



A \$15,000 investment

in a child with significant medical delays
can result in a return of \$60,000 per year

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18
months

140
visits

\$15,000
per child

Cost Savings



Every dollar invested in high-quality early intervention can yield up to \$17.07 in benefits, including reduced education, criminal justice, and welfare costs, potentially saving billions annually.

(Washington State Department of Early Learning, 2005)



Early intervention prevented between 760 - 3,000 children per state from requiring special education services by age three, resulting in a one-year cost avoidance ranging from \$7.6 million to \$68.2 million.

(Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center, 2021)



Nearly half of the \$286 million in benefits of early interventions went to children through higher future earnings, while 38% (\$225 million) came from increased tax revenue and reduced public costs.

(Mississippi Thrive, 2023)



Early intensive therapies can result in significant healthcare cost savings within just two years.

(Mandell et al., 2017)

The average intervention reported by leading Texas therapy providers totals roughly 140 visits over 18 months, at a cost of approximately \$15,000

High Cost of Untreated Disabilities

If not treated early, the cost of developmental disabilities are high

The **average per capita lifetime costs of autism** have been estimated between \$2 and \$4 million

(Ganz, 2007; Newschaffer et al., 2007)

Individuals with **persistent language impairments** were more likely to depend on welfare benefits and less likely to live independently in adulthood

(Law et al., 2009)

Childhood disabilities have **significant direct and indirect costs**, averaging \$30,500 per year per family with a disabled child

(Stabile and Allin, 2012)

Early childhood interventions yield benefits that outweigh program costs

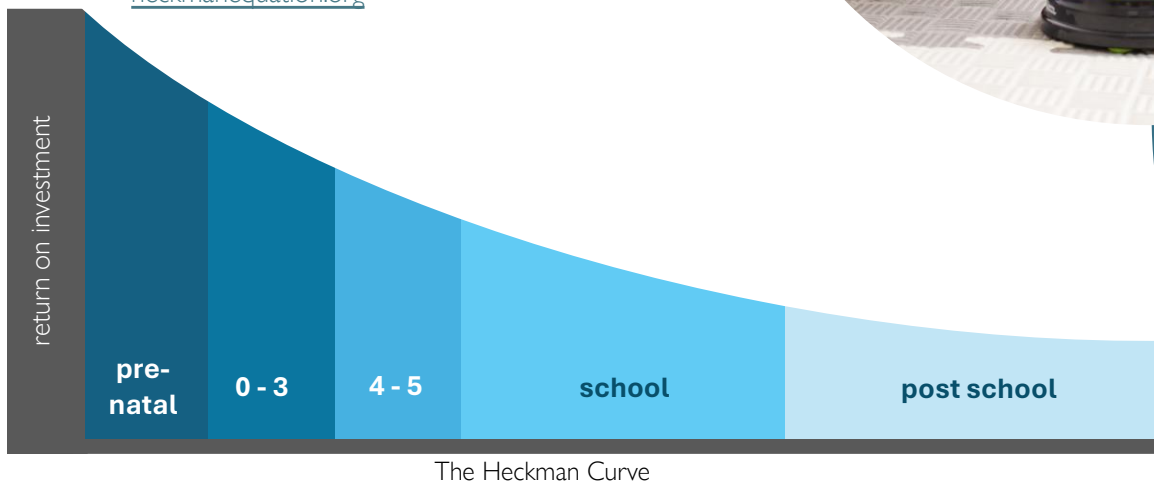
Intervention is likely to be more effective and less costly when it is provided earlier in life rather than later.

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Economic impact of early intervention

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Effective early years interventions will ensure that children are more responsive to follow-on interventions as they grow older

GLA Economics (2011)



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