

*Build community by giving back—and getting involved*

Early childhood education needs a hero. The entire early education industry is facing significant challenges, including ongoing teacher shortages at a time when our children are already dealing with stress and trauma from the pandemic. Ninety percent of a child's brain is developed by age five, so the investment in children's earliest years has a much more significant impact than many people realize.



Child's Path enriches the lives of local working families and underserved children, from birth to age five, through high-quality early childhood education. As one of the largest early learning nonprofits in Collier County, Child's Path serves nearly 400 children annually who otherwise may not have access to critical early learning—but we can't do it alone. Our local families count on us, and we're counting on you.

Aside from donations, which are important, involvement on the board level is equally impactful to ensure the growth and success of a nonprofit—and its impact on the community. If you have a passion for supporting children and changing the trajectory of their lives, consider sharing your time, treasure, and talent by joining our Board of Directors or Board of Advisors.

its connection with the next generation in Collier County," said Kevin Yue, Board of Advisors member at Child's Path. "Parents want their children to have a good education so they can succeed in life. Child's Path gives parents an opportunity to have their children start their educational journey early."

And when children do not have access to early learning, the statistics are staggering: they are twenty-five percent more likely to drop out of school, forty percent more likely to become a teen parent, sixty percent more likely to never attend college, and seventy percent more likely to be arrested for a violent crime. In stark contrast, investment in early

childhood education produces significant returns to the community.

"The return is somewhere between seven and thirteen to one," said Seymour Burchman, Chairman of the Board at Child's Path. "The benefits include higher high school graduation rates, lower incarceration rates, higher lifetime incomes, lower rates of single parenting, among others. But there are challenges, as we need funding and more involvement on the board level. We heavily rely on the generosity of foundations, individuals,

and businesses in Collier County. If you can help us, let us tell you our story and outline our track record."

Child's Path is committed to providing the highest quality early education. It is nationally accredited, where only

seventeen percent of local centers have this high-quality seal. Child's Path also earned GuideStar's Platinum Transparency designation, Blue Zones Project Certification, Platinum Level Recognition as an Asthma-Friendly Childcare Center, and much more. If you want to get involved in a nonprofit committed to children, your time and commitment will be well spent at Child's Path. The youngest learners in our community need a hero. Will it be you?

*To learn more about Child's Path and apply to join our board, visit [childspath.org/join-our-board](http://childspath.org/join-our-board) or call 239.643.3908.*