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Kindergarten Readiness is a strong indicator of future success
- National research shows, every dollar invested in early education yields a 13X return on investment;
- When students are behind in Kindergarten, statistics show that they rarely catch up;
- In Lorain, 70% of kids in Kindergarten through 3rd grade do not meet established literacy standards.

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- 12 families engaged through monthly face-to-face playgroups

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- Funded professional development and training for 1 new non-rated center to become SUTQ rated

WHERE WE'RE GOING FY22
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JUL '20 - JUN '21
$95,000 INVESTED ANNUALLY

GOAL: INCREASE KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT (KRA) SCORES

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