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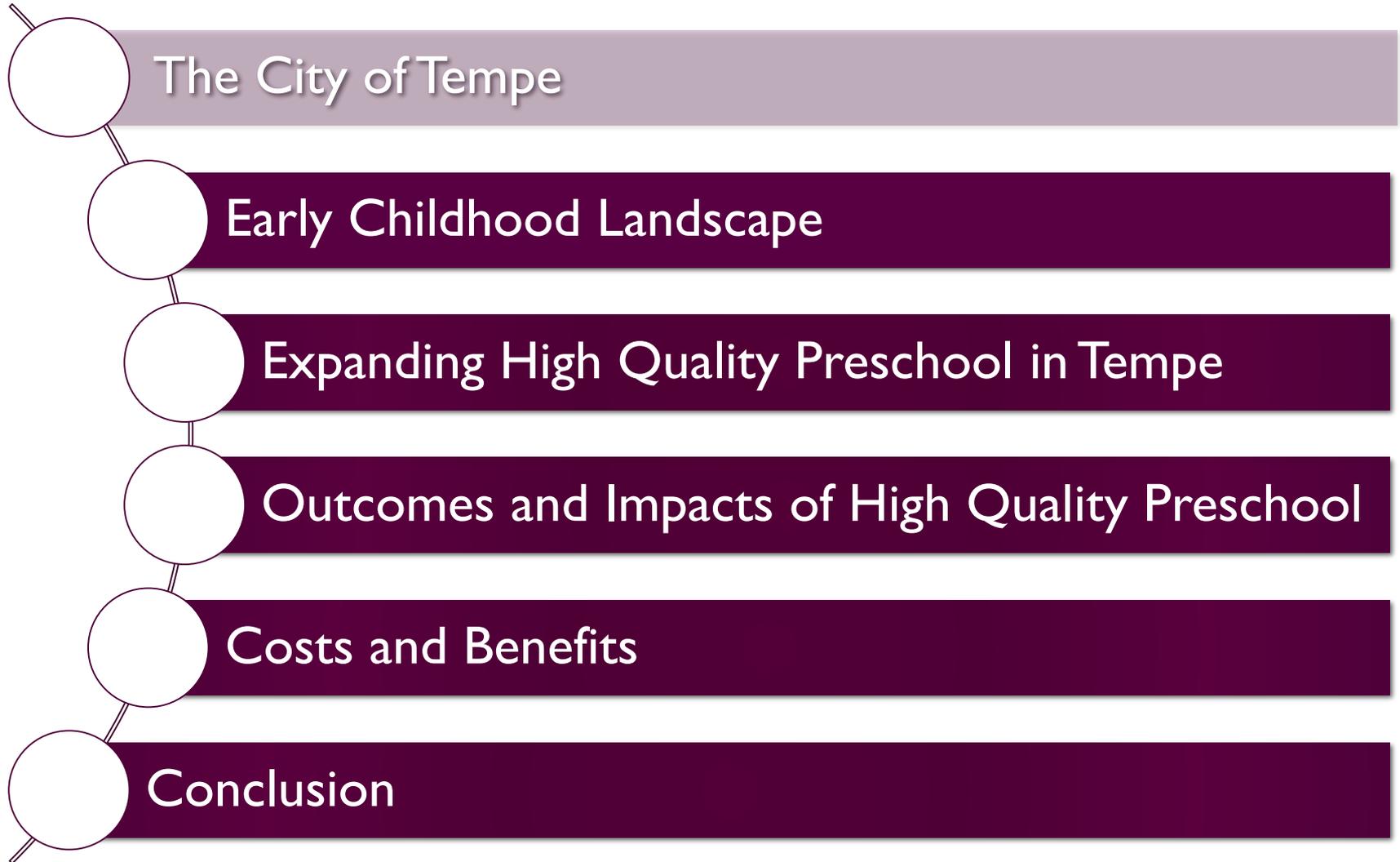
CITY OF TEMPE  
HUMAN SERVICES  
EDUCATION, FAMILIES AND  
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FEASIBILITY STUDY:  
HIGH QUALITY PRESCHOOL

