Little Children, Big Returns to Premiere May 15 on WFYI Public Television
Documentary Examines Debate Over State-funded Early Childhood Education in Indiana

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For years, Indiana has been one of only ten states in the nation without public funding for preschool. This spring, the Indiana General Assembly took a small but important step in providing limited funding to a pilot program in 2014. But is it enough?

Join WFYI 1 Public Television on Thursday, May 15 at 9 pm, for the premiere of Little Children, Big Returns. The documentary takes a compelling look at why it makes economic sense for Indiana to invest in state-funded early childhood education. Watch a preview of the program at http://bit.ly/RMVlSo.

Through interviews with some of Indiana’s top leaders who are working to improve education in Indiana, Little Children, Big Returns makes the case for why Indiana cannot sit on the sidelines in this important issue. Featured experts in the program include:

- Ted Maple, Ph. D., President and CEO, Day Nursery Association
- Dr. Ena Shelley, Dean of the College of Education, Butler University
- John Peirce, Consultant on Earl Childhood Initiatives for United way of Allen County
- Connie Bond Stuart, Regional President, PNC Bank
- Dr. Robert H. Dugger, Managing Partner, Hanover Provident Capital
- Jim McClelland, President and CEO, Goodwill Industries
- Chip Edgington, Executive Vice President of Operations, OSP Group
- Kevin Bain, Executive Director and CEO, Welborn Baptist Foundation
- Marisa Manlove, President and CEO, Indiana Philanthropy Alliance
- Ann Murtlow, President and CEO, United Way of Central Indiana

Little Children, Big Returns also highlights proven ways to fund statewide preschool education initiatives through “results-based financing.” With this timely documentary, viewers interested in the debate sure to come in Indiana’s legislature and keen in their support for children, will gain a new understanding of this critical issue.

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