



PRESENTATION II

Benefits of Investing in Early Education

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Early learning is critical to starting our children on paths to success.



Children who participate in high-quality early education have:

- Higher cognitive test scores
- Higher math and reading achievement
- Higher likelihood of attending a 4-year college
- Higher likelihood of being gainfully employed later in life

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State is spending more than
\$750 million
for Pre-K for 4 year olds...

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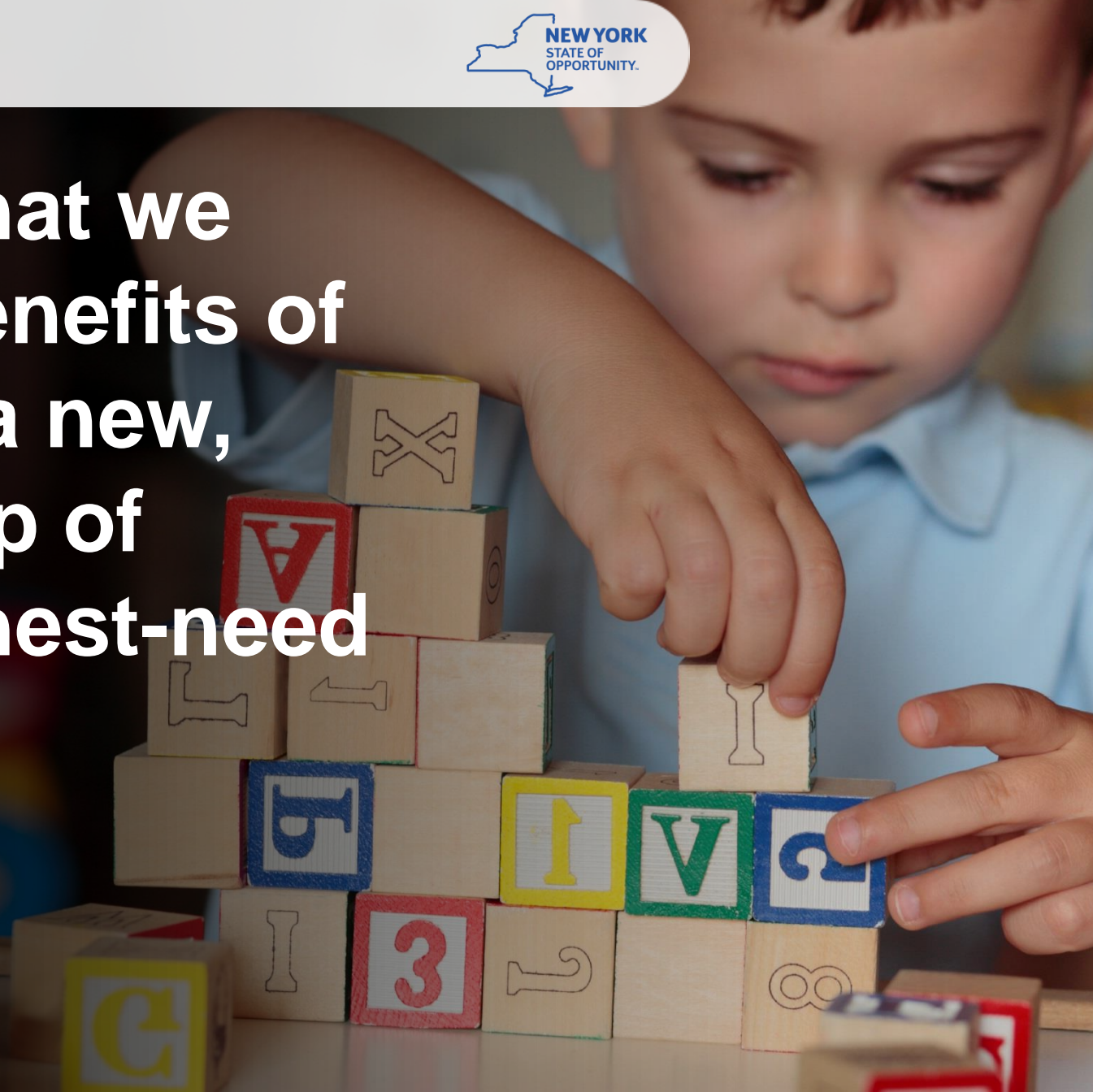
116,000

children across New York State.

