

Children's Savings Accounts

What if every child
in Illinois
grew up knowing she or he
had a **nest egg** to go to college,
buy a home or
start a small business?



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Building assets for all Illinois children

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Children's Savings Accounts offer every child in Illinois a chance to build a more secure financial future.

Opened at birth with an initial public investment, Children's Savings Accounts offer families an incentive to start saving from the moment a child is born.

Once a child reaches age 18—but not before—the funds can be used for specific, designated purposes such as expenses related to education or training.

Children's Savings Accounts are a good investment

- Maximize value by starting at birth

- Promote financial education, planning and saving for the future

- Lay a solid foundation for future generations

- Generate new tax revenue over time by increasing individual earning power

Children's Savings Accounts are good public policy

- Allow all children – regardless of circumstances - to start life with a savings account

- Create a tangible stake in the future for all children

- Help children reach their full potential as productive community members

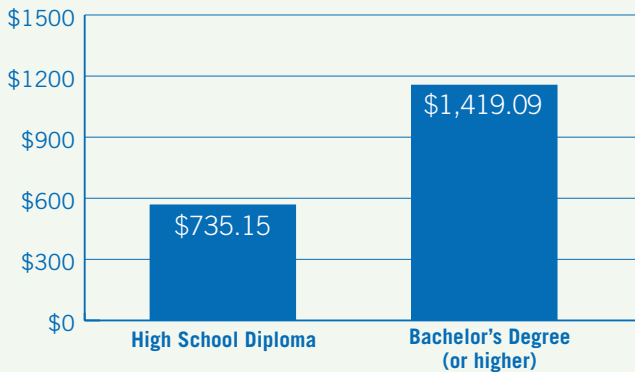
- Offer a way out of poverty and hardship that will benefit future generations



Children's Savings Accounts are a Good Investment

An initial public investment at birth combined with modest individual savings over time will yield a significant return. As these savings are invested in education and training, homeownership and small business ownership, the state will benefit from a more prepared workforce, financially secure families, stable communities as well as a stronger economy and increased future tax revenue.

Increasing State Return on Investment
Illinois' economy grows as children build assets



Annual Illinois Income Tax Paid per Working Person by Education Level

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2006 Annual Social and Economic Supplement

Building Illinois Families' Assets

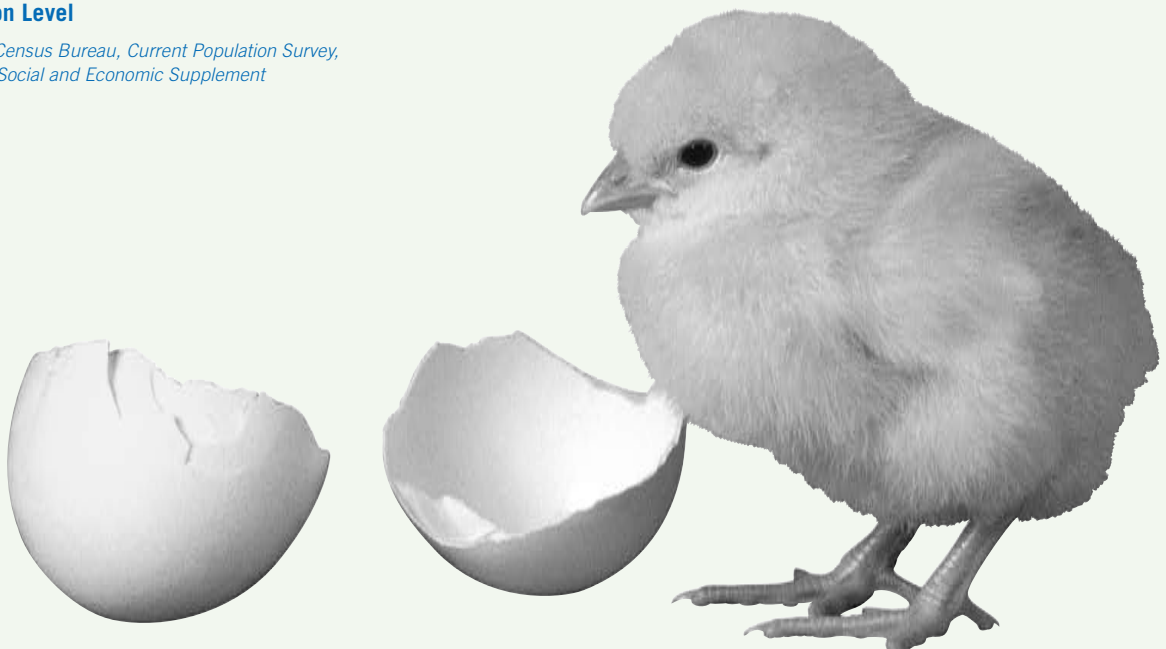
Having an education, owning your own home or business, saving a few thousand dollars in the bank—accumulating these basic assets are the essence of economic security and mobility in America.