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September 2017



# Roadmap



# The Vision

**Provide expanded access to free, full-time, and high-quality preschool**

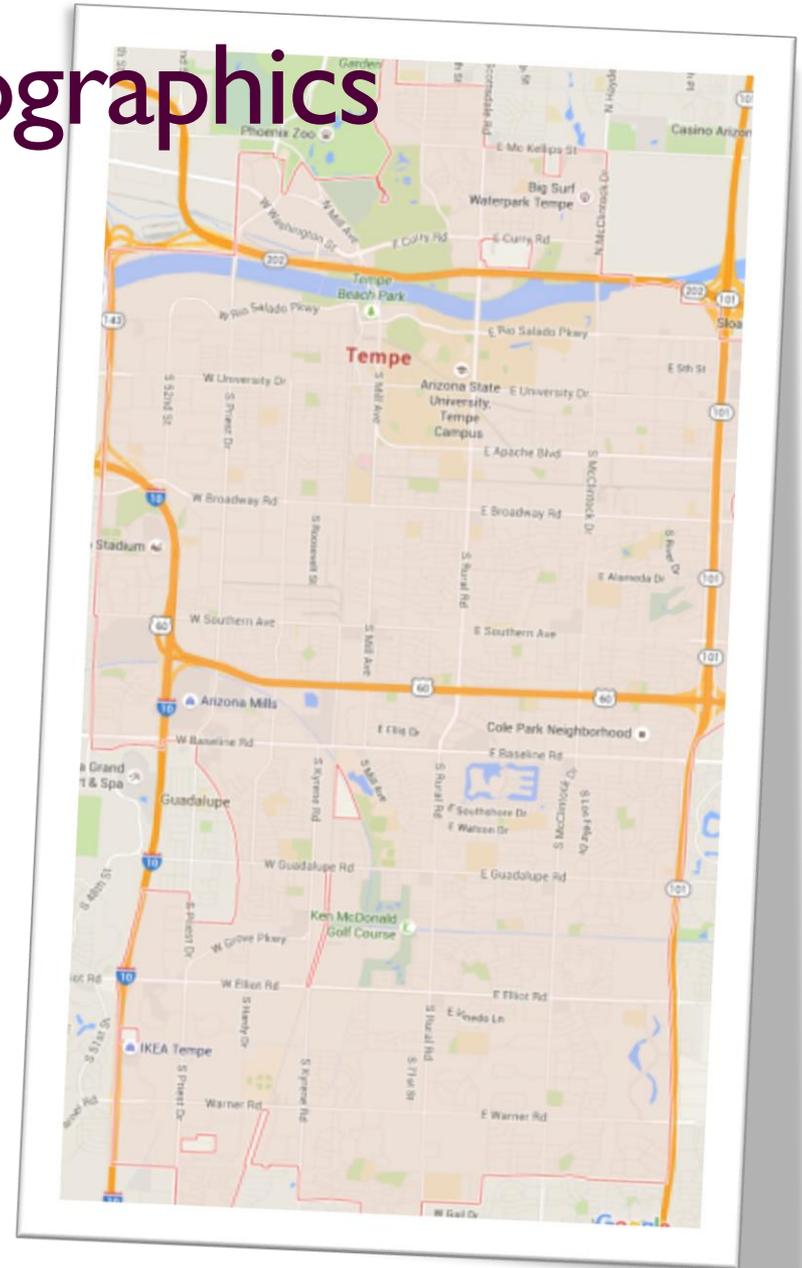


**Empower families to transition out of poverty**

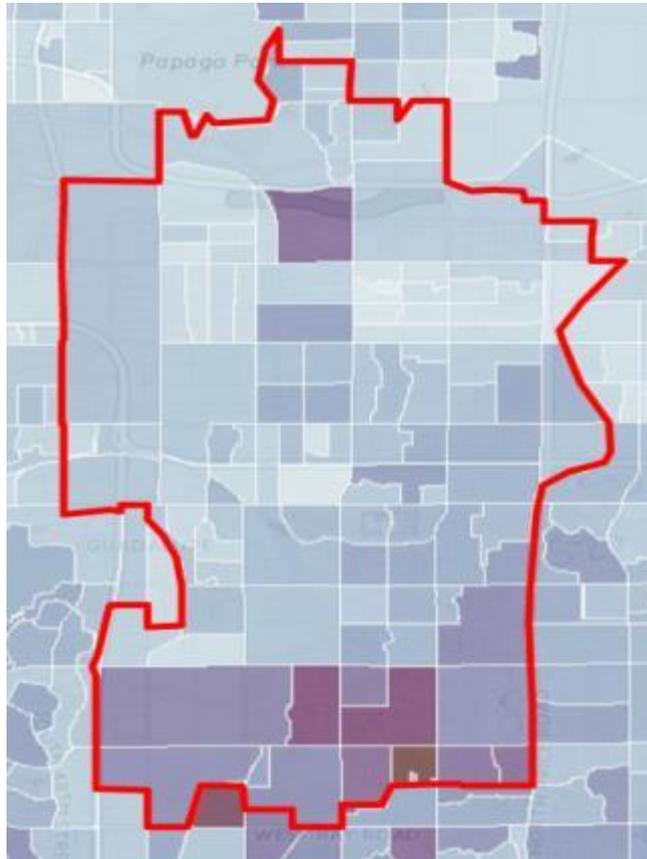
**Attract and retain new residents**

# City of Tempe Demographics

- 161,719 population (Tempe, 2010)
- 5,523 (Guadalupe, 2010)
- Residents living below the US Census Poverty Threshold
  - 21.6% in Tempe
  - 24.8% in Guadalupe
- Children 0-5 living in poverty
  - 33% in Tempe
  - 32% in Guadalupe
- 11,000 children in Tempe Elementary School District
  - 75% of these children qualify for free or reduced lunch
- 3,125 3 & 4 year olds



# A Look at Poverty In Tempe



- Poverty rates in Tempe exceed the state and county averages
- 40% of Tempe population at 200% Poverty Level
- 22% of households in Tempe have no vehicle available
- 75% of children in the Tempe Elementary School District qualify for free and reduced lunch
- 41% of children in Kyrene District schools in Tempe qualify for free and reduced lunch

