



COMMUNITIES

SYSTEMS OF CARE INITIATIVE

2023-2024 Investor Update

Building a thriving system of early childhood educations that supports children and families to achieve success in school, work, and life.

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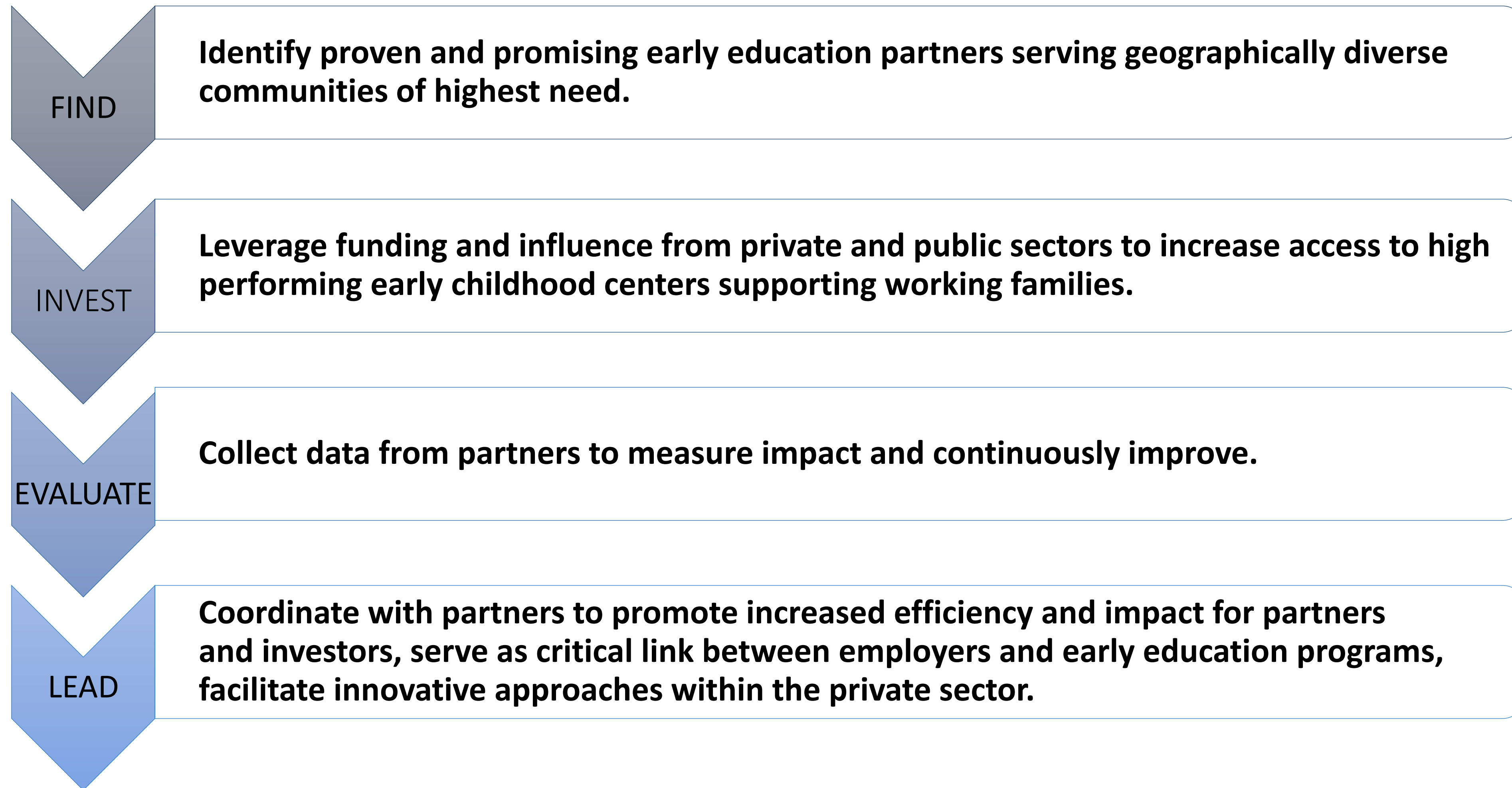
A WORKING KANSAS CITY

SOCI's **mission** is to increase access to high-quality early education programs for working families in the Kansas City region.

Our role is to **find** proven and promising programs serving families of highest need, **invest** resources so educators and children can thrive, and **lead** at the systems-level to connect and engage a variety of stakeholders.



