Which Path?

School Readiness Programs & Services

At age 40, adults who had attended high quality pre-k were more likely to graduate high school, hold a job, earn more money, and commit fewer crimes than their peers who had not.

3rd Grade reading proficiency is a powerful predictor of school success.

Achievement Gap already exists

Prenatal

Risk factors may be present at birth. (e.g. poverty, maternal education, maternal age, low birthweight)

Likelihood of poorer health or higher developmental risk increases with each additional risk factor.

4 risk factors $14 \times$ the risk
3 risk factors $5 \times$ the risk
2 risk factors $3 \times$ the risk
1 risk factor $2 \times$ the risk

Children arriving without skills may repeat early grades; this is costly, and grade repeaters are more likely to drop out of school.

Poor readers are $4X$ more likely to drop out

High school drop-outs are $8X$ more likely to be in jail.

High school drop-outs earn only 64% of what high school graduates can earn.

Productive Taxpayer

Higher Ed/Workforce Entry

Reliance on Public Assistance

SMART BEGINNINGS
Virginia Early Childhood Foundation