# High Childhood Poverty Impacts Kindergarten Readiness



**POVERTY HURTS**

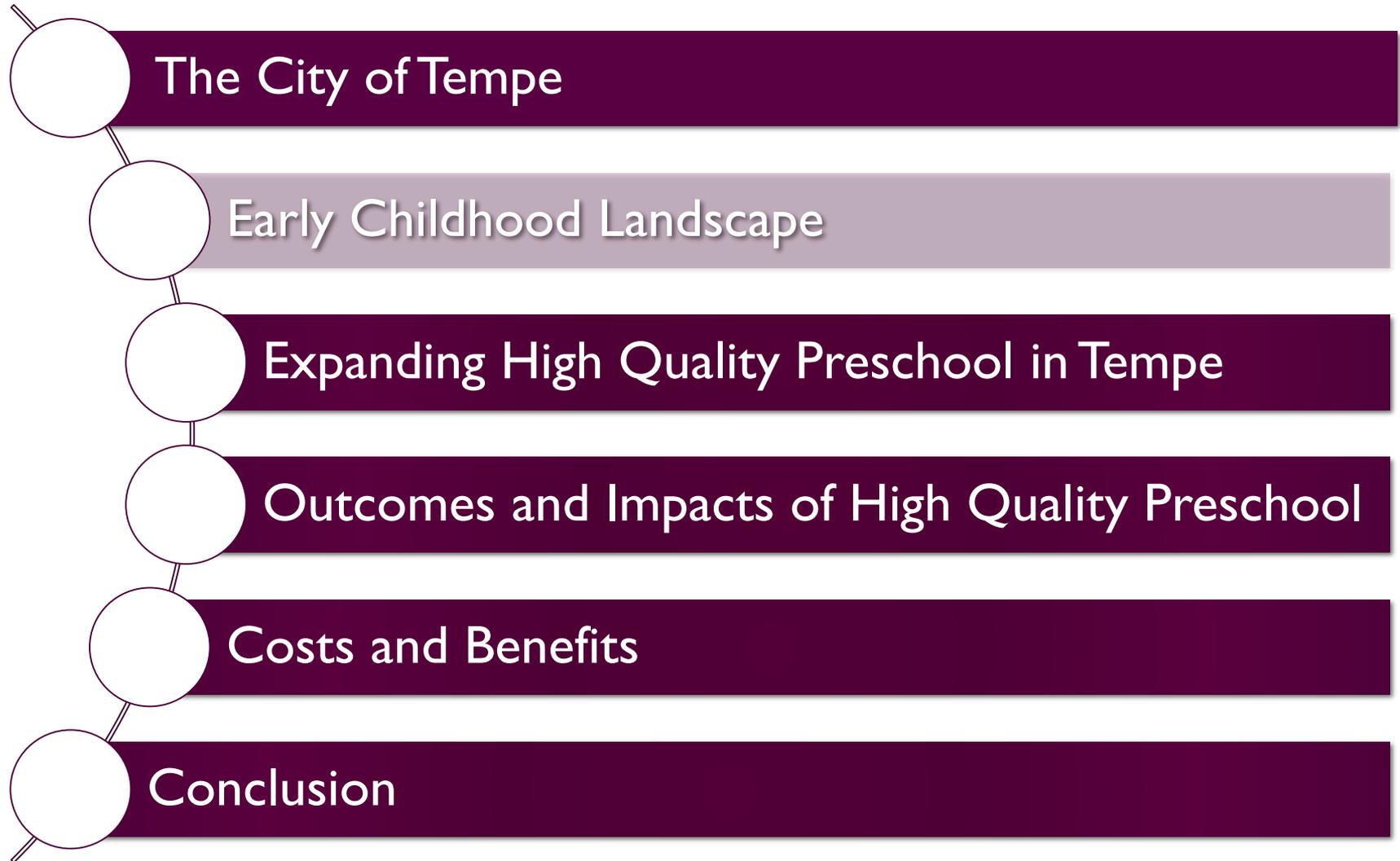
child poverty increases the risk of unemployment and adult poverty

by age 4 poor children have heard 30 million fewer words than well-off children

poor children are more likely to be hungry and less likely to have affordable quality health coverage

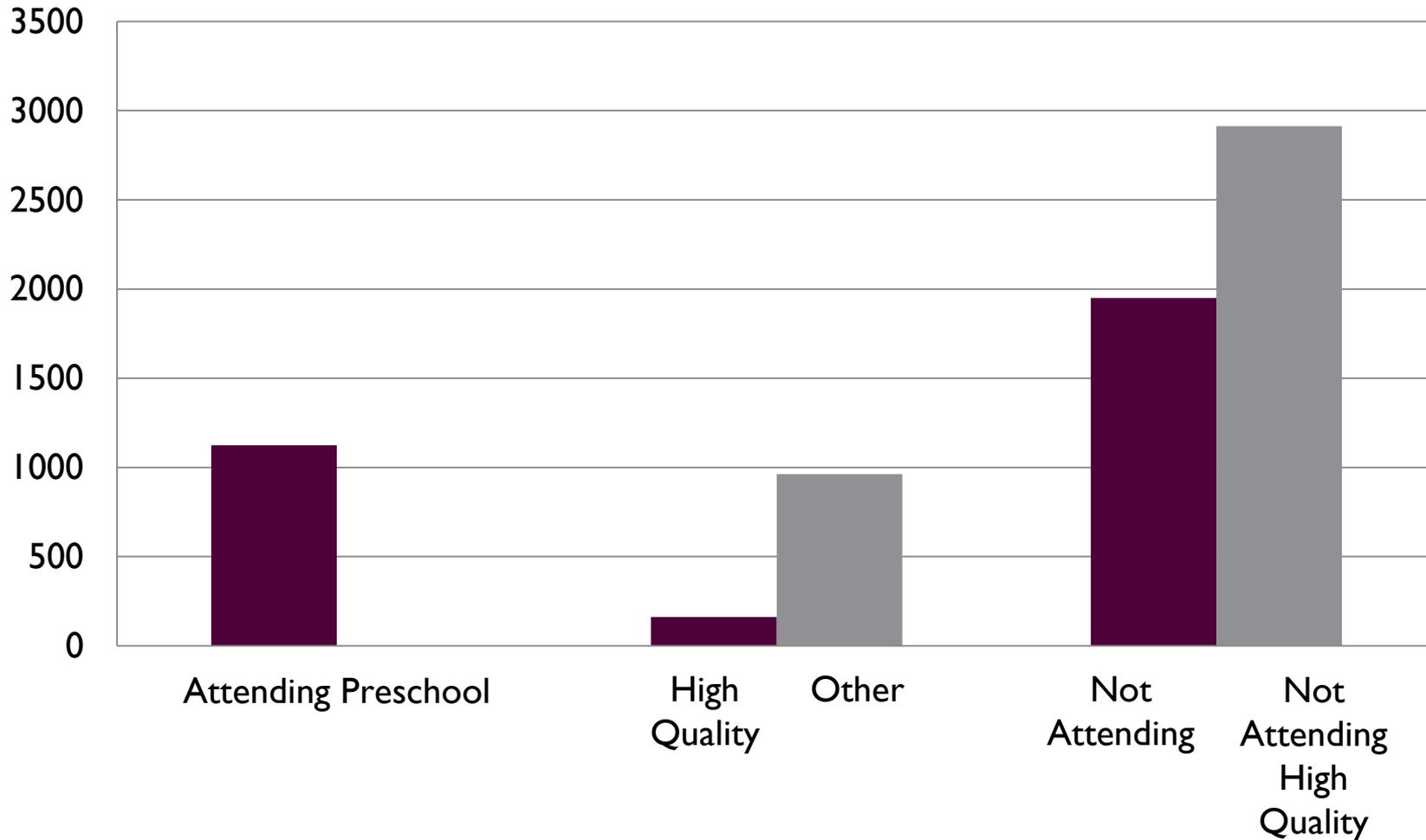
poor children are less likely to graduate from high school