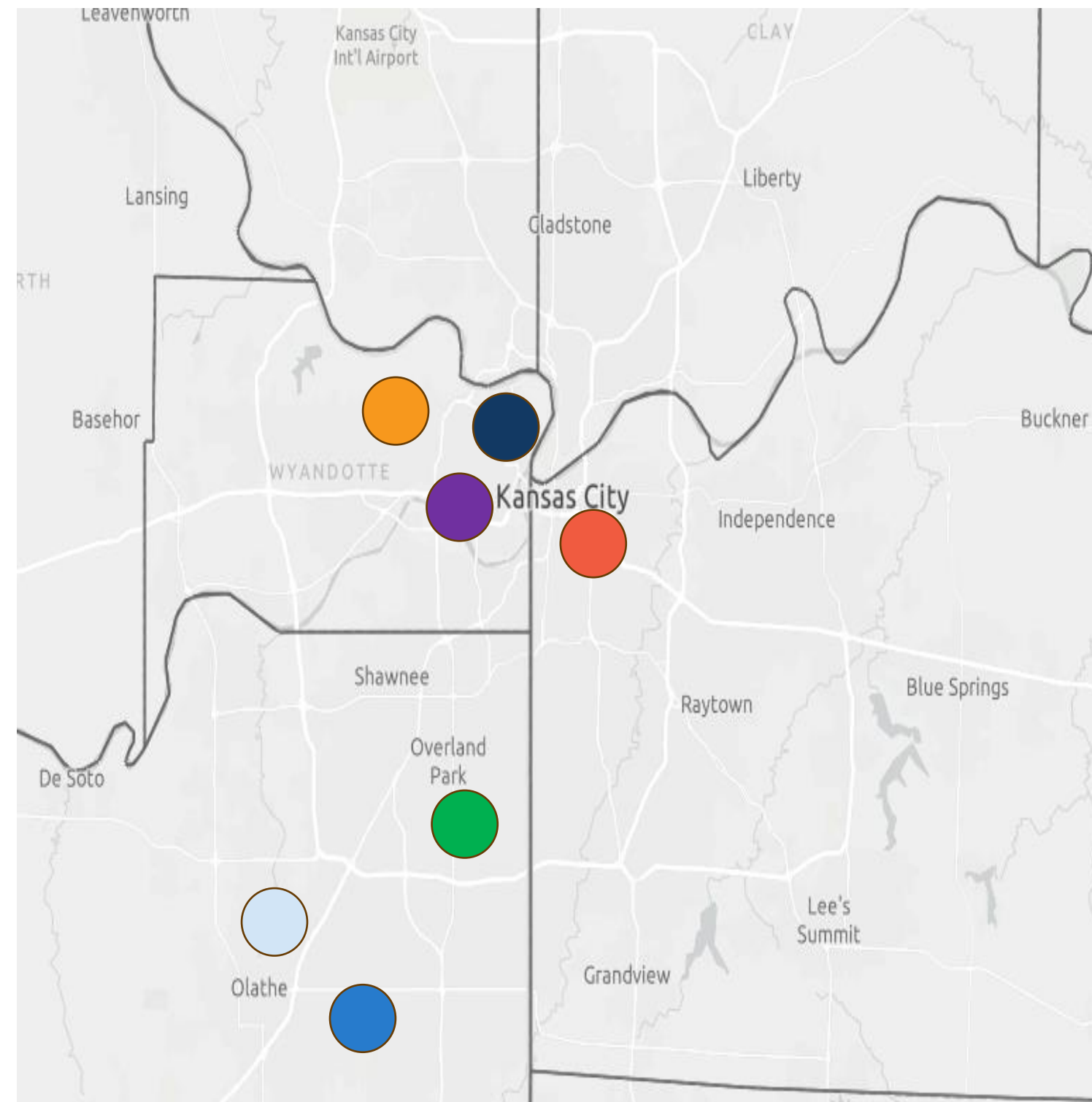
A Holistic Approach



FIND: Identify proven and promising early education partners serving geographically diverse communities of highest need.

INVEST: Leverage funding and influence from private and public sectors to increase access to high performing early childhood centers supporting working families.

2023 - 2024 Partnerships Sites



- **Wyandotte County** – KidZone, Wesleyan Church
20 scholarships for low-income working families
- **Olathe** – Open Minds Infant Toddler Center
10 infant toddler scholarships in Olathe for working families.
- **Olathe** – KidZone Wesleyan Church
15 scholarships for immigrant families seeking employment
- **Overland Park** – KidZone, Wesleyan Church
20 scholarships for low-income working families
- **KCMO** – Operation Breakthrough
15 scholarships to quality PreK for low-income working families

Past Partners

- 2019 **Wyandotte County**, Educare, 60 scholarships
- 2020 **Wyandotte County**, El Centro Academy for Children, 30 scholarships

Partner Criteria

1. 0-5 year enrollment meets “at risk” eligibility
2. Organization uses evidence-based tools to assess developmental milestones
3. Organization is committed to offering full-day, full-year early childhood services for working families.

