

preschool PROMISE News

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Enrollment for the 2021-22 school year is off to a great start! Montgomery County families with a 4-year-old can choose from **100 partner sites** in **Dayton, Jefferson Twp., Kettering, Mad River, Northridge, Trotwood-Madison and West Carrollton.**

Why join?

- Children receive a FREE Book-of-the-Month and a FREE monthly Play Box to keep them learning at home.
- If a family's Preschool is not already free, they can receive tuition assistance.
- Families get weekly text messages and a monthly post card with fun Kindergarten readiness tips.
- Families living in Dayton or the Dayton Public School District are eligible for STAR Attendance financial rewards.

We also are excited to start welcoming children who are not yet 4 to our Preschool Promise Family to help them get prepared for Preschool. [Click here](#) to see how we're supporting families with younger children!



Robyn Lightcap
Executive Director

Join Learn to Earn Dayton's Parent and Family Voices Committee

Do you know someone who has ideas about how to better support families with young children?

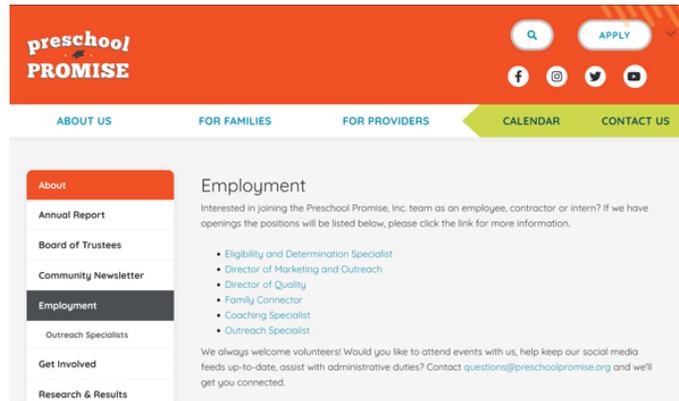
Learn to Earn Dayton, in partnership with Preschool Promise, is looking for

Too many women do not get quality prenatal care. Too many infants die before their first birthday. Too many children do not receive the high quality child care and education that sets them up for success.

Committee members will serve for one year starting in July and will receive \$100/month for their time and involvement. **[Click here to apply.](#)** **Email [Hope Vuto](#)** to learn more.

We're hiring for great full- and part-time positions

We have multiple **open positions**, including for part-time Outreach Specialists who will help us enroll new families and spread the word this summer about Preschool Promise. This job entails going to events in the community, participating in canvassing and organizing fun gatherings.



The screenshot shows the Preschool Promise website's Employment page. The header is orange with the logo and navigation links: ABOUT US, FOR FAMILIES, FOR PROVIDERS, CALENDAR, and CONTACT US. The main content area has a sidebar with a menu including About, Annual Report, Board of Trustees, Community Newsletter, Employment (highlighted), Outreach Specialists, Get Involved, and Research & Results. The main text under 'Employment' reads: 'Interested in joining the Preschool Promise, Inc. team as an employee, contractor or intern? If we have openings the positions will be listed below, please click the link for more information.' Below this is a list of roles: Eligibility and Determination Specialist, Director of Marketing and Outreach, Director of Quality, Family Connector, Coaching Specialist, and Outreach Specialist. At the bottom, it says: 'We always welcome volunteers! Would you like to attend events with us, help keep our social media feeds up-to-date, assist with administrative duties? Contact questions@preschoolpromise.org and we'll get you connected.'

Welcome to Preschool Promise's new Career Advisor



We're excited to welcome James Cosby, our new Career Advisor and Special Projects Manager. James will be helping early educators create an individualized career path to improve their skills and earn credentials and degrees. Many people in the field have told us they struggle to navigate returning to school. They're eager to learn about practical, affordable and quality education options.

James, who has a master's degree in counselor education and a bachelor's degree in communications, most recently was a senior financial aid officer and enrollment specialist at Central State University. He held a similar position at the Modern College of Design in Kettering. He also worked at the University of Dayton and Xavier University.

Congratulations to 5 new early childhood education grads

Preschool Promise is excited to celebrate four early learning professionals who graduated from Sinclair Community College in May with an associate's degree in Early Childhood Education.

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Paris Taylor, Miami Valley Child Development Center – MET

Suzanne VanBibber, Kettering City Schools

Joneka Walden, Miami Valley Child Development Center – MET

Diana Wolf, St. Helen Preschool

Preschool Promise organized a group of teachers who were interested in earning a degree and offered special support to participants who went through the early learning program together. We are excited for their achievement!

Watch for us on the road

We'll be promoting Preschool Promise at upcoming free movie nights at the Dixie Twin Drive-In. Join us on one of the following evenings:

Monday, June 7, 9:30 p.m. – *Despicable Me*

Monday, July 12, 9:30 p.m. – *The Secret Life of Pets*

Monday, August 2, 9:15 p.m. – *The Lego Movie*



All children under age 5 will receive a free small drink and small popcorn.

We're also hosting Story Times every half hour at Just for You Laundromat, 1601 N. Gettysburg Avenue, Saturday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All children under 5 will get a free book, and families will get a free hot dog and chips.

Look for us at the Juneteenth celebration at the Levitt Pavilion in downtown Dayton. Opening ceremonies are from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Tank and The Bangas will be onstage starting at 7 p.m.

Thank you for your generous support of Preschool Promise!



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