$ LOSS

**58%**

Montanans solidly believe the childcare professional wage earned is too low...

...and the average cost parents in Montana pay for childcare is too high.

**54%**