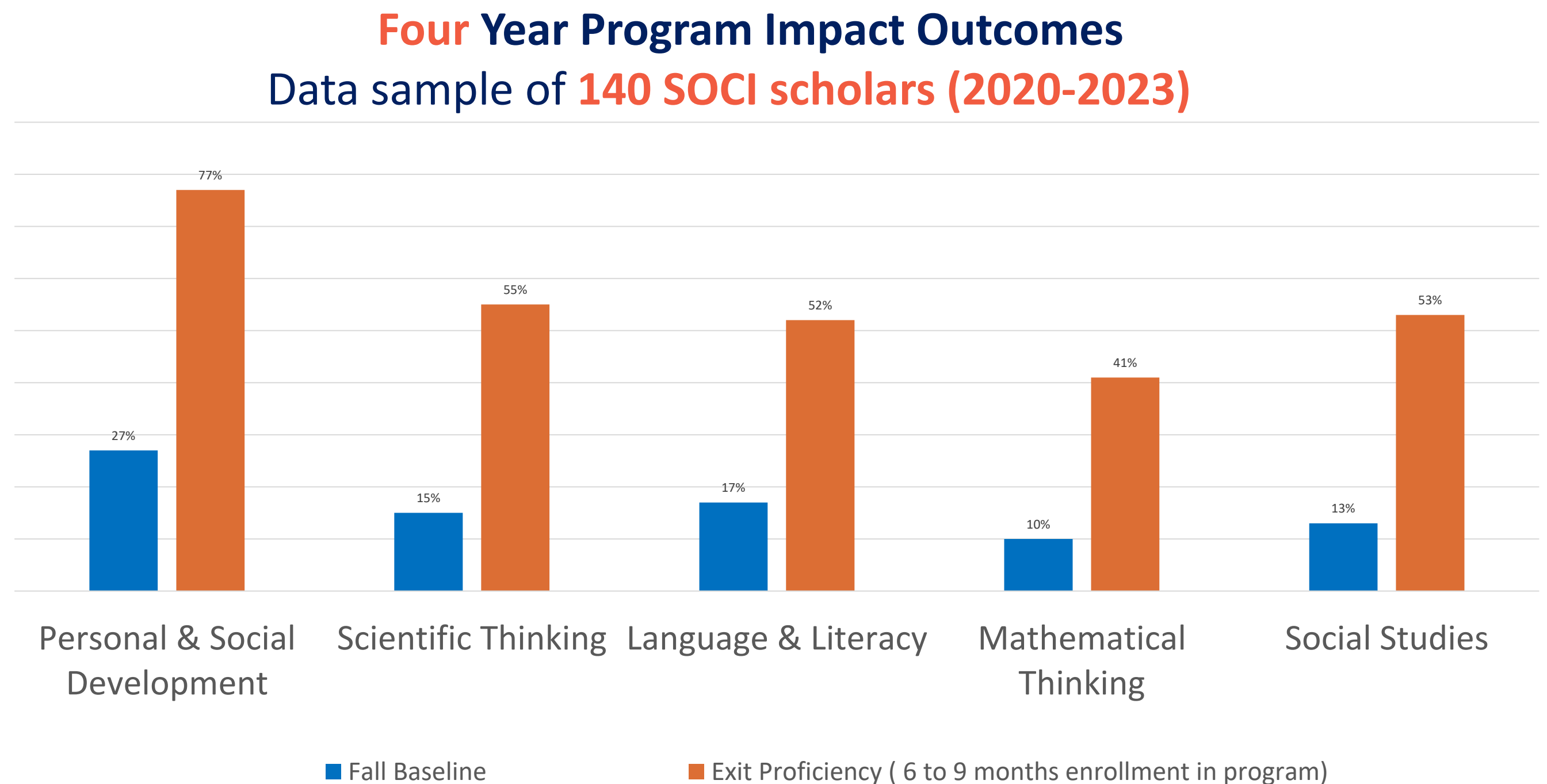
Program Gains & Expansion

EVALUATE:

Collect data from partners to measure impact and continuously improve.

Impact. Developmental Gains - 39%

- Entrance Baseline Average: 16% Proficient upon fall enrollment in preschool program.
- Exit Population Proficiency: 55% Kindergarten Ready.



LEAD:

SOCI is launching a new program in spring of 2024, Parent U

Lighting a Pathway of Possibilities:

Parent U meets the **personal and professional development** needs and interests of the parents of SOCI scholarship recipients. All parents at partner sites are invited to attend

Impact:

Improve the lives and livelihoods of both the parents and children, now and in the future – a **multi-generational shift**

We are interested in:

- Co-creating learning experiences with our partner sites tailored to the **goals set by families**
- Offering bi-annual half-day workshops on Saturdays, with childcare to maximize participation and connection
- Working with **experts from the community** to teach and facilitate learning and development

Parent
U



LEAD:

SOCI is a Community Champion for Expansion

Expansion Funding. \$1,350,000 State Award

- **\$847,0670** Open Minds Child Development Center (Olathe Infant/Toddler Center)
- **\$490,528** KidZone Learning Center (Overland Park new EC center/community services)

Impact: Allocation of resources allow access for an **additional 130** children to attend full-day full-year early childhood centers.

We are interested in:

- Building projects to establish and sustain high quality early childhood programs.
- Advocating for early education centers to expand access to underserved populations.
- Building new centers to increase access to quality early childhood education for working families.

INVEST: Leverage funding and influence from private and public sectors to increase access to high performing early childhood centers supporting working families.

With an investment of \$25,000, we will see:

- Expansion to eight partner sites across Kansas and Missouri in 2024.
- 85% of children in SOCI partner sites meeting developmental milestones.
- Expansion of access for children to attend full-day full-year early childhood services.





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