



Changing the Odds of Oklahoma Children and Families Exposed to Trauma and Stress

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Problems Parents Face

▶ Exposure to Violence/Child Safety Concerns

- ▶ Fear of outside play
- ▶ Not trusting others with children
- ▶ Exposure to bad influences
- ▶ Living in bad neighborhoods
- ▶ Familial mental health concerns
 - ▶ interpersonal violence, substance abuse, mental illness

"It's hard for them to play outside and have places to go to be in a safe environment, so I mean, if we're do something we have to go across town for them to go to a park that's safe."

-Father Group

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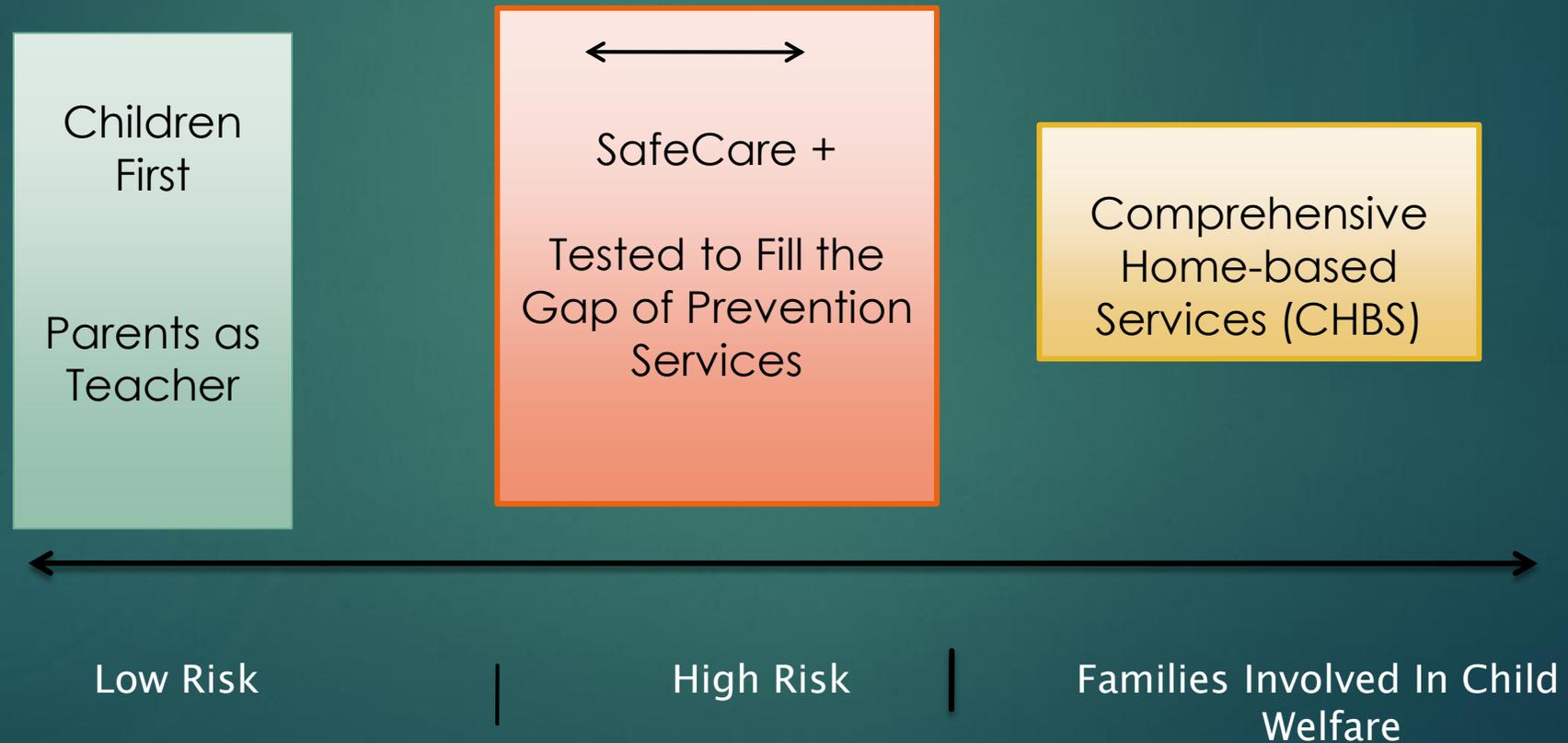
▶ Education Concerns

- ▶ Impact of budget cuts on educational system
 - ▶ Large class sizes
 - ▶ Reduced bus stops
 - ▶ School violence
- ▶ Inequality within the educational system
- ▶ Not having access to high quality education
- ▶ Not having access to affordable, high quality child care

“And yes, we're thinking about moving him to another school, one where he can learn better, because since he's little and then because of the influences, because-- the influences of the other kids also has a lot to do with it for him, because he even had some bad behavior sometimes, when he didn't have it before.”