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# Unmet Need for High Quality Preschool in Tempe

## 3 & 4 Year Olds Preschool Attendance



**Overall Poverty – 39.4%**

**Under 5 In Poverty – 49.5 %**

**High Quality Preschools – 1**

**Overall Poverty – 20.1%**

**Under 5 In Poverty – 27.9 %**

**High Quality Preschools – 2**

**Overall Poverty – 16.3%**

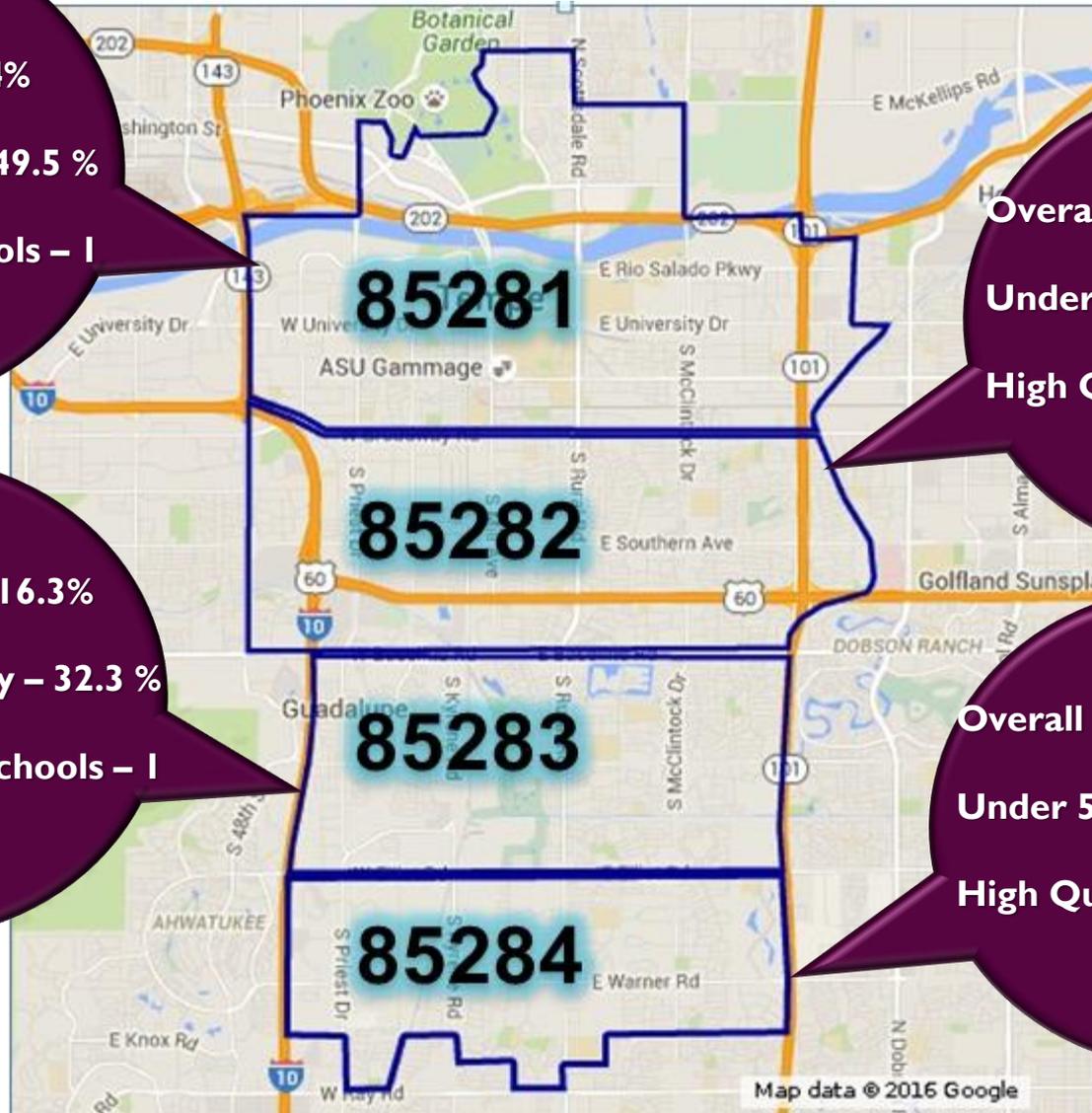
**Under 5 In Poverty – 32.3 %**

**High Quality Preschools – 1**

**Overall Poverty – 4.4%**

**Under 5 In Poverty – 0**

**High Quality Preschools – 0**



# Not Enough Children in Poverty Attend High Quality Preschool

1,396

3 & 4 Year Old Tempe & Guadalupe  
Children in Poverty

278

Currently in a Financially Sponsored Seat

# Additional Capacity Needed

Increase capacity of High Quality seats available to children in poverty.

