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Meet Keegan



Empowering independence through school readiness.

Kailee of Perry County was connected to **Ready for School, Ready to Succeed** through early intervention services. Keegan, Kailee's three-year old son, was recently diagnosed with autism.

Ready for School, Ready to Succeed is United Way of the Capital Region's school readiness initiative. Through the program, education liaisons provide workshops to prepare children academically and socially for kindergarten. The program also helps to increase family engagement in the learning process and make connections to early intervention services if needed.

"You never want to see your child struggle," Kailee says. "I worry about preparing him for kindergarten."

Amanda Negley, education liaison for West Perry School District, welcomed Kailee and Keegan to her workshops with open arms. Keegan easily becomes over stimulated in a classroom setting so Amanda makes activity kits for Kailee and Keegan to complete at home and encourages him to attend workshops held outside where he doesn't feel confined.

"The workshops help Keegan with social interaction," Kailee adds. "He has fun and is learning to make friends."

For Kailee, the support she has received through the **Ready for School, Ready to Succeed** initiative has helped her feel more confident in Keegan's academic and social development.

"United Way works to help children get the help they need," Kailee says. "I am grateful for the support."

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