-Latino Father Groups

Programs to Support High-Risk Families in Oklahoma



BENEFITS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS: PERRY PRESCHOOL PROJECT

7-13% Return on Investment

ECE Curriculum:

- *Active learning
- *Decision-making and problem solving

***46% less likely to have served time in jail/prison**

***1.3 fewer years in special education**

***42% higher median monthly income**

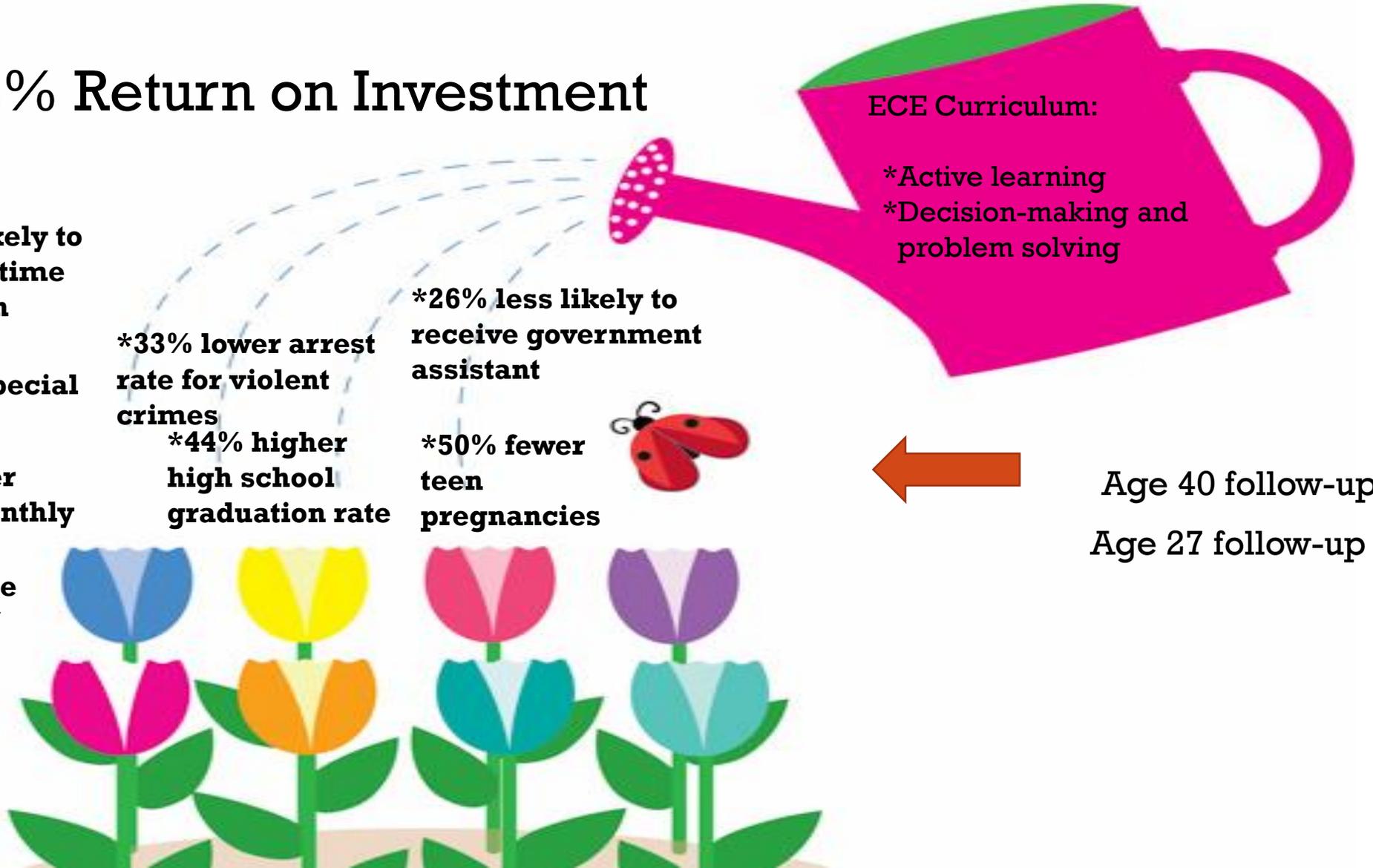
***1 more year of school**

***33% lower arrest rate for violent crimes**

***44% higher high school graduation rate**

***26% less likely to receive government assistant**

***50% fewer teen pregnancies**



Age 40 follow-up
Age 27 follow-up





Questions?