BOSTON SAVES - YEAR 1 FINDINGS - Children's savings account program -

INDICATORS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING



Social Emotional Development

个16%

increase in parents reported socialemotional development among economically disadvantaged children in Boston Saves when compared to children not in Boston Saves

Life Satisfaction

13%

increase in parents reported life-satisfaction among economically disadvantaged parents in Boston Saves when compared to parents not in Boston Saves

PREDICTORS OF FUTURE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Parental Educational Expectations

92%

of economically disadvantaged parents in Boston Saves expected their child to go to college or beyond

Compared to **82%** of economically disadvantaged parents **not** in Boston Saves

Reading Frequency (2 or more times per week)

86%

of economically advantaged families in Boston Saves read 2 or more times per week to their children

Compared to **71%** of economically disadvantaged families **not** in Boston Saves



INDICATORS OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY



Financial Planning

of economically disadvantaged families in Boston Saves report having a personal budget, spending plan or financial plan

Compared to **33%** of economically disadvantaged families **not** in Boston Saves

Electronic Deposits 50% of economically disadvantaged

families in Boston Saves report having automatic deposits set up to save for the future

Compared to **36%** of economically disadvantaged families **not** in Boston Saves

Savings Account Ownership

of economically disadvantaged families in Boston Saves report having a savings account

Compared to **71%** of economically disadvantaged families **not** in Boston Saves



Findings are from the first year of a three-year evaluation of Boston Saves, a children's savings account program offered by the City of Boston through the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (OWD) in partnership with Boston Public Schools (BPS). Boston Saves automatically provides each student enrolled in Kindergarten (K2) in BPS a child savings account (CSA), including an initial deposit of \$50 from the City of Boston and ongoing opportunities to receive incentives. The money in this account can be used for college or job training expenses after the student finishes high school. To read the executive summary and full report go to: https://myumi.ch/29RJM. See full report for the BPS definition of economically disadvantaged.

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