Assets help families get ahead and ensure that there is something to fall back on during hard times.

People who have assets are more economically secure, have more options in life and can pass on opportunities to their children and future generations.

The Illinois Asset Building Group is a statewide coalition advancing Children's Savings Accounts and working to ensure that all Illinois families can grow the assets needed to get ahead in America:

- o Lifelong education and training
- o Healthcare
- o Financial security and investment
- o Housing, homeownership, and utilities
- o Small business development
- o Transportation
- o Tax policy



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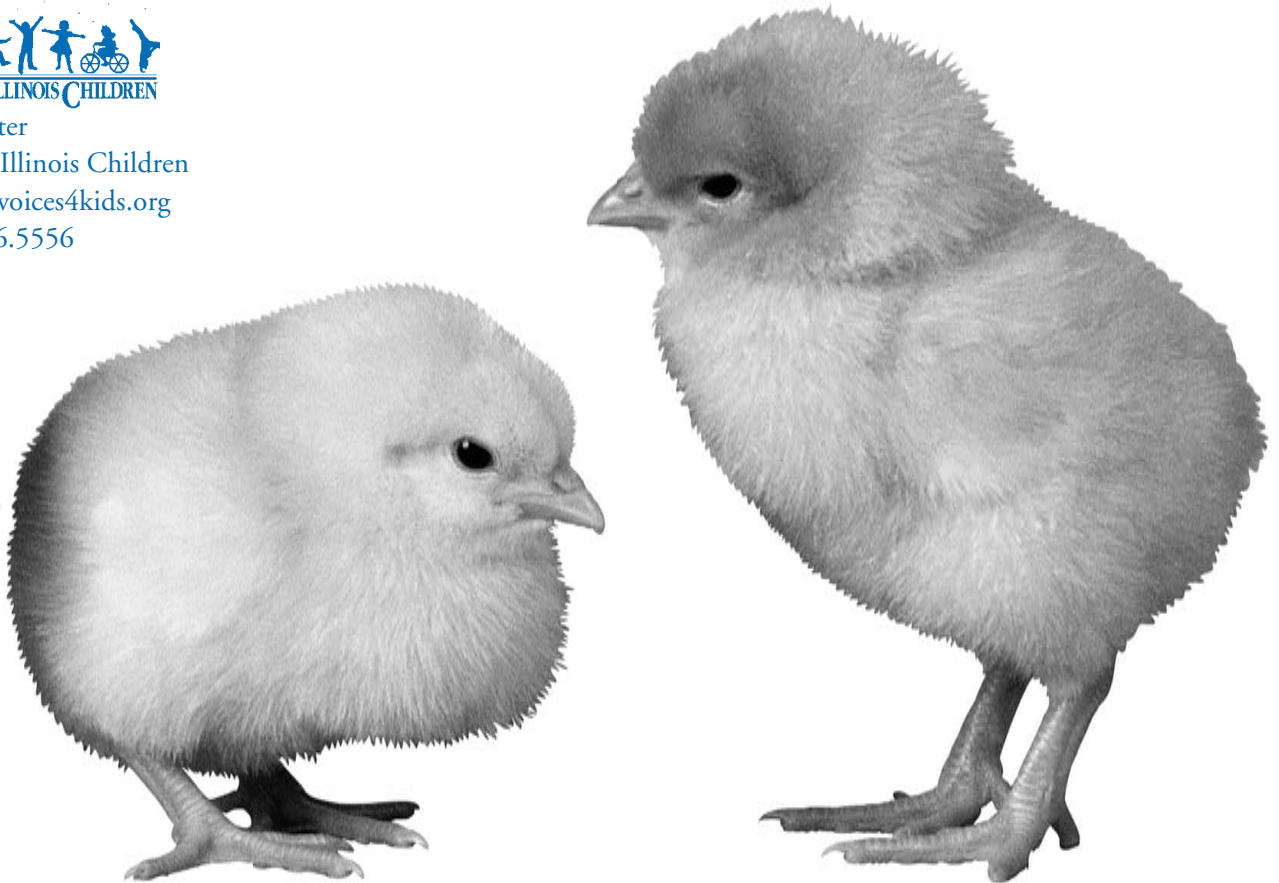


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Building financially strong families and communities

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