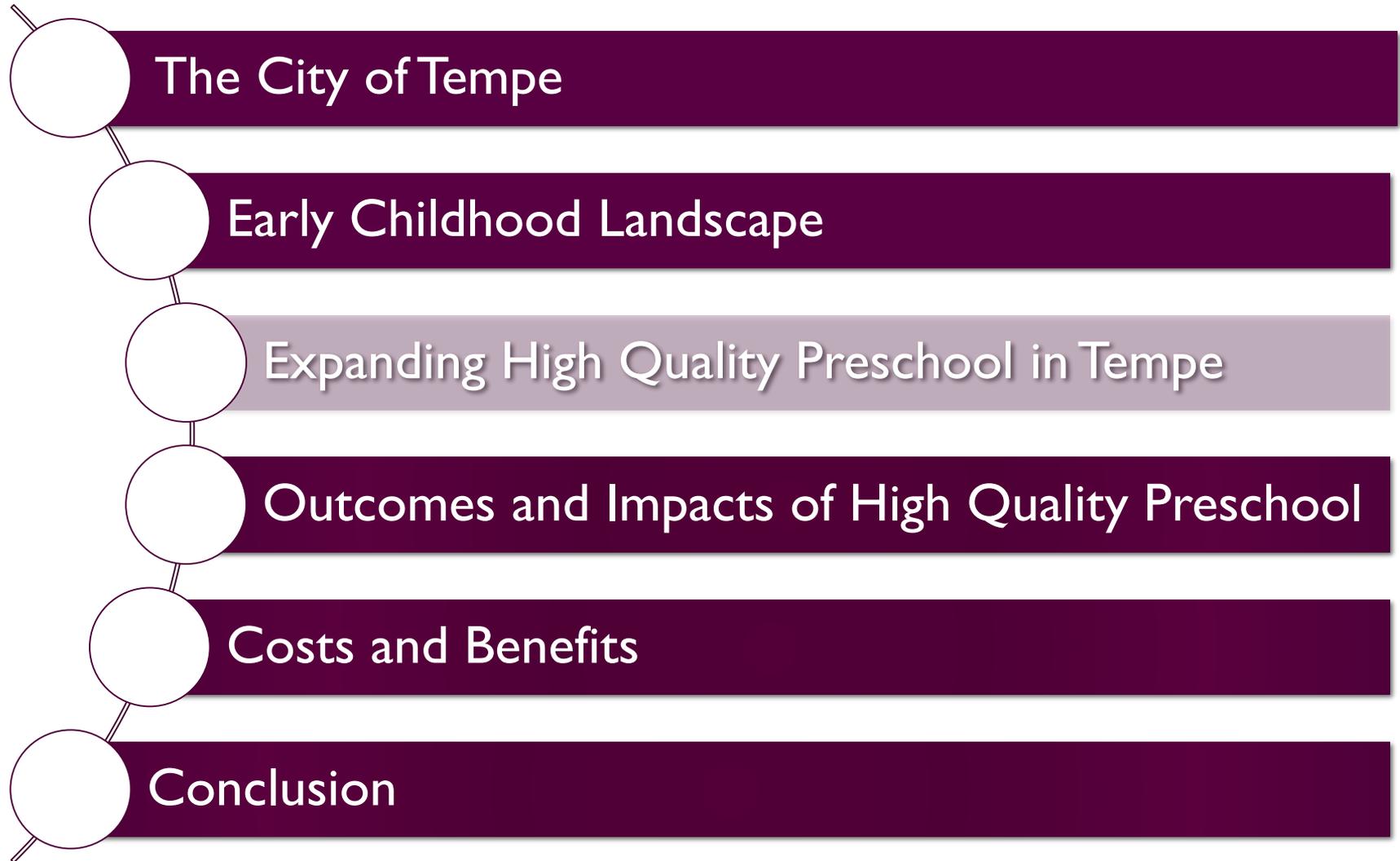
**The  
Unmet  
Need**

<b>Eligible Families/ Children</b>	<b>Current Financially Sponsored Seats</b>	<b>Low-Income Children Not Served</b>	<b>Number of New Financially Sponsored High Quality Seats Needed</b>
1,396*	278	1,118	671**

