

Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center's

# scholarship program

## Goal

**Every child has access to high quality early childhood experiences, regardless of income.**

Children that have negative early experiences and don't receive a high-quality early childhood education are:

**40%** more likely to become a **teen parent**



**60%** more likely to **never attend college**



**70%** more likely to be **arrested** for a **violent crime**



Our scholarship program impacts real people. They are our neighbors, colleagues, family and friends.

For these hardworking parents with young children, child care is not an amenity, it is a crucial component of their family's survival.

**We need your help to support these families.**

**\$95** will sponsor one child's education for **a week**

**\$378** will sponsor one child's education for **a month**

**\$4,725** will sponsor one child's education for **a year**

Every \$95 invested returns \$875 to society through school readiness and reduced remediation, increased high school graduation rates, college graduation, and a more skilled workforce.



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# What We Do

## and why it's important

Studies show that attendance for at least one year in a high-quality early childhood program results in:



Higher kindergarten readiness

Higher graduation rates



Higher lifetime earnings



Lower school remediation



Lower need for social services



Higher college attendance

The Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center (HWCEC) is a Northwest Arkansas nonprofit organization providing early childhood education for 250 children age six weeks to pre-kindergarten. Our mission is simple: children are our first priority.

Since 1982, our commitment has been to provide families access to the highest quality of early childhood education and care. Our classrooms have ratios far lower than state mandates and are staffed with experienced and degreed teachers.

Parents are provided substantial support services such as a parent resource library, community resources, food assistance and access to early childhood professionals who provide information and activities regarding Kindergarten Readiness Indicators.

Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center won the 2015 Northwest Arkansas Best of the Best and the 2012 Arkansas Non-Profit of the Year.