



## GOAL

Improve the oral language skills of preschoolers in low-income neighborhoods so they are ready to learn by the start of kindergarten.

**PASSPORT TO KINDERGARTEN** is a locally developed, PNC-sponsored school readiness program focused on helping preschoolers get school ready by improving their oral language skills.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Approximately 400 preschool children from low-income neighborhoods served either through a public school district, Head Start center, or a nonprofit child school/care program.



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# preschool PROMISE

## PASSPORT TO KINDERGARTEN

**INTERVENTION:** The program is led by Preschool Promise and partners with schools, community organizations, and parents. All partners use the same research-proven method of reading and talking with children called **Dialogic Reading** to create **AWESome Moments**.

### AWESome MOMENTS

A method of reading and talking with children using the acronym **AWE**:

- **A**sk questions to encourage your child to talk with you.
- **W**ait at least five seconds. Children need more time than adults to think about their response.
- **E**xpand the child's response by repeating what he or she said and saying a bit more.

**PROGRAM MODEL:** This program model supports the Region's School Readiness Formula (Ready families + Ready Communities + Ready Schools = Ready Children)



### Ready Families component

- Books for the children to read with their parents and create their own home libraries
- Free community partner events for families
- "AWE" reading training

### Ready Community component

- Partner participation to provide AWESome moments
- Volunteers' involvement strengthens community engagement

### Ready Schools component

- Dialogic reading training to teachers
- Research-based intervention for the preschool students to help them become kindergarten ready
- Free books to each classroom and each child in the classroom
- Special invitation to community partner events

For more information or to apply to be a Passport to Kindergarten classroom visit

[PreschoolPromise.org](http://PreschoolPromise.org)