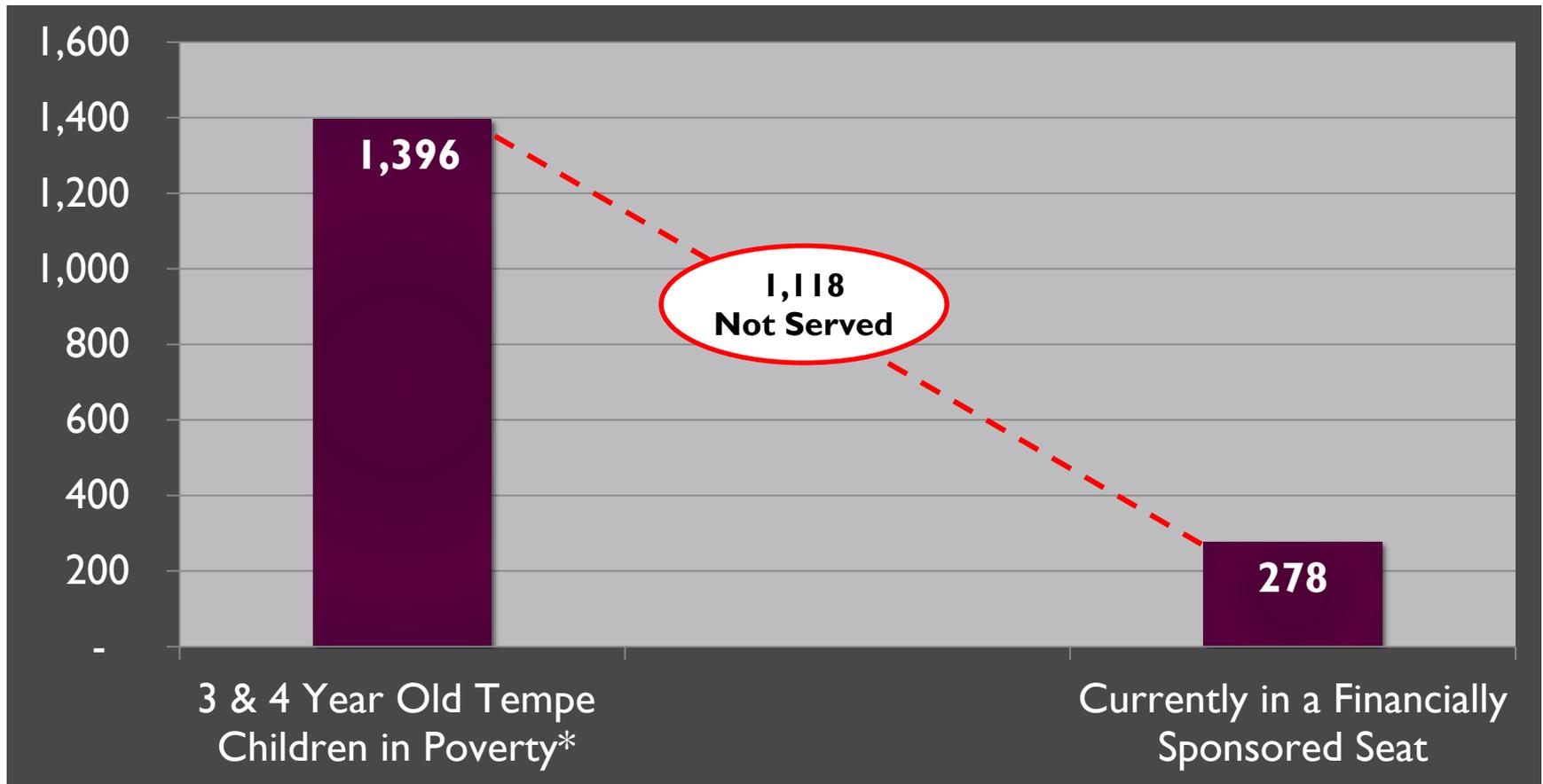
\*Tempe & Guadalupe

\*\*Calculated using a 60% take-up rate

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# Not Enough Children in Poverty Attend High Quality Preschool



\*Including Guadalupe

# Expanding Free PRE in Tempe

## Preschool Resource Expansion

- **Target families at 200% poverty**
- **Increase capacity of year-round, high-quality seats available to these families**

