### GOALS

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### ACTIVITIES

- Employ education liaisons to prepare children for school.
- Grow partnerships with preschools and child care programs.
- Expand current capacity and add schools.
- Grow funding to support program expansion.
- Engage families and children (ages 3-5) with school readiness workshops to help:
  - Prepare children academically and socially for school.
  - Connect families with early intervention and support services.
  - Register students for kindergarten.
- Connect families to affordable preschool programs (if available).
- Measure school readiness between program participants (attend 5 or more workshops) and those not in the program. Non-program participants are identified by partner school principals.
- Utilize PSSA scores to track reading proficiency between program participants and those not in the program.
- Increase the number of children ready for school.
- Improve reading proficiency of program participants.

### RESULTS

- **Project launched** in 2017 at 3 partner school districts.
- **Project expanded** in 2018 and 2019 to 8 partner school districts which includes 15 elementary schools.
- **7,003 individuals** have participated in **928 workshops** at our partner schools.
- **430 students** were registered on-time for kindergarten because of this project.
- **256 children** enrolled in preschools.
- **66%** of program participants in kindergarten are proficient versus **61%** of their peer students not in the program.
- **56%** of program participants in first grade are proficient versus **48%** of their peer students not in the program.

Harrisburg and Steelton School Districts are not included in these results.

**On target.**
CORE SOLUTION PARTNERS AND ROLES

Backbone Organization and Funding Source
United Way of the Capital Region

Primary Funder (through United Way of the Capital Region)

Support Service Provider Receiving Funding from United Way
• CONTACT Helpline, Inc. — 211 Information and Referral Services

Subject Experts
• Capital Area Head Start
• Child Care Consultants
• The Foundation for Enhancing Communities
• Highmark Blue Shield
• Messiah College
• Office of Child Development and Early Learning
• Perry County Literacy Council
• South Central PA Highway Safety

Lead Service Provider
• Capital Area Intermediate Unit employs the education liaisons which are funded by United Way.

Partner Schools
• Cumberland Valley School District
• Greenwood School District
• Harrisburg School District*
• Mechanicsburg Area School District*
• Newport School District*
• Steelton-Highspire School District
• Susquehanna Township School District
• West Perry School District

*Original Partner School districts.

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