

# preschool PROMISE

Quarterly Highlights  
January-March 2019



*Applications for the 2019-2020 school year opened March 11.  
More than 300 families have already applied!*

## How we're doing on the 3 pillars of the Preschool Promise

### EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY:

- We have formed recruiting and outreach teams in **East Dayton and Trotwood**.
- Our recruiters will be at **more than 160 events** and activities in the coming months.
- We have new partnerships with **God's Grace Food Pantry, the Montgomery County Job Center, Dayton Metro Library and WIC**.
- **More than 30 families** attended our first Kindergarten Information Night; **17 Kindergarten programs** participated.

### EXPANDING QUALITY:

- We've begun 3 **Wired to Move** Professional Learning Communities, **enrolling 110 teachers** who are developing boy-friendly classrooms.
- We've created a **6-week-long Culturally Responsive Teaching Professional Learning Community** where 35 administrators and teachers are learning how to **appreciate all children's cultural backgrounds**.

- Our Coaching Collaborative is doing a **book study on culturally responsive teaching and brain development**.
- Our new **Conscious Discipline Action Teams** are helping **nearly 40 teachers consistently practice the popular and research-backed Conscious Discipline strategy**.
- **Preschool Promise Coaches are participating in an Equity Fellows year-long program** focusing on improving attendance for African-American boys.
- **12 teachers are participating in training to use dialogic reading in their classrooms**, thanks to a partnership with **Dayton Metro Library and its Making the Most of Story Time training**.
- Our new **Leaders Table** is bringing together program administrators and Preschool Promise staff on a monthly basis to discuss new initiatives.
- Preschool Promise staff, coaches, teachers, administrators and contractors participated in the **National Equity Project's 2-day training in January**.
- We kicked off **Starbound**, a new initiative to help 'unrated' Preschools earn their first Star under Ohio's mandatory **Step Up to Quality** program.

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**ASSISTING FAMILIES:**

- Preschool Promise is **expanding** to include providers in **Trotwood, Mad River and Jefferson Twp. school districts.**
- **More than 80 programs have joined Preschool Promise,** up from 75-plus last year. We have added participating providers in every community we serve.

**WHAT WE'RE LEARNING:**

- We are hearing great feedback from parents about the text messages and postcards they receive each month with tips on how to help their children at home. We are exploring even more ways to help parents in the 2019-20 school year.
- Preliminary data for the 2018-19 school year show that families enrolled in Star Attendance are sending their children to Preschool more regularly. Attendance is critical for children to realize gains from Preschool.

**What Preschool Promise families say:**

*I absolutely love the text messages about Preschool, growth information and tips to increase my knowledge about my child. I use the tips to expand his vocabulary.*



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