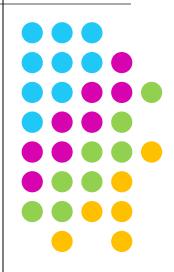
### Every Child Deserves a Strong Start in Life





Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission



### Young Children in Poverty

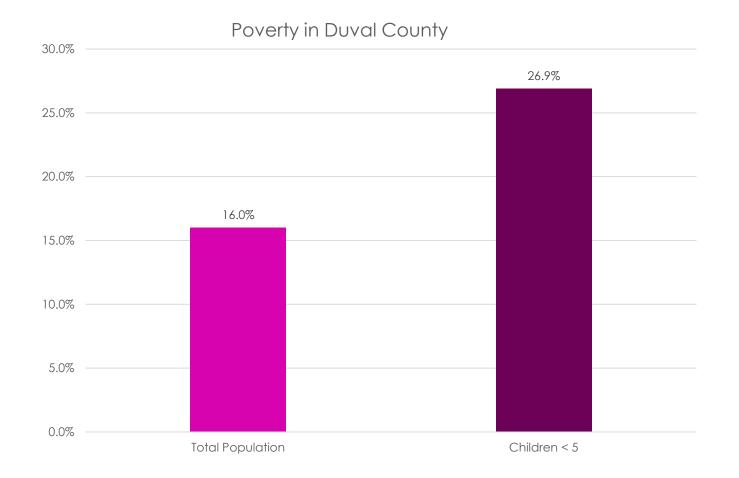
- Brain
  Development
  - 90% between Birth and Age 5
- Negative Effects of Poverty
  - Word Gap





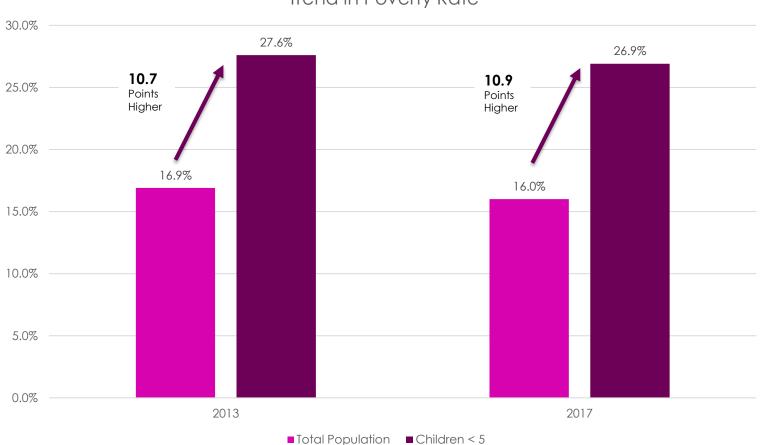


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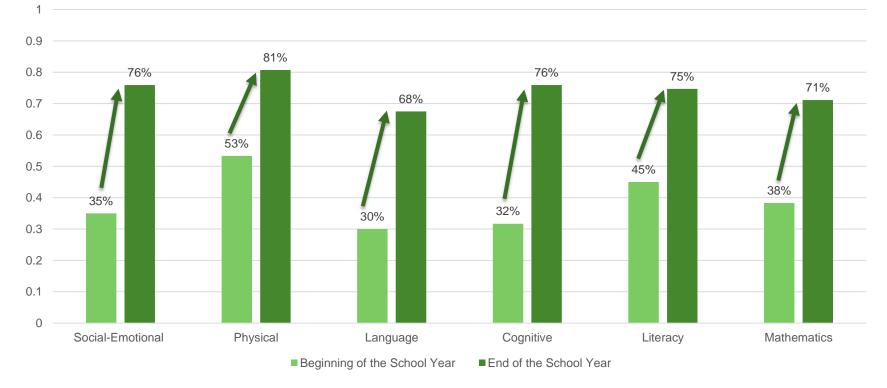
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Trend in Poverty Rate

## Reduce the "Achievement Gap"



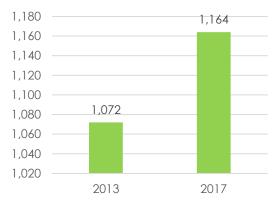


# Reducing the Gap Requires More than Academics

### Health

 Screening & Assessments for 95% of Children

> Children with Disabilities Birth to Age 3



### Nutrition

2 Full Meals + Snack



### **Impact to Parents**



### Cost of Child Care

• United Way ALICE Report

	Child Care Cost	Survival Budget	% Child Care
Duval	\$ 960	\$ 4,391	22%
Florida	\$ 1,015	\$ 4,488	23%

### Value of Parent Engagement

- Over 90% volunteer
- \$15,000 per month