- **Potential Partners for Expansion**



Tempe Elementary  
School District #3



Kyrene School  
District



City of Tempe –  
Kid Zone

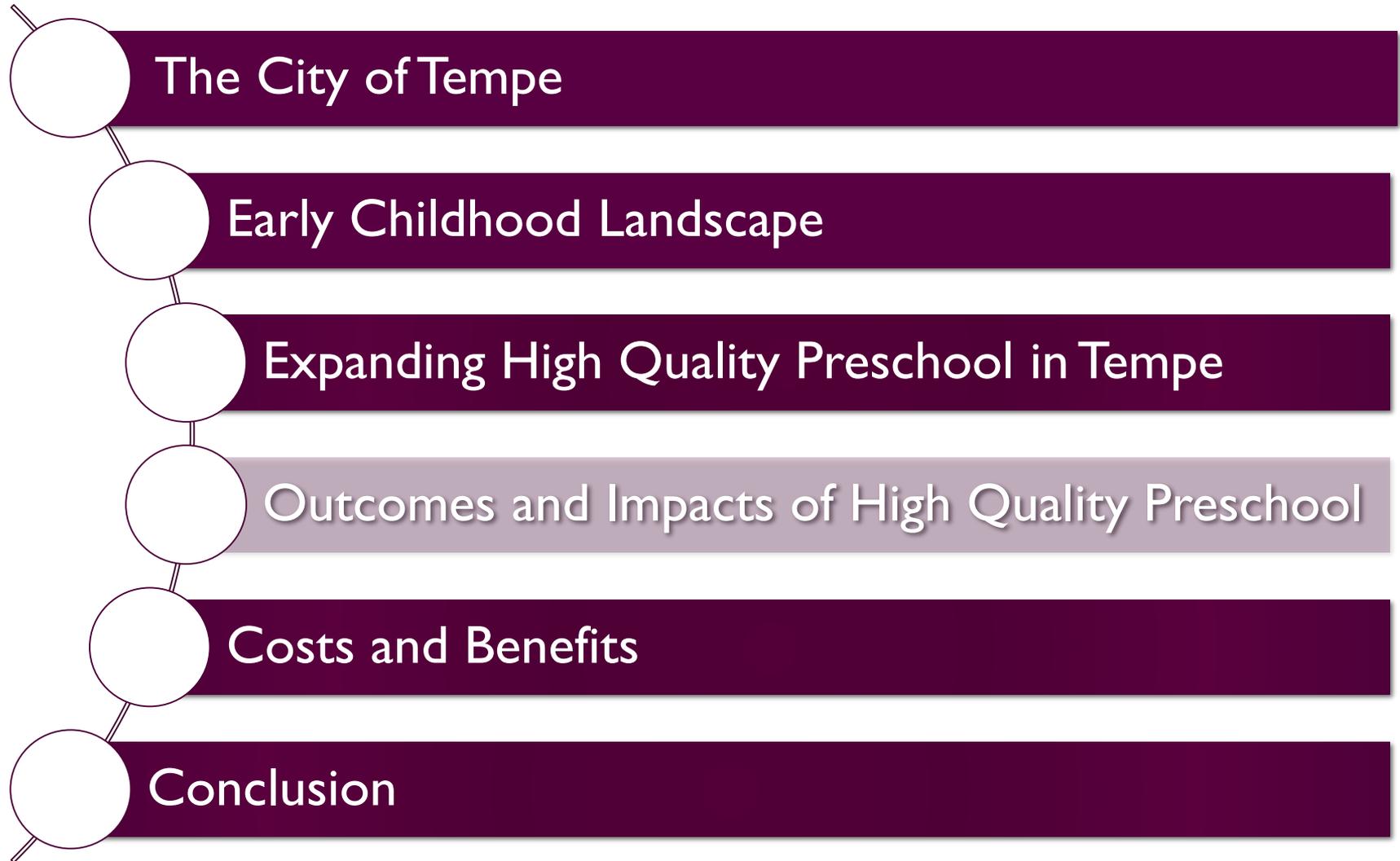


Tempe Union High  
School District

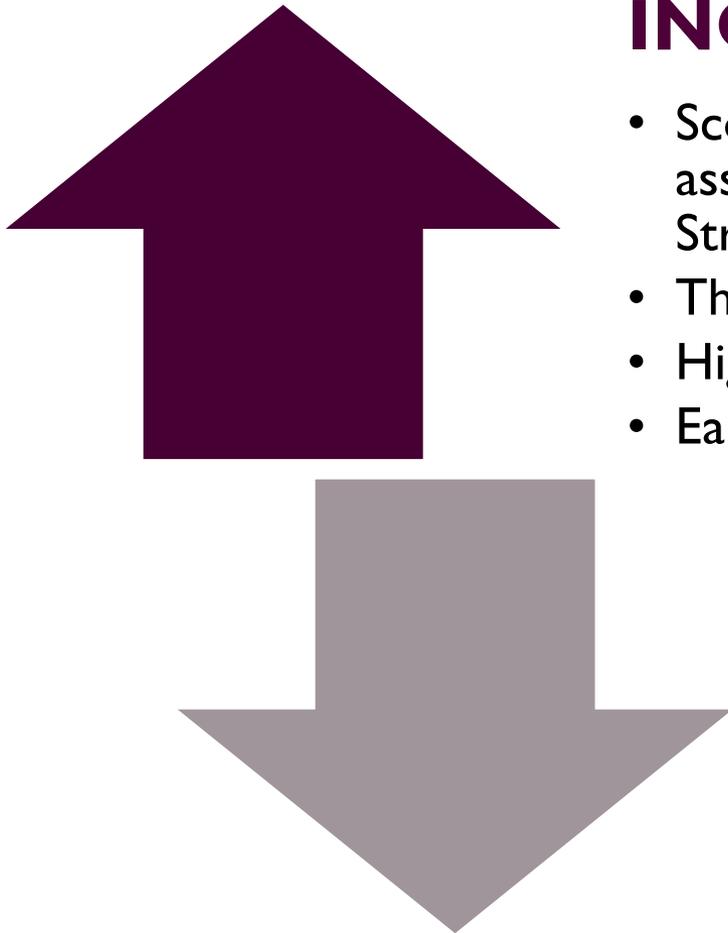


Quality First

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# Demonstrated Outcomes of High Quality Preschool



## **INCREASED :**

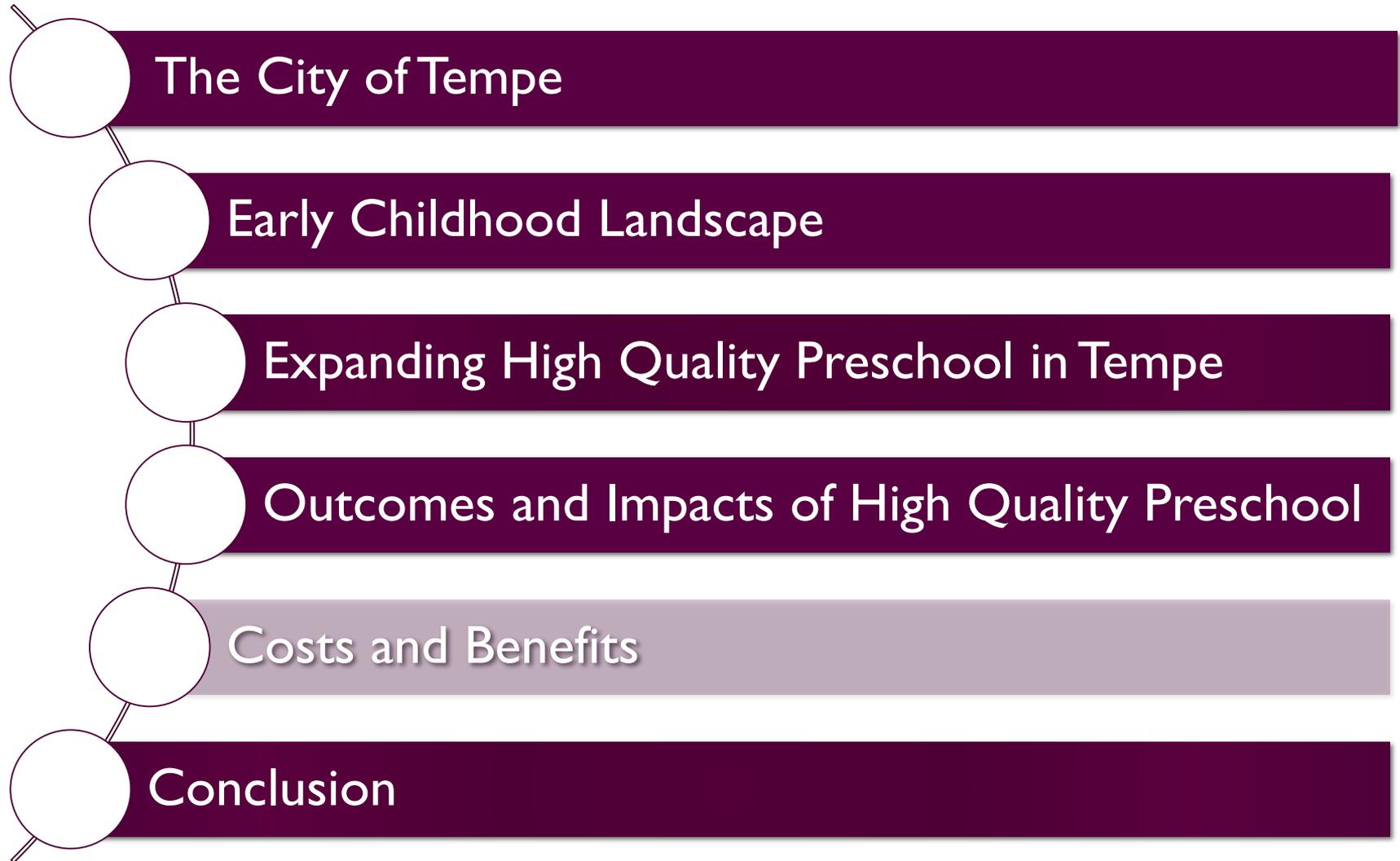
- Scores on Kindergarten readiness assessments as measured by Teaching Strategies Gold\*
- Third grade reading scores
- High school graduation rates
- Earnings

## **REDUCED:**

- Special education
- Need for social services
- Crime
- Poverty rate

\*Eligible for PFS

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# Investing in High Quality Preschool Is Worth It!

