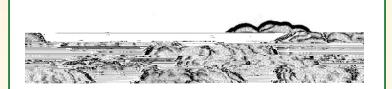


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#### Birth to Five Sets the Stage for Future Success or Failure



Newborn brain size proportionate to 6 year old brain.

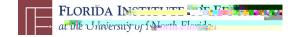
Newborn neural networks compared to networks of a 6 year old.

### **Differences in Access to Books**

#### **Books at Home and in Classroom Libraries**

Income	<b>Books at Home</b>	Books at School

# Children Who Start School Behind are UNLIKELY to Catch Up



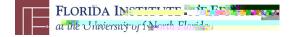
## **Conclusive Research Findings**

## Return on Investment is High

Short Term	Long Term

## Return on Investment is High 2

National Institute for Early Education Research, 2002.



### Return on Investment is High 3

\$1.80 - \$17.07

# Investing in Quality ECE is Less Expensive than the Alternatives

## Investing in Quality Early Care and Education is a Wise Investment