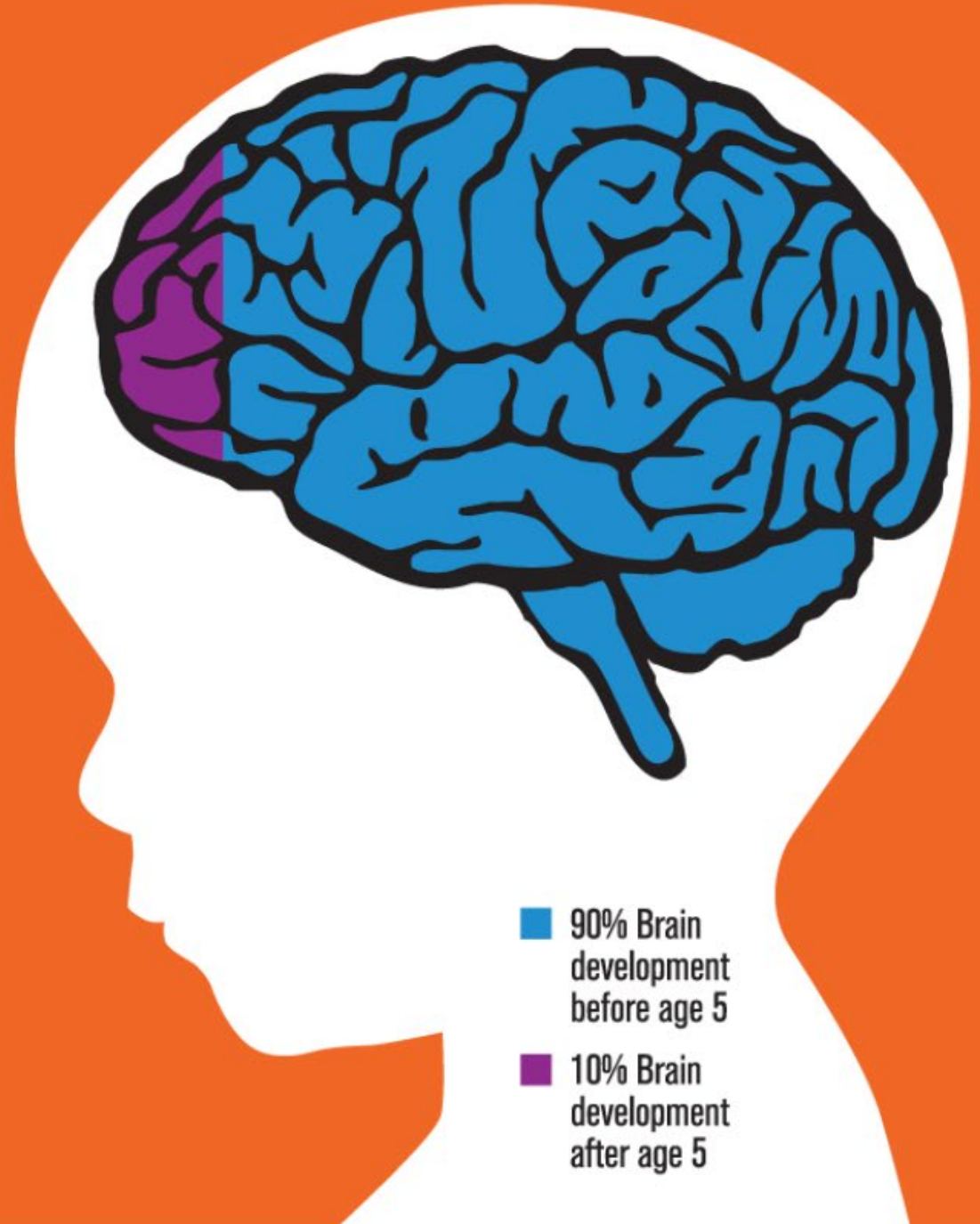


*Because the First 5 Years
Impact a Lifetime*

Ventura County Education Summit
November 26, 2018

90%

**of a child's brain
development
happens
before age 5**



- 90% Brain development before age 5
- 10% Brain development after age 5

Source: Harvard Center for the Developing Child

About First 5 Ventura County

Proposition 10 passed by voters in 1998!

