



# preschool PROMISE

## PASSPORT TO KINDERGARTEN

**INTERVENTION:** The program is led by Learn to Earn Dayton 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 conversing with children using the acronym **AWE**:

### GOAL

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

- **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

**PASSPORT TO KINDERGARTEN** is a locally developed PNC sponsored school readiness program focused at 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 not-for-profit child school/care program.

**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  
Books for 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



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