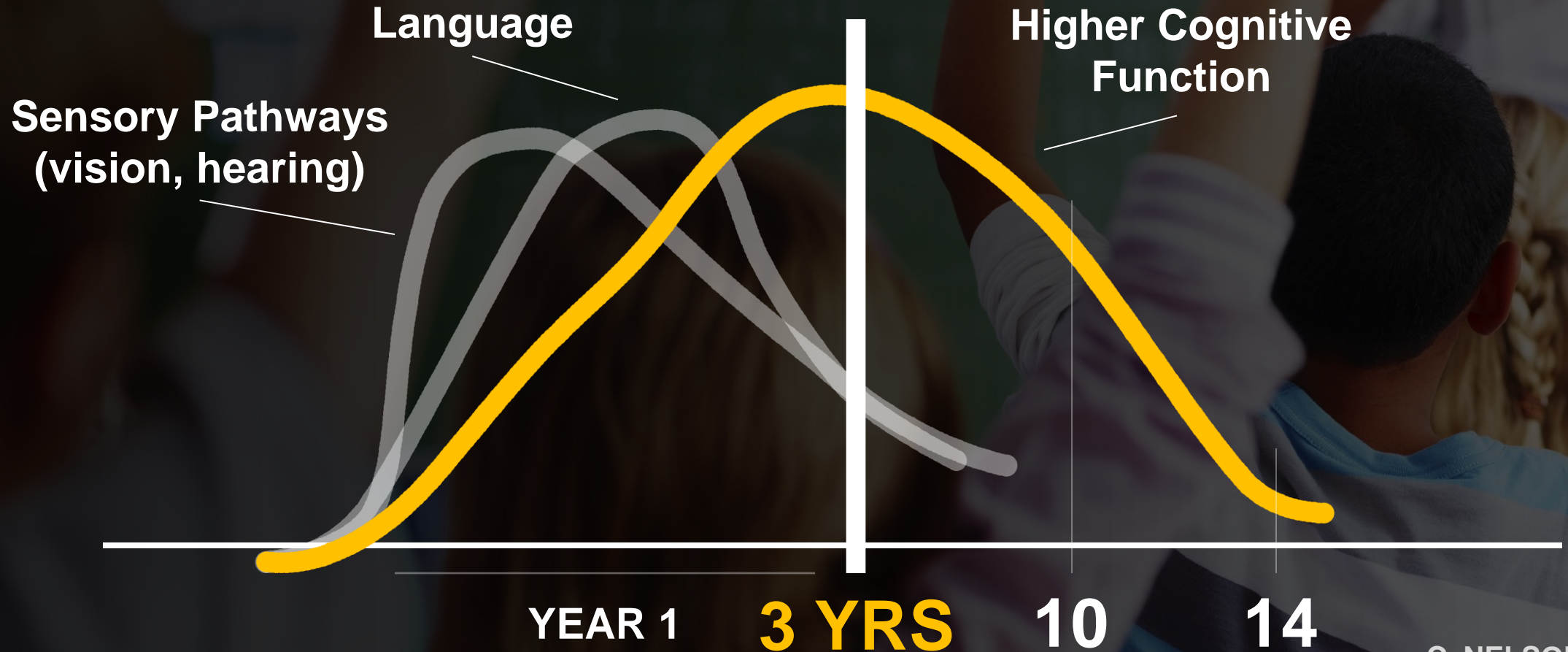
This year's budget continues a commitment to fund full day statewide Pre-K: **New York is investing \$1.5 billion over 5 years.**



But data suggest that we should bring the benefits of early education to a new, even younger group of children in our highest-need communities.



Timing of Early Brain Development



The Achievement Gap Starts Early



The earlier in life children can participate in high quality programs, the better our education system can work to ensure opportunity for all.



Under the leadership of Governor Cuomo, the State is piloting a \$25 million program to support 3-year old Pre-K slots in our highest-need communities.

More than **250 districts** will be eligible to apply and more than **5,000 seats** are projected to be made available for 3-year olds.



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