Quarterly Highlights
September 2018

More than 1,200 families enrolled in Preschool Promise!
We expect still more families to join. We’re off to a great start
to the 2018-19 school year!

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

EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY:
• Our Outreach Team has connected with 1,800 families and nearly 500 community members for this school year’s recruiting.
• We created a new partnership with Northlake Hills Apartments in Northeast Dayton, where we hosted an ice cream social and told families about Preschool Promise.
• We are looking forward to expanding our partnership with Greater Dayton Premier Management. We’ve spent the summer connecting with their families living in DeSoto Bass.
• Families are increasingly connecting with us via online display ads.

EXPANDING QUALITY:
• More than 150 teachers and administrators participated in a week-long Conscious Discipline Institute in July.
• 160 teachers and administrators have joined a 9-month-long Conscious Discipline Professional Learning Community.
• We’ve created a Jumpstart program for all new providers that haven’t earned a Star Rating under Ohio’s Step Up to Quality initiative.
• We’re training coaches to use the CLASS™ assessment to inform their coaching of teachers.
• Preschool Promise coaches are participating in an Equity Fellows Program where they’re learning about implicit bias and unpacking achievement gap data for African-American children.
• We’ve updated the options programs have for using their quality improvement stipends.
• Preschool Promise is contracting with YCATS to offer additional social-emotional help for students struggling at their Preschool.

What Preschool Promise families say:
I’m a single parent of four. I don’t always have the time to go over everything my daughter needs. Preschool Promise has brought her a long way. She can do things I never thought she could do.

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ASSISTING FAMILIES:

- 430 families are receiving tuition assistance.
- More than 600 Dayton families have signed up for Star Attendance and will receive $25 on a reloadable debit card each month their child has 90% or better attendance.
- Nearly 650 families have signed up for Ready4Kindergarten text message tips.
- 170 families have joined our Parent Group on Facebook.

WHAT WE’RE LEARNING:

- Last year all children made more than the expected progress on nationally normed assessments, but we have more work to do to bring up the achievement of African-American young learners. We have not closed the gap for them.
- We’ll be focusing on increasing our recruitment in Northeast Dayton, where we have the smallest percentage of Dayton 4-year-olds enrolling in Preschool Promise.
- The numbers are in from last school year and 26 providers increased their Star Rating.
- Almost 2/3 of children whose families participated in Star Attendance met the goal of having 90% or better attendance; significantly, these children made stronger academic gains than those who were not part of the initiative.

What Preschool Promise families say:

My daughter is already writing her full name. She knows how to write numbers to 100. She can do simple addition and subtraction. Every night we read sight books. She’s a little sponge. She’s even learning about career choices.

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