State &  
District PreK  
Programs

- \$4.20 Return for every dollar invested

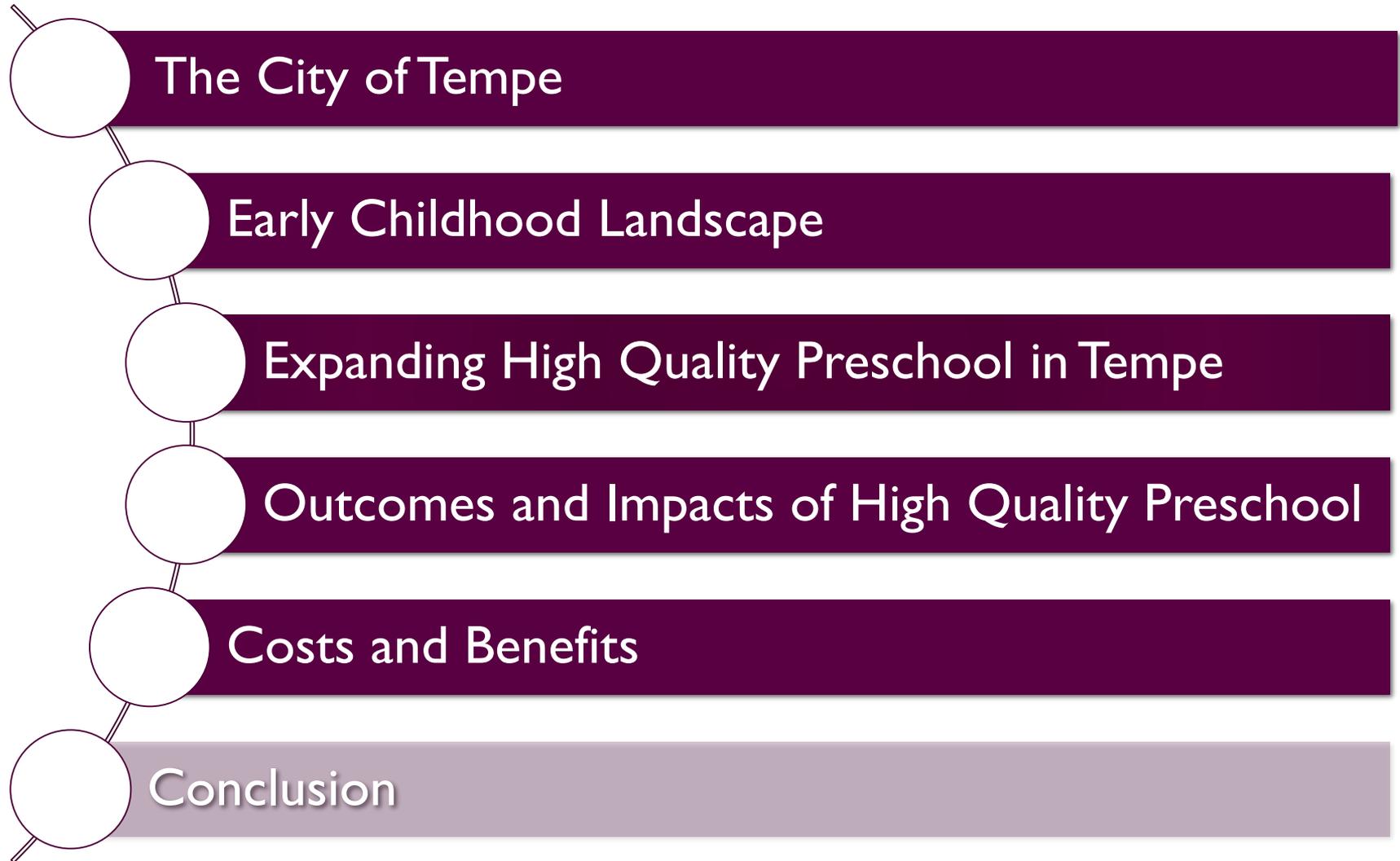
Head Start

- \$2.63 return for every dollar invested.

Chicago Child-  
Parent Center

- \$7.14 return for every dollar invested

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# Path Forward in Tempe

At the March 16, 2017 Work Study Session, Tempe City Council agreed to allocate \$3 million to fund a pilot program of 20 classrooms.



# Current Implementation Status

- Opening 15 classrooms Fall 2017 School Year
  - Tempe Elementary
    - Arredondo (2)
    - Aguilar (1)
    - Scales (2)
    - Holdeman (1)
    - Thew (2)
    - Laird (1)
    - Wood (2)
  - Kyrene Elementary
    - Ninos (1)
    - Mariposa (1)
  - City of Tempe
    - Tempe PRE at Getz (2)
- Future Plans
  - Additional 5 classrooms to open
    - January to August 2018



**TempePRE**  
(Preschool Resource Expansion)  
Inspiring Minds. Investing in Our Future.

# Tempe PRE High-Quality Classrooms

- Full-day, Full-week program
- Extended Learning and Summer Options
- High Scope Curriculum
- Triple P available to all families
- Classrooms enrolled in Quality First
- Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment
- Certified Lead Teachers
- Meals & snacks included



Thank you,

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