

Research overwhelmingly shows that access to health care coverage increases a child's readiness to learn, improves school performance by nearly 70%, increases focus in class by 68%, and improves school attendance (IDPH hawk-i Outreach program profile).

By the time a child with hearing loss graduates from high school, more than \$400,000 per child can be saved in special education costs if the child is identified early and given appropriate educational, medical, and audiological services (White & Maxon, 1995).

Every \$1 invested in early childhood yields an average of \$7-\$12 in return, reaping great returns than investments later on in the lifecycle (Heckman Equation, 2008).