- 50 cent tax on tobacco products
- Comprehensive system of care: prenatal to age 5
- Innovative programs





First 20 Years

***\$195 Million** invested in
Ventura County's Children*

First 5 Ventura County Investments

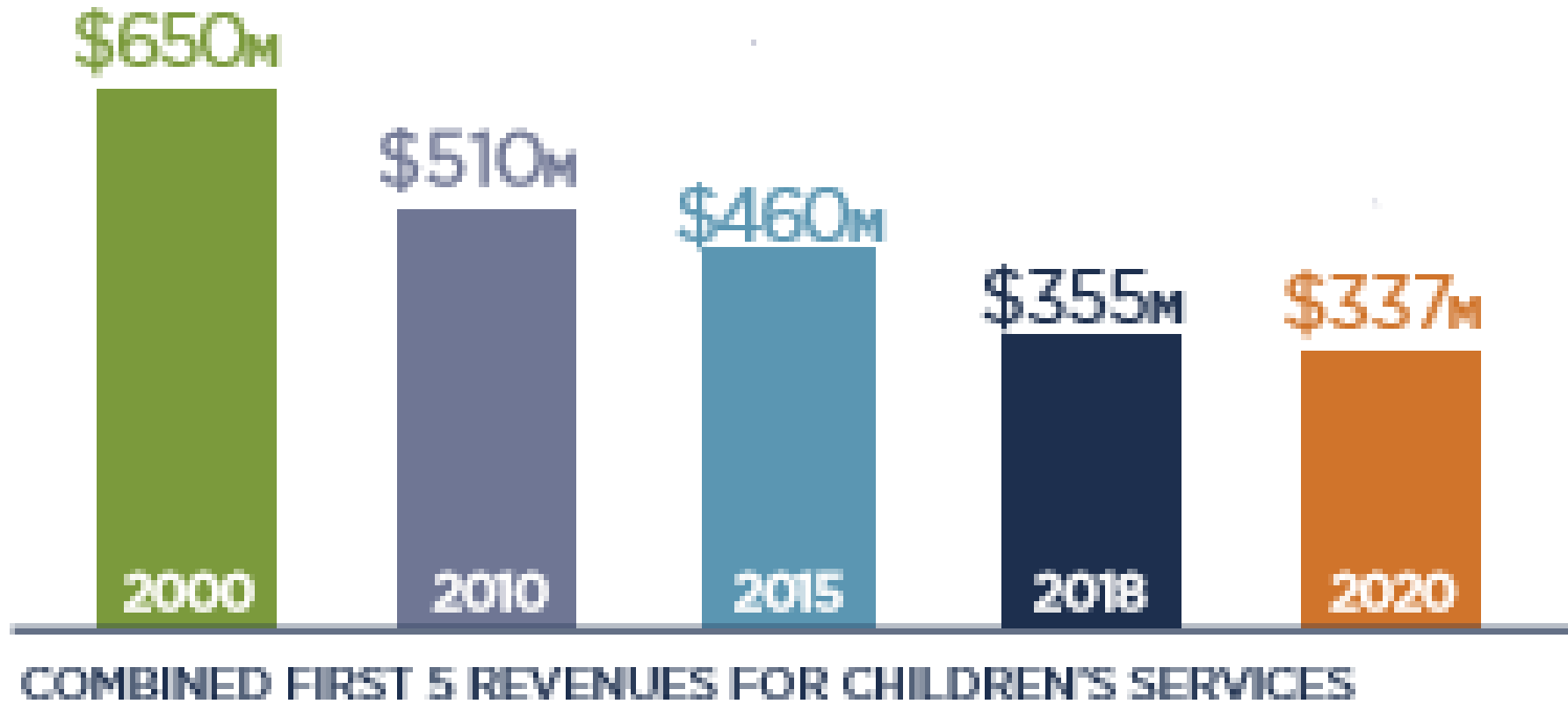
11 Neighborhoods for Learning (NfLs) and 25 family resource centers in underserved neighborhoods

Countywide Services

- Oral Health Prevention and Treatment
- Developmental Screenings
- Services for Mixteco Families
- Preschool spaces and quality enhancements
- 2-1-1



