

# Which Path?

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

School Readiness Programs & Services

Prenatal



Kindergarten Entry

3rd Grade

High School Graduation

Higher Ed/  
Workforce Entry

Productive Taxpayer

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 X** the risk
- 3 risk factors  **5 X** the risk
- 2 risk factors  **3 X** the risk
- 1 risk factor  **2 X** the risk

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

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

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

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

Reliance on Public Assistance