

Early Investment in Kids Pays Off

A Lifetime Path to Greater Earnings and Savings



With access to high-quality early learning programs, Devin enters school much more likely to succeed.

Devin, an Oklahoma Child



All Young Oklahoma Children



START



Devin does *not* go to jail.

Savings of **\$16,497** per year

Devin graduates high school.



Devin is *not* held back in school.



Savings of **\$8,082** for one year

As a high school graduate, Devin earns **over \$247,040 more** over a lifetime than students who have dropped out

About 1,500 kids are not retained in grade: Savings of **\$12.7 million** per year

In-grade retention would be reduced by 32%.

Studies show that 10% of male high school drop-outs wind up in prison.

12th graders statewide: savings of **\$1.6 million** per year

Graduates with an AA degree will earn **\$140 million more** over their lifetime than their peers who dropped out of high school

As a community college graduate, Devin earns **\$441,760 more** over a lifetime than a high school drop-out



Devin graduates community college and gets an AA degree.

All students would graduate high school at the same rate.

12th graders statewide would earn **\$485.6 million more** over their lifetimes

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