Statewide F5 Revenues Decline



Ventura County Kids

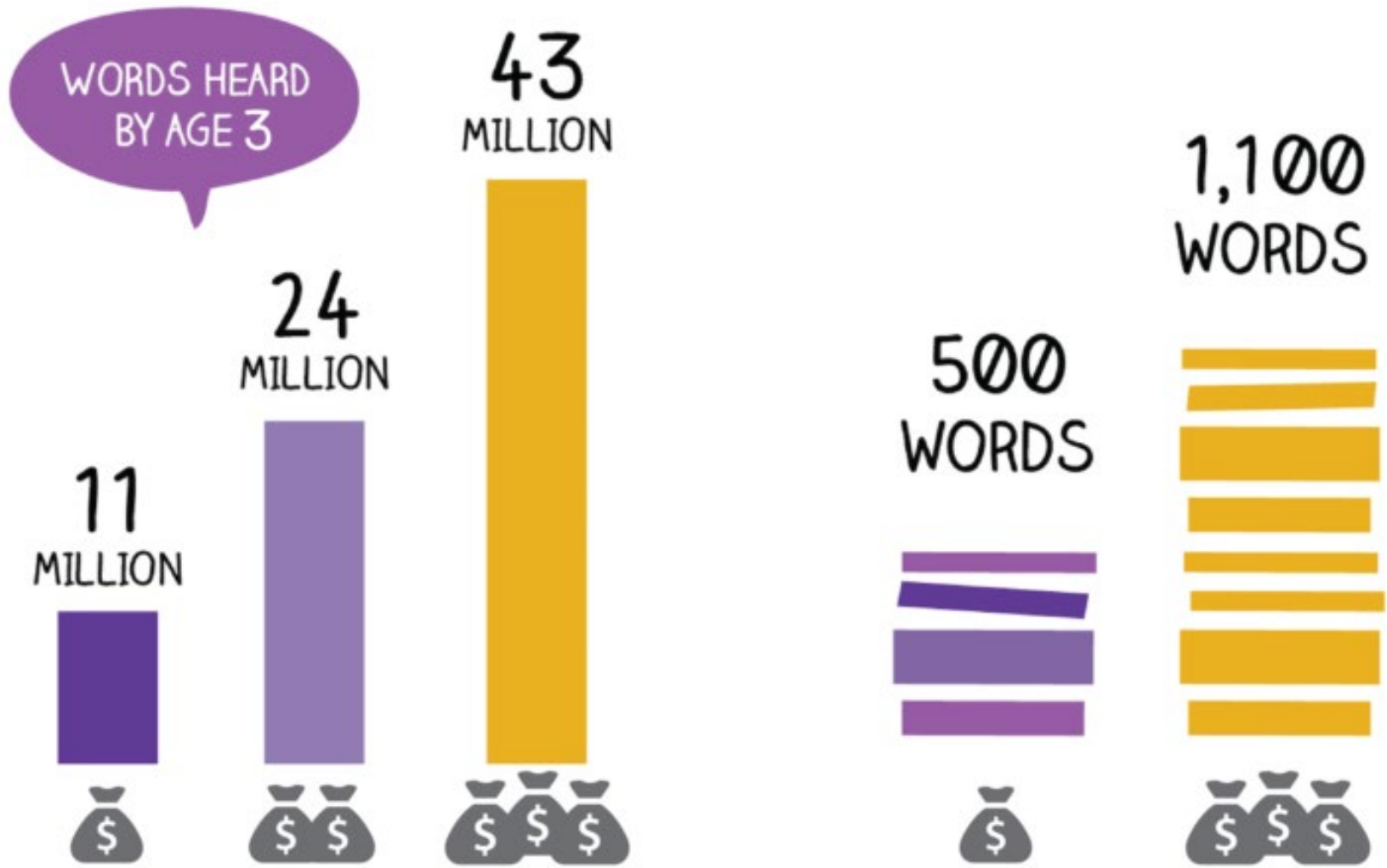
16%
of kids live
in poverty

75%
of families need
licensed child care
but it is unavailable

9%
of kids 1-2
are reported for
abuse or neglect

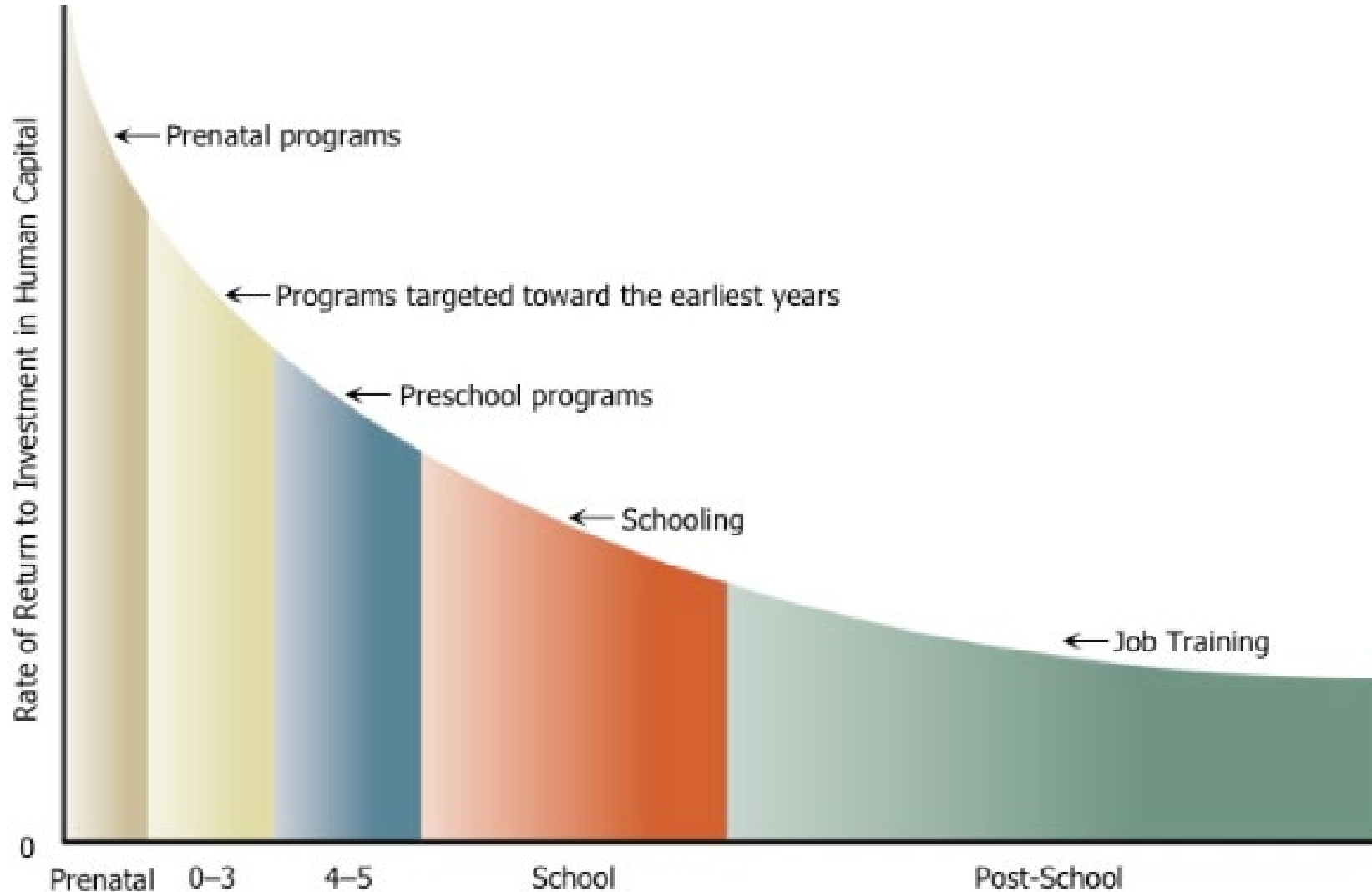
37% of kids 3-5 are
not enrolled in preschool
or kindergarten

60% of third
graders do not read
at grade level



BY THE AGE OF 3, HIGH-INCOME CHILDREN HAVE **DOUBLE THE VOCABULARY** OF LOW-INCOME CHILDREN

Earlier Investment, Greater Return



Source: James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics

High Quality Early Education...

- Builds a **strong competitive workforce:**
TODAY AND FOR TOMORROW
- Reduces the **achievement gap**
- Builds communities with a competitive workforce advantage



Take 5 and Read!





Thank You!

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