Quarterly Highlights
March 2018

We’re recruiting and registering families for the 2018-19 Preschool Promise school year!

How we’re doing on the 3 pillars of the Preschool Promise

**EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY:**

- 10 Outreach Specialists participated in a week-long training on spreading the word about Preschool Promise; all Specialists are paired with a Parent Ambassador.

- Our initial canvassing resulted in nearly 200 contacts in just 3 weeks.

- We hosted a Preschool Promise Champions event to share the documented results of all that children are learning.

- Our communication with families is focusing on Kindergarten Readiness and how to help children keep learning at home.

**EXPANDING QUALITY:**

- 18 providers have increased their Star Rating under Ohio’s Step Up to Quality initiative since the start of the school year.

- More than 130 teachers are being trained in year-long Professional Learning Communities.

- 13 individuals joined a Professional Learning Community to earn their Child Development Associate certificate.

- 23 individuals are participating in our Responsive Teacher Professional Learning Community; they’re receiving personalized coaching on culturally responsive teaching and ensuring equity.

- We provided $400 vouchers to a school supply store to 22 Preschool teachers in Dayton Public Schools.

- Planning is well underway on coaching and improving instruction for next year.

**What Preschool Promise teachers say:**

We’ve reached some families through Preschool Promise who may not have been able to come to us. Their only option might have been to have their child stay with Grandma while Mom was at work.
ASSISTING FAMILIES:

• More than 75 providers have joined Preschool Promise for the 2018-19 school year.

• 11 additional Dayton Preschools joined Preschool Promise; all Dayton providers are returning this year except for 1 family childcare provider.

• We hired 2 staff members to provide enhanced customer service to families looking for quality Preschool.

• Our new online application process is live; more than 100 families registered in the first month.

• We created a resource guide to help families choose a school and register their child for Kindergarten.

• Over 40 parents participated in a 4-part course on encouraging good behavior and effective discipline at home.

WHAT WE’RE LEARNING:

• We’ve simplified our tuition assistance formula to ensure more children can participate in Preschool Promise in the years ahead, while also fully leveraging all available state and federal funding.

• Over 600 families are enrolled in the Dayton Star Attendance program; preliminary data suggest the children of families in the reward program have better Preschool attendance.

• A team visited San Antonio PreK4SA to learn about its best practices, particularly those around improving quality.

What Preschool Promise teachers say:

We want to make sure that we close the achievement gap and give every child access to high quality education.

Thank you for your generous support of the Preschool Promise!