

JANUARY 2024 EDITION An education initiative of:





United Way of the Capital Region



Children who are not proficient in reading by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school than proficient readers.



Ready for School, Ready to Succeed, United Way of the Capital Region's school readiness initiative strives to improve reading proficiency by preparing children for kindergarten.



75% of participants in kindergarten

are proficient in reading versus 50% of their peers not in the program.

53% of participants in first grade

are proficient in reading versus 25% of their peers not in the program.

53% of participants in second grade

are proficient in reading versus 53% of their peers not in the program.

67% of participants in third grade

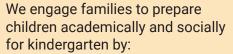
are proficient in reading versus 58% of their peers not in the program.

55% of participants scored proficient in reading*

on the PSSA test versus 44% of their peers not in the program.

* PSSA data is for four reporting districts (Cumberland Valley, Mechanicsburg, Newport and West Perry).

Preparing Children for School



- · Connecting families to affordable preschool (if available).
- Helping families needing tuition assistance.
- Connecting families with early intervention and support services.
- Holding free education workshops.
- Registering students for kindergarten.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS



928 children

enrolled in preschools

45,772 individuals

have participated in 3,466 workshops.

918 students were registered on-time for kindergarten.





Through our work with community partners,

we work to increase the number of children ready for school, and the reading proficiency of third grade students, which increases their chances of high school graduation.

CORE SOLUTION PARTNERS AND ROLES

Backbone Organization and Funding Source

United Way of the Capital Region



Lead Service Provider

 Capital Area Intermediate Unit employs the education liaisons which are funded by United Way.

Partner Schools

- · Central Dauphin School District
- Cumberland Valley School District
- East Pennsboro Area School District
- · Greenwood School District
- Harrisburg School District*
- Mechanicsburg Area School District*
- Newport School District*
- Steelton-Highspire School District
- Susquehanna Township School District
- Susquenita School District
- · West Perry School District

Support Service Provider Receiving Funding from United Way

 CONTACT Helpline, Inc. — 211 Information and Referral Services

Subject Experts

- · Bright Futures Learning Center, Inc.
- · Capital Area Head Start
- · Community Connections for Children
- · Dauphin County Library System
- The Foundation for Enhancing Communities
- Office of Child Development and Early Learning
- Penn State Harrisburg
- · Perry County Literacy Council
- PNC
- Safe Kids Capital Region
- South Central PA Highway Safety

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Race of participants:

- 71% identify as White
- 15% identify as Multiracial/Other
- 11% identify as Black/ African American
- 3% identify as Asian

Ethnicity of participants:

- 96% identify as not Hispanic/Latino
- 4% identify as Hispanic/Latino

^{*}Original Partner School districts.