



Levi (middle) with his friends at school readiness workshop in Newport.

Meet Levi

Levi is 4½ years old and lives in Newport with his parents and grandparents.

He's an only child and doesn't have many opportunities to socialize with other children. In 2017, he began attending school readiness workshops, created to help prepare kids to enter kindergarten. The workshops are part of **Ready for School, Ready to Succeed**, a community initiative in partnership with United Way of the Capital Region, local schools and the Capital Area Intermediate Unit.

When he first started attending, he was struggling with speaking and wasn't comfortable socializing with other kids.

"He rarely said anything," said Levi's grandmother. "Now, he's putting words together and can identify letters. He's come so far since the program started."

Levi hasn't missed a workshop since they began. When his parents are working, his grandmother brings him to class. He has made several new friends and runs into the classroom, eager to connect with the other children. Recently, Levi was connected to services through the Capital Area Intermediate Unit.

Research shows pre-kindergarten programs increase a child's chances of succeeding in school. Thanks to this program, Levi is on the path to be ready for school.

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