Every kid deserves a strong start in life. **We can help by renewing Best Starts for Kids**—maintaining and expanding programs that support kids as they grow, with high quality childcare, homelessness prevention, and social and emotional youth development programs.

We know that prevention and early engagement is the most effective, and least expensive way, to ensure positive outcomes for our kids and community. We also must support children and youth of color to overcome racial injustice and have the best opportunity to thrive.

That’s why voters adopted the Best Starts for Kids Levy in 2015, to invest in healthy pregnancies, positive development for children and youth, assistance for at-risk youth, and school and community-based programs to support kids as they grow into adulthood.

**Now it’s time to renew these proven investments in King County’s kids.**

**WHAT IS BEST STARTS FOR KIDS?**

YES on KC Prop. 1, the renewal of the Best Starts for Kids Levy, will allow us to maintain and expand effective programs that put our children and youth on a path toward lifelong success. Investments include Prenatal-5 family support, preventing youth and family homelessness, and community-driven partnerships through Communities of Opportunity that address emotional growth, early engagement with youth, and racial and social equity priorities.

KC Prop. 1 also allows us to build on our success and invest in the critical infrastructure of child care.
The Best Starts for Kids Levy renewal invests in out-of-school time programs for ages 5-12, transitions to adulthood for teens 14-24, and builds up to four school-based health centers across the county. It also creates a new child care subsidy to make child care more affordable for more than 3,000 low-income families and ensures that child care workers, through a Wage Project, earn a living wage for their essential work.

WHO SUPPORTS YES ON KC PROP. 1?
A unanimous vote of the nine member King County Council placed Best Starts for Kids, KC Prop. 1 on the ballot. They join a growing list of child development experts, service providers, childcare workers, and parents across King County have joined in support. To add your name to the list, please visit BestStartsForKids.org.

HOW MUCH DOES KC PROP. 1 COST?
For an increase from 14 cents per $1,000 assessed value to 19 cents—an additional $28/year for the average homeowner, we can continue to maintain these important investments, build on success, and provide essential childcare for families across our county.

Vote YES on KC Prop. 1 to renew the Best Starts for Kids Levy and promote happy, healthy, safe, and thriving kids, families, and communities.